



# As for Me \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ My House



# Fifty Years of Ministry

It all began in 1970 when a family from Minnesota was invited to a week of family camp in California. After their life-changing first week, they reached out to more and more people, and the group from Minnesota grew. Each year they said, "We wish there was something like this in the Midwest ..."



*Tom and Barb Warner with four generations of their family at Green Lake Conference Center, 2021*





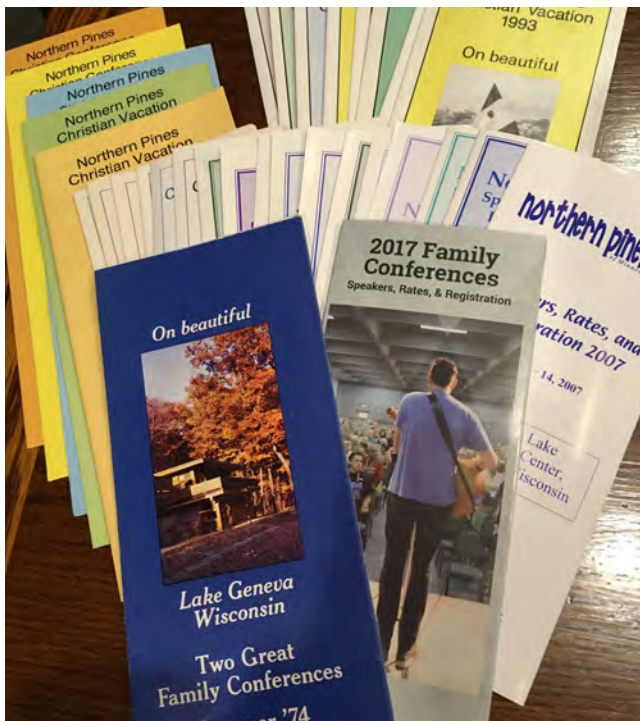


*Warner family visiting George Williams College in Lake Geneva*

In July 1970, Barney Warner invited his brother's family (Tom, Barb and their four daughters) to California for a week of family camp at Forest Home Christian Conference Center. This week was life changing for the family, and they wanted to share it with others. Over the next five years, more families joined the Warners at Forest Home. After these years of traveling to California and wishing there was something like it in the Midwest, it was time to take action!

In 1973, several of the men who had attended Forest Home began meeting together and praying about starting something like Forest Home. One of the former directors from Forest Home, Don Botsford, was hired as a consultant to help with the process. After 120 direct and indirect visits to sites, they

decided on a location for the first conference at George Williams College (GWC) campus on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. There were many challenges, but God was at work orchestrating the first "Vacation with a Purpose" which became Northern Pines.



*Registration brochures from various years*



*Warner brothers at Northern Pines at Lake Geneva*

# Founding Board of Directors

We want to say thank you to the original board of directors who faithfully followed God's leading and stepped out in faith. We appreciate all they did to set up the structure and bylaws. Then they passed the leadership on to the next generation to carry out a Christ-centered family camp. God has blessed this ministry for 50 years, and we pray it continues on for generations to come.

## 1974

Bill Bauman  
Michael Cooper  
Bob Glockner  
William Hay  
Dick Marks  
Larry Olson  
Marty Oram  
Chuck Schuler  
Larry Schut  
Dick Sletten  
Bob Telander  
Tom Vessey  
Tom Warner



*Tom Warner*



*Dr. Larry Schut*

## 1975

John Bergman  
Michael Cooper  
Bob Glockner  
William Hay  
Peter Iverson  
Dick Marks  
Roy Orr  
Chuck Schuler  
Larry Schut  
Dick Sletten  
Gar Steiner  
Tom Vessey  
Tom Warner  
Rod Wilson



*Dr. John Bergman*



*Dick Marks*



*Dr. Bob Telander*



*Dr. Tom Vessey*



## Testimonies from some of the original Board of Directors

How did God bring about Northern Pines?

"Tom Warner's brother called him and insisted he and his family come to Forest Home Family Camp in California the next summer. The following summer they went, and Tom and Barb and several of their girls came to Christ. Tom called me and insisted I come with my family. We went the next summer and had an amazing time with Jesus. Soon everyone told others, and so the story was shared more, and more people came."

### **BOB TELANDER**

Life Board Member

"Some of our favorite memories as a family were at Northern Pines Family Conference when it was at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. We remember going out on the dock after the evening meetings and sang the beautiful song, *How Great Thou Art*."

### **LARRY SCHUT**

Life Board Member



*Dick Marks at the College Inn, GWC's ice cream store*



*Original board members Tom Warner, Dick Sletten, and Chuck Schuler*



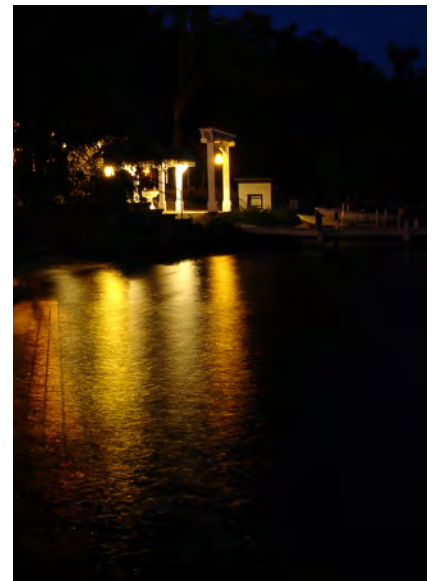
# George Williams College Campus

## 1974–2006

The first Northern Pines Conference was held in 1974 with two one-week conferences. It was fully staffed with many former lead staff from Forest Home. They had 50 families week 1 and 58 families week 2, 108 families total in attendance.



*The main dock at the waterfront, 1985*



*Lake Front in the Evening*



*Lodging*

*Sunrise from the main dock, 2006*







*Adult program's Lewis Auditorium, 1979*



*Breezeway Housing*



*Dining Hall*

Northern Pines continued for several years under the leadership of Don Botsford, followed by several others and eventually by Ken Kallman and his family who served as directors for 30 years.

In the beginning years, the Adult program met in Lewis Auditorium, an old meeting hall with walls open to the outside. Mosquitoes and raccoons joined the sessions frequently. The accommodations had a rustic camp feel, and eventually it became apparent that the George Williams College location was no longer meeting the needs of Northern Pines' growing ministry.



*Junior High's Nuveen Lodge*



*Senior High's Meyer Lodge*



# Green Lake Conference Center

## 2007–Present

In 2007, Northern Pines transitioned the conferences to a new location at Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC) in Wisconsin. The team at Green Lake also ran a Christ-centered ministry.



