

Calumet Sunday Temple Talk 2016

Calumet Lutheran Ministries and congregations throughout the New England Synod have been in partnership for 57 years. This journey has been an ever-expanding and important one in our synod.

In 1960, congregations began sending children to summer camp. Today people of all ages come from all corners of the New England Synod to attend programs and to vacation at Calumet throughout the year. The Calumet staff creates an atmosphere where people can grow in faith, have fun, and nurture friendships. In addition, pastors and other rostered leaders from throughout the synod volunteer their time to serve as visiting chaplains. Their partnership with Calumet's program staff has helped to create some very spiritually exciting and interesting retreats.

Another way that congregations and Calumet partner is through Urban Day Camps and Vacation Bible School programs. Calumet sends its experienced leadership staff, as well as trained counselors, to interested churches. Together with local volunteers they lead exciting Christian education programs for children.

LutherHostel programs for adults over 50 have been growing in popularity. They are fun and inspiring programs led by Judy Smith, Calumet's program director and Associate in Ministry. Each LutherHostel explores an interesting theme, goes on field trips that explore the theme further, and has meaningful discussions and bible studies with guest chaplains. There is even a summer LutherHostel August 29-September 1.

Youth groups partner with Calumet by attending Youth Retreats throughout the fall, winter, and spring. Calumet gives youth from throughout the synod a place to meet other Lutheran youth and to learn what others are doing in their home congregations. Meaningful theme sessions help youth to experience God's love for them and give them tools to witness their faith when they return home. These gatherings have been bursting at the seams with numbers and enthusiasm!

Calumet has grown and thrived because people like you believe in its ministry and have supported it with your participation and your financial gifts. Things have never been stagnant at Calumet. New facilities have made it possible to more comfortably accommodate more people throughout the year. New programs help to reach out to a wider spectrum of interests. However, all of this is so that more people can gather in faith and be renewed in spirit.

Calumet's staff would like to thank you for your partnership and asks for your continued prayers.