



18,250 Moonlit Nights



Calumet Celebrates 50 Years of Ministry

Giant Church Fair



August 23 at Calumet

10 AM WORSHIP

Preacher ~ Don Johnson



- Director of Project Connect, a program of the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries
- Calumet Executive Director for 35 years

Music ~ Judy Smith, AIM



Calumet's 2009 Music Director extraordinaire is gathering and will be directing a star-studded array of Calumet musicians from the past and present who will be at worship and provide music throughout the day.

GUEST MUSICIANS

To date ... Charlie & Jacob Maddaus, Kat & Perry Dickau, Jane Roets, Dave Piper, Gary Anderson, Linda Jackson, Paul & Nathanael & Philip Mathieu, John Junkins, *Jackman's Ridge* ~ Nick Enus and Matt Legner.

12:00-2:00 SPECTACULAR BARBECUE

Chefs from the past and present (Fred Larabee returns!) will join Chef Wade, Jan, and Adrien to prepare and serve a special BBQ meal.

11:30-4:00 GIANT CRAFT FAIR

In addition to the many local crafters, if you or your church group would like to set up a craft table to sell your crafts, please contact Betsy at betsy@calumet.org or 603-539-3223 ext 219.

2:00 TOWN MEETING: "Connect with D.Guy"

Meet with Don Johnson and learn about Project Connect. Or his 35 years (plus) at Calumet.

3:45 MUSICAL JAM EXTRAVAGANZA

THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON: Concerts, Kids Crafts & Activities, Moon Bounce, Pontoon Boat Rides, Boating, Swimming, and Friends.

★ 50th Anniversary Celebration ★ Remember, Celebrate, and Dream

NOVEMBER 1, BEGINNING AT 2:00

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, WORCESTER, MA

2:00-2:30 WELCOME!

Get your very own name tag pin. Be greeted in Calumet style. Pick up a program for the day. See some pictures from Calumet's 50 year history. Enjoy a little coffee or juice with some pastries while you meet and greet.

2:30-3:15 OPENING PROGRAM AND GREETINGS

Be entertained in Calumet fashion and be introduced to Calumet's history and historic folks. Sing, laugh, and boom chicka boom!

3:15-4:30 REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND DREAM WHILE ENJOYING DELICIOUS APPETIZERS

Volunteers are putting together some amazing displays, photos, videos, and who knows what! to depict Calumet Summer Camp through the

decades as well as Family Camping, Retreats, Environmental Education, and the Urban Day Camp Program. It's going to be enlightening and fun. And Calumet's foodservice staff says, "the appetizers will be awesome!"

4:30 WORSHIP WITH MUSIC CAMP CHOIR

The Music Camp Choir will perform a ½-hour prelude to worship in the sanctuary. Rev. Jonathan Hopkins will be the preacher. Pastor Jon's grandfather, Rev. Don Kent, is one of the "founders" of Calumet. Jon, his wife, parents, sisters, aunts, uncle, cousins, and brothers-in-law are staff alumni. Knute Ogren, Regional Gift Planner, staff alumni, and one of the founders of A Bunch of Guys will be the worship music coordinator extraordinaire.

CALUMET 1959-2009

On November 3, 1959, New England Lutheran Camp, Inc. which had operated Camp Lutherwood in Webster, MA, signed papers to purchase Camp Calumet for boys in Freedom, NH. In the summer of 1960, under the jurisdiction of the New England District of the Augustana Synod, it began a program of outdoor ministry which centered on a philosophy of Christian education. The first director of Camp Calumet Lutheran for Boys & Girls was the Rev. Carl Bloomquist. The former owner, Doc Ellsworth, stayed on the first summer and worked closely with Rev. Bloomquist to help the new camp get its feet on the ground. It was through Doc's assistance that first summer, that portions of the old boys' camp program, as well as a number of songs and traditions carried over to the new Camp Calumet Lutheran.

During the 1960's there were five camp directors. After Rev. Bloomquist in 1960, Lawrence Arnold, a high school guidance counselor served in 1961, followed by Henry Holmgren in 1962. The Rev. Carl "Jake" Ebb, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newington, NH served in 1963. In 1964, he was assisted by the assistant to the bishop of the New England Synod, LCA, Rev. Dr. Gordon Hohl. Pastor Hohl then served as director from 1965 until 1969 when he returned to Zion's Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, MA.

Under Hohl's directorship many advancements were made in programming and facilities. Calumet grew and flourished with the help of the generosity and commitment of the Synod, volunteers, and people throughout New England. In 1964, a large parcel of land across the street from the camp was purchased which now is home to a flourishing Campground and Conference Center.

In 1970, the synod went out on a limb and hired a 23-year-old named Don Johnson to be camp director and then to be the full-time, year-round director. He went on to serve 35 years as the Director of Outdoor Ministries in New England and Executive Director of Calumet. His wife, Janet, also served as Registrar for summer camp and later, as the program grew, Registrar for the year-round program as well. The next three decades are witness to the enthusiasm, dedication, faith, and hard work of the Johnsons and all the staff that have contributed to the ministry of Calumet.

A few highlights from these three decades: The 5-unit formation of camp was developed. Leadership Training Program for 16-year-olds was developed. The cabins once between Luther Hall and Staff House were moved to their present location. The family camping program grew and flourished to offer programming throughout the summer and provide meals. Two-weeks of mainstreaming special needs children and a vacation week for adults was added to the summer program. Urban Day Camps began. In 1985, a Conference Center was built which has allowed for expanded year-round programs for people of all ages. In 1997, a day camp was added to the on-site program for ages 6-14.

The present facilities are bursting with activity. Once again, Calumet found itself in need of expanding its facilities. In order to keep up with the times and meet the needs of people, a multi-faceted building project took place, made possible by a successful \$4million Capital Campaign known as *Calumet In Your Lifetime*. Expansion of the Conference Center Dining Room, the Micah Room, Boys' Jr. End Bath House, upgraded soccer field, upgraded septic systems, and a staff parking area were among the improvements made possible.

In May of 2005, Don Johnson, Executive Director, resigned to move on to a new position with Project Connect. Karl Ogren, who was serving as Camp Director for Children and Youth Programs became the Acting Executive Director the same month. This was a one-year appointment. In August of 2006, Rev. Dr. Nancy Eldredge Hess, heralding from Minnesota, became Calumet's Executive Director.

And so Calumet continues to build and grow, serving more and more people with ever-improving programs in the name of Christ. As we look to the future, there seems to be great promise that each year, each summer, indeed each week, will continue to be "the best Calumet has ever had!"

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