*Arial view of Green Lake Conference Center*

*The main dock at Green Lake*







*Kraft Dining Center and Circle*

The new facility was an answer to prayer, and GLCC's ministry focus was evident. We now had a joint ministry vision with the leadership team at GLCC. There was more space, nicer "hotel like" accommodations and houses for larger families. In addition, there were more rustic options including cabins and campground. The space and options

provided Northern Pines with more opportunities for future growth.

Ken Kallman and his family passed the baton to Dean and Julie Jaderston—who had been Senior High Program directors since 1989. In 2008, they stepped into leadership and continue to serve as Executive Directors.

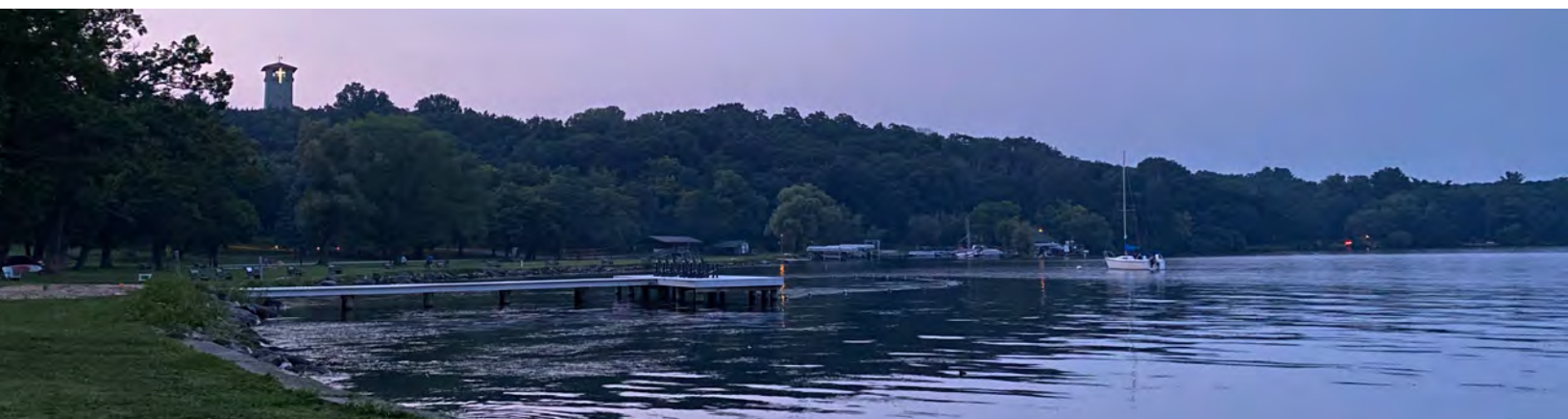


*Kraft Dining Center*



*Bauer Lodge*

*Judson Tower at sunset*





My Northern Pines story began in 1970 with an invitation from my uncle to go to a family conference in California. We heard the gospel for the first time. We were religious people but had never understood about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. My parents, one sister, and I all made faith commitments to Christ that week. We came home a changed family.

We shared our story of how Christ had changed our lives with several other families. They wanted that for their families, too. We could not find anything



*Lynn and Scott Schoolmeesters with family, 2021*



*Lynn and Scott Schoolmeesters with family, 2023*

like Forest Home in the Midwest, so we began bringing more and more families each year to Forest Home. Eventually the women began meeting to pray, and the men began meeting to set goals and discuss the business end of things to try to start something like it here.

1974 was the first conference. All the families rolled up their sleeves and worked to make it happen. I remember typing name tags on a manual typewriter, stuffing packets, making beds, picking up trash, directing traffic, and doing whatever to have things ready to welcome the people.

My parents had a dream. It was bathed in prayer. Many sacrifices were made. The word was spread through word of mouth. If you went and had a story of what Christ did in your life through Northern Pines, you shared it with others so they could have a story and share it with their friends. God's faithfulness through the years to many generations was the result. It has become a legacy for many families. It is "A Vacation with a Purpose"!

## **LYNN SCHOOLMEESTERS**

Tom and Barb Warner's daughter



In 1988, as we were preparing to move our young family from Michigan to Wisconsin, our good friends were also packing for Wisconsin—their first experience at Northern Pines. The first week after our move, we met Larry and Dorothy Peterson, who were also excitedly packing their family to attend the same Northern Pines family camp. Previously unheard of, Northern Pines was now a place of interest.

Hearing about their experiences, and having grown up attending church camp, Jeff and I grew excited about taking our family to Northern Pines the following year. We completed the registration and paid our deposit. However, since we moved and had income from two states, our taxes that following year were a bit complicated. With regret we decided we couldn't afford to attend that year.

When I called the Northern Pines office and shared our dilemma, the first question they asked was if we desired to save the deposit payment for the following year. I had not anticipated that possibility and readily agreed since we'd have a year to prepare.

In 1990, when our girls were three, five, and seven, we were able to pack our young family for our first experience at Northern Pines. As we drove down the steep winding entrance, we had no idea what to expect. Our first cabin room was small with two bunk beds shared by the five of us; we elected to remove the roll-a-way bed as it took up too much space. We shared two bathrooms with three other families, and we absolutely fell in love: the people, the children's programs, the speakers, the craft



*Crafts with Larry Peterson, 1991*

cabin, and the overall Northern Pines experience. As we drove away on Saturday morning, exhausted yet refreshed, our girls asked, "We're coming back again, right?" We weren't even out of the entrance drive.

Only God knew where this story would lead with the offer to "save our deposit" for the following year. This summer will mark 33 Northern Pines years of camping for our family; not skipping any years. Our girls often spent both weeks serving as CCAs or counselors, and now join us in the adult program. We have made the tradition of attending Northern Pines a priority for our family. You can imagine the joy we receive as the tradition continues and we watch our grandchildren and relive the excitement our girls experienced each year.

Throughout the years we have seen many changes, but Northern Pines has remained constant as we continue to share extended family time together, gather with friends, and most importantly spend focused time as we worship and grow in God's grace and love. It will remain a precious memory for our family as we anticipate sharing more years together.

**JEFF AND SALLY HILLESLAND**  
Conferees



*Hillesland family's first year, 1990*



# Our Shared Vision

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While Northern Pines began looking for a new location, the leadership at Green Lake was praying for ways to increase their family ministry. God's timing was perfect. Over the years, the partnership between Northern Pines and GLCC has grown and flourished.



*Ben Mott, President & CEO GLCC  
with Barb and Tom Warner*

In 2005 Dean and Julie Jaderston were staying in a cabin at GLCC while they worked as childcare directors for a weekend church retreat. When Dean was at Northern Pines later that summer, he told the current executive director, Ken Kallman, that if Northern Pines ever had to move to a different campus, he'd love to see us at the Green Lake Conference Center.

Little did we know that the next summer, as we were looking for a new location to hold Northern Pines, the leadership at Green Lake was beginning to pray for ways to increase their family ministry. God's timing is perfect.

The first few years had challenges; Northern Pines got used to a new home and GLCC got used to a new client. In addition to the physical transition, there were leadership changes as Dean and Julie transitioned into the Executive Director position after Ken retired.

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## Lake-front sitting area in memory of Lindy Siefker

"The first day I met Lindy, I knew she was a strong woman of Christ. She was compassionate about sharing her love of Jesus with everyone—especially the children at Northern Pines. Jesus and family were very important, to her and we bonded over our love of Jesus and serving together in the Children's program for over 10 years."

**CHRIS STEINER**

Conferee and Children's program teacher







*Junior and Senior High campers at the Mark Johnson High-Ropes Course*

## High-Ropes Course in memory of Mark Johnson

2007 High-Ropes Course dedicated July 9, 2007, in memory of Mark Johnson (Member of the Northern Pines Board, 1989–2007). Mark Johnson was the Northern Pines Board chairman through the transition from Lake Geneva to Green Lake. He tragically died in a plane crash before the transition was finalized in 2007.

During their leadership transition period, Dean and Julie began building a friendship with Ben Mott (then a vice-president at Green Lake) and Rebecca Reeves, who coordinated all their activities and requests. This friendship grew into walks where they would talk and dream about what could be. They had a shared vision of how Green Lake and Northern Pines could partner toward similar goals. Both the Northern Pines community and GLCC brought resources and opportunities to the table in ways that benefited both ministries.

Through collaboration and strategic scheduling, GLCC continued to adjust to better fit Northern Pine's unique programming needs. The old children's center became the new home for the Wilderness. Bruce-Kinney became the Junior High space and then a Young Adult space. South Robbins and North Robbins became available for Junior and Senior High, and Lone Tree became available for our CCAs.

As the ministries grew, the friendship continued to grow. Northern Pines started an annual men's work retreat. The weekend focused on projects to improve facilities for both Green Lake and Northern Pines. GLCC's volunteer program has grown, as Northern Pines conferees come for an extra week to serve at Green Lake. Green Lake continues to partner with Northern Pines in ways which also support their own summer youth program, Quest. Both ministries have invested in resources such as audio and visual equipment—which is used by Quest and our youth programs.

Through it all, this common heartbeat of working with people relationally, trusting God to provide, believing the best about each other, and looking for solutions instead of just pointing out problems has become the normal way of doing ministry together. It truly is a partnership.



# Men's Work Retreat

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus says "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Once you experience the annual Northern Pines men's work retreat at Green Lake Conference Center, you'll find Jesus' words to be so true here as well.



*Men's work retreat, 2023*

Every spring, men from many different locations gather in Jesus' name to serve. As a couple of the men who are passionately involved and organize and engineer the weekend say... "Northern Pines work retreats at Green Lake have become a tradition AND a blessing. This annual event starts on Thursday evening, and the men head home on Sunday.

Not only do our men lean into relationships with each other, but also there is a growing/rewarding relationship with Green Lake staff. Each year builds the trust between us and strengthens the shared mission to bless each camper/guest who comes on campus to meet with God. Through this partnership, we have been able to improve the campus as well as enhance Northern Pines programs.



*Men's work retreat, 2016*



"The Northern Pines work groups have been an Ephesians 3:20 blessing to GLCC as more improvements have been made than we could dare hope or imagine ten years ago when the work retreats began, and these have allowed thousands of young people to experience a closer walk with God at Northern Pines and other Christian youth retreats as a result. We treasure the deepening of relationships, the spiritual growth, and the fun moments standing together on roof tops that have occurred along the way. All glory be to God and our profound thanks to Dean Jaderston, Scott Schoolmeesters and Chris Dart for their wonderful leadership!"

**BEN MOTT**  
President & CEO, GLCC



*Building progression of new ark play structure built and dedicated in the Wilderness area*





# Legacy of Leadership

God has blessed us with consistent leadership with a long-term vision of keeping the focus on Christ as "A Vacation with a Purpose" has grown through the 50 years. Ken Kallman and Dean and Julie Jaderston have been faithful servants, and we are so thankful for their Legacy of Leadership. "So that the next generation might know ... and they in turn will teach their own children." Psalm 78:6



*Executive Director Ken Kallman, 1980s*



*Executive Director Ken Kallman, 2000s*

## **Ken Kallman, Executive Director 1979–2007**

We became involved with Northern Pines when we went to a hearthside at Dick and Connie Etriem's home. Their daughter Susan was one of my students. Peter and Sid Iverson (the registrar at the time) knew us from church. I knew Tom Warner as a Minnetonka School Board member and had 3 of his daughters in my band at Minnetonka High School.

We first came to Northern Pines in 1978 and were the Young Adult Program Directors. My kids, Jodi and Randy, were in the Junior High and Indian Village programs. The next year I became the Adult Program

Director and eventually the Executive Director. We served for 30 years until 2007 when I retired.

In the early years, I valued my relationship with Tom Warner who became a dear friend as we served together in the ministry. Dr. Stanley Toussaint was my all-time favorite speaker. He was always so humble and warm, a great Bible teacher. A fun camp memory for me was my HATS. The adult conferees loved them year after year.



## Dean and Julie Jaderston, Executive Directors 2008–Present

In the spring of 1989, Dean was student teaching in Minnetonka, Minnesota. One day while grading papers, a stranger started talking to him; it was Ken Kallman. He asked them to be Senior High directors one week that summer at Northern Pines. Julie had served as a clan chief when she was younger, so she knew about Northern Pines, but it was all new to Dean.

Three months later they drove to camp with a map and a lot of questions. Dean drove back to Minnesota through the night on Wednesday to sign his first teaching contract, find an apartment, and drive back to finish camp! Thanks to a great staff, they made it through the week and fell in love with Northern Pines. It became a centering part of our life. The relationships we built with staff and kids over the years turned into deep friendships that continue today. It was the place we sensed God's presence in ways we didn't find anywhere else. We love to remember and tell stories of kids coming to know Jesus, growing in their faith, and rededicating their lives to Christ.

In 2007, Northern Pines left Lake Geneva to move to Green Lake. Leaving was hard. Dean still has some water he took from Lake Geneva in a Mountain Dew bottle as a memory. They moved to Kansas that summer and during the uncertainty of their first year, Jim Taylor—the board chair—called Dean and asked if they would consider stepping into the executive directors' roles. They said no at first. They

were having so much fun directing senior high and didn't think they were ready, but Jim wouldn't take no for an answer. In 2008, they wrapped up their Senior High era of ministry and began as Executive Directors of the ministry.

It was not an easy time. Leadership changes, site changes, and a recession all combined to create one of the toughest times to lead Northern Pines. They were learning as they went. In their first year as Executive Directors, they didn't get to bed before 2:00 am the entire first week. But people were helpful, the board was encouraging, and their friendship with Ben Mott and Green Lake staff began to deepen. It has been exciting to see many new young families who have started coming to Northern Pines and the Children's and Wilderness programs are full today. To keep up with this growth, the partnership with Green Lake helped facilitate the Wilderness renovation. In addition, Green Lake was able to shift other programming, and therefore accommodate all our programs in their own unique spaces.

Another important part of the journey has been the historic generosity of Northern Pines conferees and some transformational gifts that have radically changed the ministry. Families are creating their own multi-generational spiritual legacies. The kids they ran through the woods with 30 years ago are now inviting new families for a similar experience.



*Dean and Julie Jaderston with Staff, 1990s*

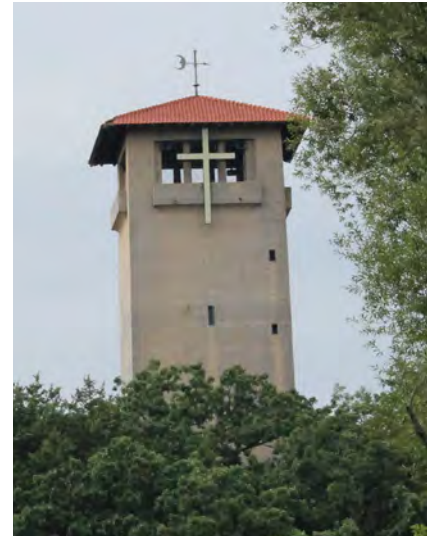


*Executive Directors Dean and Julie Jaderston, 2013*





*Mark and Shirley Reinertson and family, 2017*



*Judson Tower, GLCC*

We got our “restart” at Northern Pines because some dear friends who cared about us kept praying for us after we had strayed from the Lord. We both had drifted from God following high school and college as we began having children and focusing on career and success. Our lives were not headed in a good direction.

In January of 1980, our daughter, Tonja, had a serious auto accident. This accident was a big wakeup call where God was beginning to draw us back to himself.

We were at a funeral shortly after the accident where someone shared with us about Northern Pines. Our family was headed away from God. In 1980, we decided to take our family to Northern Pines. God wanted us at Northern Pines that week and had a message for us that would change our lives. During that week we heard the gospel clearly. We, along with our son Chris and daughter Tonja, made commitments to Christ, and our daughter Tracy recommitted her life to Christ.

A speaker from the Caprenwray Bible School spoke about being a “bankrupt sinner” or a “bankrupt saint”. The late Stanley Toussaint was one of the speakers who had a powerful message. That week at Northern Pines was the beginning of a life change for our family.

Our family continued to come to Northern Pines off and on during the next 28 years. Our son Chris eventually became the Junior High director at Northern Pines and now is a full-time pastor. Our two daughters are serving the Lord in different parts of the world. The legacy of Northern Pines has carried on through our children and now our grandchildren. We are so thankful to the Lord for giving us a “restart” and drawing us back to Him!

**MARK AND SHIRLEY REINERTSON**  
Conferees



Our first year at Northern Pines was 1989. Our good friends, the Hunters and the Moseleys, invited us. We attended that year with our children ages 18, 16, and 14. That week turned out to be even more than we had hoped. When we left at the end of the week, all three of our teenagers said, "If we can only take one vacation, this is the one to take."

Then, they promptly fell asleep, and we never heard from them again until we reached St. Louis! At Northern Pines, we have made wonderful lifelong friends, but the real icing on the cake was that one of our children received Christ that same year. That child returned many times as a counselor and now, as a wife and mother, attends with her husband and family each year.

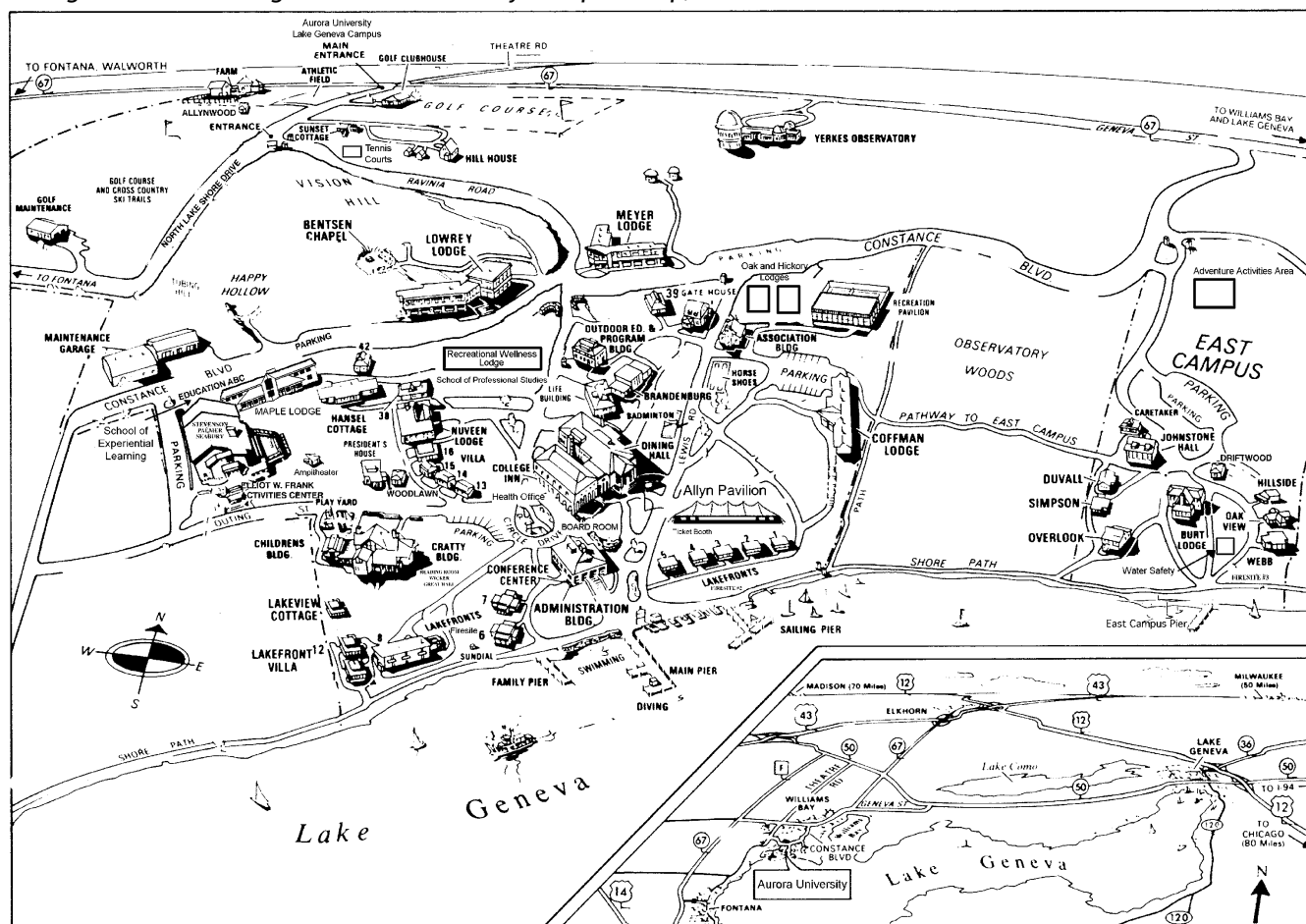
We have experienced from the first year on, "A vacation with a purpose". It is a week of rich spiritual teachings, time with precious believers and family, and a real vacation experience. My husband says coming in close behind those treasures is golf every day, and I would have to add three wonderful "someone else is cooking" meals a day.



When we drive into camp each time, I reminisce about our family/children's experiences and what God has given us individually and as a now extended family over the years. I am grateful He has allowed the legacy of Northern Pines to continue through our children and grandchildren. It is an oasis in the midst of life: a place to recharge, regroup, and revel in God's Word, His faithfulness, and His people. We have had the blessing of being able to attend Northern Pines every year since 1989, and we are so thankful.

**SUSAN AND MIKE DUKE**  
Conferees

*George Williams College /Aurora University campus map, 2006*





# A Week at Camp

Northern Pines is the premier non-denominational Christ-centered family conference in the Midwest. Started in 1974 to provide a life-changing vacation experience for families, we have helped thousands of conferees see the difference Jesus can make in their lives and their homes.

Over 1000 people come together each summer to learn from inspiring speakers and musicians and to enjoy the dynamic and caring children, youth, and young adult programs that are offered. They truly do experience "A Vacation with a Purpose!"



*Adult evening session, 2022*

*Adult morning session, 1970s*







*Family-day picnic, 1988*

## Adult Program

Each day's schedule provides opportunities for conferees to meet with God and connect with others in multiple ways. Whether through personal devotions, praise and worship through music, or listening to a speaker, God meets each person in a new and refreshing way. three speakers share Biblical, Christ centered practical teaching to challenge and refresh.

For those with children, Northern Pines can help you have a great vacation with your kids but also to have some time to yourselves. Parents are able to relax and fully engage in their activities knowing their children

are in the hands of the loving staff in the Children's Program in the morning and in the evening they're being watched by their family's CCA. This child care is provided at no additional cost to conferees!

During the afternoon, adults can enjoy the many activities Green Lake has to offer including the beachfront, tennis, pickle ball, biking, hiking, boating, and crafts. Two quality golf courses are also available.

Adults also often enjoy an organized evening activity after the night's worship and speaker, or they simply enjoy the time to relax with family and friends.



*Morning break, GWC*



*Morning break, GLCC*



## Young Adults

The young adults experience community together as they wrestle with trusting Jesus not just as their Savior, but also as their Lord as they deal with the challenges of living as a young adult in the world today. Each day begins as they prepare a delicious breakfast together and enjoy fellowship over a family style meal. Following breakfast,

the group enjoys an intimate time of worship and teaching with the program director. During the afternoon, they are free to enjoy the Green Lake campus, with one afternoon spent on the climbing tower and ropes course. Each evening, the conferees join the adults for their evening worship and teaching.



*Young Adults, 1978*



*Young Adults, 2022*



*Senior High evening worship*

## Senior High

The Senior High program at Northern Pines is designed to strengthen and challenge students to discover what God wants to do in their lives.

In a week filled with a strategic mix of structure and free time, students engage in times of teaching, prayer and worship, and fun activities. They experience meaningful discussions that are relevant to their lives and are challenged to apply the truth of God's Word to each and every situation they face.



*Senior High games*



*Eric Cherry, 1980s*





*Junior and Senior Highers watching the sunrise*



*Junior High earth-ball four-line rugby*



*Senior High games*



*Junior High boys after a messy evening game*

## Junior High

The Junior High program is designed to teach students about a God who wants a closer personal relationship with them.

They'll also see God's Word lived out in leaders who love them and want to help them grow. When you add

powerful worship experiences, solid Bible-centered teaching, and life-transforming relationships with other campers and staff, it makes for a week your junior high student will never forget.



*Junior High small group*



*Junior High, 1970s*



We came in the early years and were immediately welcomed by the great staff. We have great memories of gathering in Lewis Auditorium singing "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God." Even the raccoons overhead enjoyed it! Lake Geneva was lovely. The cabins were simple and primitive, but we always enjoyed hearing sounds of the lake, the forest, and our neighbors snoring. The walk to Fontana along the lakeshore was a must every year. We loved treats at the College Inn ... Gotta love those widgets and malts!!

We always benefited from speakers during Bible hour, family hour and evening hour, each one inspiring. They fed us well, both spiritually and physically. We were always thankful to see the children so well cared for and ministered to at Mabel Cratty and all the programs as they grew in years and spiritual maturity.



*Victory Circle, 2022*

At the end of the week we gathered at "Victory Circle." People had the opportunity to share their experience during the week and give glory to God. It was especially moving to hear from the younger generations who were getting to know the Lord



*Niederer family by Green Lake*

better or even for the first time. We looked forward to the excellent leadership of Ken and Jeri Kallman and family along with all of Ken's crazy hats!

When it came time for our transition to Green Lake from Lake Geneva, the change was made smoothly with the gracious help of Ken Kallman. No one envisioned that anything could be quite like Lake Geneva ... We were wrong. We love and appreciate the beauty of God's work at Green Lake. The facility is very nice, the accommodations comfortable, the food and dining hall superb, and the staff amazing! The relationship that Northern Pines has with Green Lake Conference Center Leadership is priceless. God's beauty is again ever present here.

It's been so great to see the miraculous change in people's lives at Northern Pines. Both young and old alike are enriched. We are grateful to have four generations of extended family and many memories with our children and grandchildren. Watching them return and serve in the way that they were served is one of God's many gifts to us. We want to say a special thank you to God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to Tom and Barb Warner and family and other founders who followed God's prompting and made this "Vacation with a Purpose" all possible.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Northern Pines ... To God be the glory!!

**BOB AND DIANE NIEDERER**  
Conferees





*Sherry Schut Yoder as Shining Waters with the Indian Village, 1976*

In 1972 my family was invited to join a group of families to go to Forest Home Christian Conference Center in California. It was spiritually life-changing for my family, especially for my dad. After that, my dad, Dr. Larry Schut, and our good family friend, Dr. Tom Vessey, joined with Tom Warner and others to develop a camp like Forest Home in the Midwest. That became Northern Pines. My whole family was at the first conference at George Williams Conference Center in 1974, some of us were staff and the others were campers.

It was very exciting to be a part of those first few years at Northern Pines. Starting something new and seeing how God blessed it over the years is great. It's neat to see that several generations of families are still being impacted by Northern Pines.



I was a staff member in the Indian Village for 4 years, chief for 3 of those years. My parents continued to go to Northern Pines for many years after I worked in Indian Village. In 2000 our entire family went to Northern Pines—including our spouses and children. Brennan Manning was a speaker, and his messages were very helpful to me and several of my siblings. It was special to share the experience with my new husband, my siblings and their families as well.

Favorite speakers—in 1980 I was at a low point spiritually. My parents invited me to go to Northern Pines in the Young Adult program. John MacArthur was one of the speakers, and his powerful messages were just what I needed to get back on track with God.

Although it's been many years since I've been at Northern Pines, I have such special feelings and memories about it. Not only did it have an impact on my life and my family, but it has impacted hundreds of families over the years. I thank God for those men who had the vision back in 1973 to start Northern Pines.

## **SHERRY SCHUT YODER**

One of the First Indian Village Directors





*Performance for Adults, 1980s*



*Performance for Adults, 1990s*

### **The Indian Village, 1974–2005**

Modeled after its Forest Home namesake, the Indian Village program originally used Forest Home's Table Talks, Trail Talks, and Bible Study booklets. GWC supplied a Teepee and board member, Gar Steiner, had some Native American Guide paraphernalia to provide atmosphere and share some authentic culture.

An exciting program kept the kids busy from morning exercises to Spirit of the Mountain singing at the end of the day. Counselors were often Senior High students volunteering for a second week. All staff chose fake names for the week leading to extra fun and confusion.

Over the years, hundreds of counselors and thousands of children experienced the magic of Indian Village where the love of God was manifest and the Gospel proclaimed.



*Family-day open house*



*Lake games*



*Evening Counsel Fire*





*Performance for Adults, 2022*



*Lake games*



*Nature paintings*

### **The Wilderness, 2006–current**

The Wilderness program is for young students in grades 4-6. The teaching utilizes Old Testament stories and students experience what it's like to live as an Israelite. The activities are designed to teach about God's care and desire to have a relationship with them, focusing on each child's relationship with God and their need for a Savior.

At the end of every day in the Wilderness, they close the day with a quiet, sacred time called "Tabernacle". This is where the students gather around the campfire to sing songs of worship, pray, and listen to God's Word in a way that applies to their lives. This is where the students gather around the campfire to sing songs of worship, pray, and listen to God's Word in a way that applies to their lives. "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me..."



*Evening Tabernacle*



*Family-day blessing*



## Children's Program

Children ages 0–8 stay with their parents. Each morning, parents drop off their children on the way to their own morning sessions and activities. Each child's class is led by caring adult teachers and assisted by CCAs (Child Care Assistants).

Children learn about God's Word through Bible stories, songs, crafts, and fun camp activities. They sing songs from Seeds Family Worship—setting scripture to song for our little ones to hide in their hearts! The Children's Program continues in the evening, when a CCA assigned to your family will come to your door! These are students (age 12–young adult) who come to serve your family. They'll watch your children and have them in bed when you return after the evening session.

Dottie Tupper was the first children's program director—from 1974–1976. There were several other children's directors through 1988. Angie Kallman served for 25 years as the children's director from 1989–2014.

*Performances for Adults, 1975, 1991, and 2022*







*Class adventures*



*Morning songs and worship*



*Angie Kallman, 2014*

## In Memory of Angie Kallman

"Angie Kallman was a woman that I looked up to from the moment I met her. She loved her family, friends, and her teaching job. She loved Northern Pines and the children she worked with there. Most importantly, Angie loved God. It was evident in everything she did, and I am forever grateful for the example she set for me and so many others."

**MARIA HOEKSTRA**

Conferee and Children's program teacher



## AIDS/CCA Program

The AIDS (Assistants in Daycare Services) program began in 1974. In 1990 the name changed to CCAs (Childcare Assistants). These students from age 12 to young adults help with the Children's program in the morning, receive quality, Christ-centered programming and small group time that is relevant and applicable to them, and are assigned to an individual family for the week and provide quality, FREE childcare for that family until 11 pm each night.



*CCAs with kids at the beach*



*Morning walk with toddlers*



*First AIDS program, 1974*



*CCAs with campers in the evening*



*CCAs in a morning Children program class*



## Family Day

Each Wednesday entire families come together for lunch and fun activities during free time. This is a great time to reconnect mid-week.



*Family-day picnics  
and special activities  
throughout the years*



## Music through the years

In the early days of Northern Pines, the adult music was led by the conference host each week. They were Don Botsford, Art Perri, Don Just, Bill Crawford and eventually Ken Kallman. Each week there was a musician who was treated like one of the speakers, and they would perform special music numbers in the adult meetings. One night each week was a concert by the musician. The format was mostly traditional hymns sung out of the book "Singing on the Mountain" from Forest Home family camp in California, and some contemporary songs as the contemporary music was becoming more popular in the 70s and 80s. Music was projected on the screen by an overhead projector. There was also an organist and a pianist each week who accompanied all the adult music during the sessions. This continued until 2010 when the format changed to a praise and worship band leading mostly contemporary music with a few hymns mixed in. The first year was led by Northern Pines staff and following years have been led by various worship leaders and their bands.

The youth program music was led by staff the first two years. Then Dan Mocht came as a youth music director from 1976–77 leading music in all the youth programs and occasionally to the children's program. In 1978, Eric Cherry came as the youth musician through the 80s. Tim Lemmens came in 1991 and did mostly Senior High music. Eventually the programs raised up leaders who took over the music in each youth program. The children began using the SEEDS worship during the 90s and continue using it today. It is all scripture set to music for children.

The family worship began in 2013, our 40<sup>th</sup> year. The children join the worship time during one of the adult evening sessions and then are taken by their CCA to their cabin to be put to bed. This has taken place off and on for the past ten years.

In 2014, the Intergenerational worship began led by many of the youth staff. It has been mostly directed by the Jaderston boys, sons of Dean and Julie Jaderston, who grew up in the programs. It is an amazing time of worship for all generations.



*Choir, 1970s*



*Youth worship, 2020s*







*Family worship night*



*Tim Lemmens, 2005*



*Dan Mocht, 1976*



*After-session hymns, 2022*



*Intergenerational worship night, 2020s*



# Generational Legacy

Northern Pines is a Christ-centered ministry for every member of the family through the generations to experience Biblical teaching, worship, and a chance to relax and grow together. Many families come with two, three, or four generations to experience this "Vacation with a Purpose." "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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*Four generations, 1975*



*Three generations, 2010s*



*Dean Jaderston's grandson and father*



*Dean and Julie Jaderston and grandsons*





*Three generations, 2000s*



*Fishing competition with daughters in 1991, and grandchildren in 2018*



Dear Grammie and Papa,  
I cannot begin to describe how much it means to me that you have taken me to Northern Pines the last three years. You have no idea the impact it has had on Kelsey and me. We look forward to each summer all year long. I know for a fact that I am going to go to Northern Pines for the rest of my life. I love keeping in touch with all the people there during the year and remembering all the great memories. I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I wouldn't have any of these wonderful memories if it wasn't for you all. I love you; thanks so much again.

Love,  
**KYLE**  
Youth Camper



*Conferee with granddaughter by the lake, 2022*



*Kyle and Kelsey with their family, 2013*

Dear Grammie and Papa,  
Thank you for giving us another opportunity to go to Northern Pines. Northern Pines is my favorite place in the world, and the friends I meet there stay close with me even during the year that we are apart. I always look forward to going back all year. It is always so life changing and brings me closer to God each time and helps me get to know Him better.

"Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children to the next generation!" Joel 1:3

Love,  
**KELSEY**  
Youth Camper

*Group of grandmas by the dining hall, 1984*





# Living and Leaving a Legacy

From its first conferences in 1974, those who chose to make a Northern Pines “Vacation with a Purpose” part of their family’s spiritual legacy have seen multiple generations encounter God in powerful ways. And through prayer and faithful generosity of donors, Northern Pines has continued to meet new challenges, thrive, and grow.



*Ottie and Rita Otness and family*

Whether meeting God in the woods, the auditorium, or on a dock, many encountered God in life-changing ways at Northern Pines. Some saw their children come to faith. Multi-generational families have attended together, each week becoming both a reunion and a chance to grow spiritually. For a couple working on their marriage, a student struggling in their faith, or someone just wanting to deepen their walk with Jesus, Northern Pines has consistently provided a vacation experience like no other.

There is a cost to provide this premier level of programming. But as our board navigated the changes of the economy over the past five decades, they have been unwavering in their commitment to keep Northern Pines affordable for all families. This only happens because of the faithful support we receive each year.

Each gift, big or small, makes a difference! While initiatives like the Generations Gift and the Welcome Rate made broad impacts for many families, a simple \$50 donation from a young adult started the Wilderness renovation. Many partner with us on a monthly basis while others give at a conference or to our year-end appeal. Some have turned moments of grief and loss into ongoing scholarships and programs impacting lives far into the future. Others make Northern Pines part of their planned giving or estate plans, or give gifts of appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, donor advised funds, and other property.



*Wilderness Blessing*



*Dock dedication, 2019*

We invite you to join us for our next 50 years of multi-generational family ministry. You can easily give by clicking on the “Donate” button on our website or mail a check. Our contact information is below where you can reach us or speak to someone further. Can you help us continue to build lasting spiritual legacies at Northern Pines for 50 more years?

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# Northern Pines Speakers 1974–2023

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**Jack Aamot**

1981, 1983

**Dr. Lloyd Ahlem**

1977

**Dr. John W. Alexander**

1984

**Nirup Alphonse**

2021

**Doug Anderson**

2004, 2006, 2008, 2012

**Dr. Victor Anderson**

2014

**Jim Andrews**

1986

**Mark Bailey**

1993, 1995, 2002,  
2008, 2016

**Jerry Benjamin**

1997, 1999, 2001,  
2004, 2008

**Dr. Don Bierle**

1980

**James Bjorge**

1996

**Don Botsford**

1978, 1985,  
1989 with Jeannie

**Dr. Bob Botsford**

2003, 2005, 2006, 2013

**Dr. Bobby Boyles**

1991, 1994

**Dr. Stephen Bramer**

2009, 2011, 2017

**Paul Brandes**

2021

**Dr. Henry Brandt**

1974, 1975, 1978,  
1979, 1982, 1984,  
1986, 1988, 1990

**Timothy Breen**

2014, 2019, 2023

**David Busby**

1984

**Ken Canfield**

1995

**Dr. Ron Carlson**

1991, 1995

**Casey Casamento**

2016

**Casey & Meygan  
Caston**

2018

**Trent Castro**

2018, 2022

**Dr. John Cionca**

1992

**Dr. David & Janet  
Congo**

2001

**Dr. David Cotton**

1992

**Bill Crawford**

1979, 1981, 2013

**Dr. David Crawford**

1981

**Dr. Robert Cupp**

2005, 2008

**Dr. David Currie**

2011, 2014 with Donalyn,  
2019, 2023

**Gerald L. Dahl**

1980, 1981

**Marvin Daniels**

2021

**Dr. Ron Lee Davis**

1981, 1982, 1986, 1987

**George DeJong**

2019

**Dr. Robert Dickson**

1975, 1976, 1982

**Troy Dobbs**

2007, 2009, 2012,  
2018, 2023

**Dr. John Eagen**

1989, 1994, 1995

**LeRoy Eimes**

1977

**Dr. Lee Eliason**

1981

**John Engen**

2002, 2004

**John Erwin**

1986, 2002, 2004,  
2010, 2022

**Dr. Harold Fickett**

1977

**Dr. Marshall Foster**

1999

**Jerry Foster**

2000

**Dr. Kenneth Gangel**

1988, 1990

**Dr. George Gardiner**

1980, 1982

**Dr. Tim Gardner**

2008

**Dione Gates**

2022

**Bill & Annabel Gilham**

1982

**Highland Goodman**

1999

**Rev. Gerald Griffiths**

1978

**Dr. Roy Gustafson**

1975

**Ron Harris**

2022

**Dr. Archibald Hart**

1996, 2001

**Dr. Ronald Hawkins**

1997

**Dr. Daniel Henderson**

2005

**Dr. Howard Hendricks**

1983

**Jon Herring**

1995, 1997, 1999, 2000,  
2004, 2018, 2022

**Dr. Mark Hitchcock**

2010

**Mark Hoover**

2010

**Dr. Grant Howard**

1987

**Ron Howe**

1984, 2000

**Dr. John Hunter**

1980, 1982, 1983

**Stuart Hunter**

1993

**Dr. Evan Hunter**

2015, 2021

**Dean Jaderston**

2010, 2012, 2017

**Jerry Jenkins**

1983

**Dr. David Jeremiah**

1986, 1988

**Scott V. Johnson**

1986, 1988

**Scott Johnson**

2000, 2002, 2005

**Joel Johnson**

2003, 2012, 2015, 2023

**Dr. Jay Kesler**

1986, 1992

**Rev. Bob Kraining**

1987, 1988, 1991,  
1997 with Carol



**Dr. David Larson**  
1979

**Dr. Erwin Lutzer**  
1987

**Dr. Christopher Lyons**  
1985, 1989

**John MacArthur**  
1977, 1978, 1980

**Marc Mailleffer**  
2011, 2015

**Brennan Manning**  
1995

**Craig Massey**  
1981

**Dr. Thomas McDill**  
1987, 1990

**Dr. Richard Maier**  
1985

**Al Menconi**  
1998

**Dr. Paul Louis Metzger**  
2015

**Brad & Heidi Mitchell**  
2016, 2022

**Bishop Quinton Moore**  
2019

**Dr. Mark Muska**  
2014

**Ken Needham**  
1985, 1988, 1989,  
1996, 2003, 2013

**Brady Nemmers**  
2017

**Jim Nicodem**  
1991

**James E. Olson**  
1983, 1985

**Dr. Larry Peterson**  
1999

**Dr. Bob Petterson**  
2009, 2014

**Dr. Ken Poore**  
1978, 1986, 1989, 1999

**Charles Price**  
1997, 2001

**Jerry Price**  
2016

**Dr. Machale Quickie**  
2011

**Dr. Earl Radmacher**  
1978, 1979, 1980, 1983,  
1991, 1998

**Mickey Rapier**  
2017

**Peter Reid**  
1993, 2001, 2003, 2012,  
2016, 2019, 2023

**Dr. Robert Ricker**  
1979, 1981

**Rob Rienow**  
2007, 2009, 2011

**Wes Roberts**  
1984, 1987 with Judy

**Dr. Haddin Robinson**  
1977, 1979, 1986

**Dr. Bob Seifert**  
1976

**Gene & Carol Selander**  
1994, 1997

**Charles M. Sell**  
1980, 1982

**Dr. Bruce Shelley**  
1982

**Dr. Charles Shepson**  
1987, 1989, 1996

**Wayne Simien**  
2019

**Joe Skillen**  
2016

**Rev Gary Smalley**  
1979, 1980, 1983, 1987

**Dr. Greg Smalley**  
2003, 2006, 2013 with Erin

**Michael Smalley**  
2005

**Dr. Paul Smith**  
1974, 1977

**Kenneth G. Smith**  
1976

**Dr. Bob Smith**  
1979

**Tim Smith**  
1998

**Greg Speck**  
2015, 2018

**Dr. Charles Stanley**  
1979

**James Slone**  
2006

**Greg Strand**  
2018

**Dr. Derek Stringer**  
2000, 2002, 2005

**Ron Susek**  
1992

**Doug Swink**  
2008

**Michelle Tepper**  
2017, 2021

**Dr. Gary Thomas**  
2004, 2006, 2009, 2021

**Roger Thompson**  
2001

**Bob Thune**  
1987

**Frank Tillapaugh**  
1988

**Dr. Stanley Toussaint**  
1978, 1980, 1981, 1984,  
1986, 1989, 1993, 1996,  
1998, 2000, 2003, 2007,  
2009, 2013

**Joe Urcavich**  
2015

**Jeff VanVonderen**  
1989, 1993

**Dr. John Vawter**  
1986

**Dr. Leslie Vernick**  
2006

**Robert Vernon**  
1992, 1994, 1996,  
1998, 2002

**Steve Wiens**  
2014

**Dr. Peter Wikes**  
1991

**Dr. Norman Wright**  
1992



# From Camper to Speaker

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Christ has many means through which to reach us, and although the individuals may not have realized it at the time, their place in my life counted for eternity.

Ken Kallman once said to me, "In your case it was a direct hit." At my very first Northern Pines conference, I was so drawn to the Lord Jesus by the Word and the Spirit that when Lenny Carlson gave an invitation to remain behind at the campfire on Thursday evening; it was as if I could do no other. Bill Gibson led me in a simple prayer that night, and I was born again on Lake Geneva at the old site of the George Williams College campus. I'll never forget walking back to my cabin in Nuveen Lodge experiencing exactly what God said He would do when we receive Christ, "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God." (Rom. 8:16) I cannot say that I found Jesus that night, for I had never given Him a second thought up to that week. That night Jesus came and found me, saved me, and sent me into a life beyond anything I could ever imagine and certainly never deserved.

I praise God for Tom and Barb Warner, and the group who joined them to start Northern Pines; I'm sure they started with some trepidation as they were inexperienced in camp ministry. The Lord provided the means and that staff from that first year until today which humbles us and lets us know that it's all been by His grace. I think of the many men and women of God who came alongside or prayed in secret for me: Ken and Jeri Kallman, the Northern Pines women's prayer group, Bill Crawford, Eric Cherry, Stanley Toussaint, Earl Rademacher, Bob Vernon, John Hunter, Ken Needham, Howard Hendricks ... Christ has many means through which to reach us, and although the individuals may not have realized it at the time, their place in my life counted for eternity.



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"Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not say that I am here today not because I've held onto Jesus; rather He has held onto me. He who died for me came to live in me at Northern Pines. He has never left me, never disappointed me, and never given up on me. He's everything. I'm nothing!"

**PETER REID**

Former youth camper and frequent speaker





*Bill Crawford, 1979*



*Dr. Stanley Toussaint, 1980s*



*Dr. Henry Brandt, 1970s*



*Dr. Stanley and Maxine Toussaint, 1990s*



*Dr. Earl Rademacher, 1970s*



*Dr. Stanley and Maxine Toussaint, 2013  
Spoke at Northern Pines more than any other speaker*



## ○ Fifty years of Ministry Milestones

### **1970**

Warner family attends Forest Home Family camp in California.

### **1973**

Planning begins for Northern Pines.

### **1974**

First two weeks of conferences at George Williams College in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The ministry reached 108 families and 553 people from 13 states and provinces.

### **1978**

First Young Adult program.

### **1979**

Ken Kallman begins role as Executive Director and leads with his family until 2007.

### **1979**

Northern Pines switches to three weeks of conferences from 1979–1982 and 1986–1989.

### **1981**

Eric Cherry takes over as Youth musician until 1990.

### **1989**

Dean and Julie Jaderston serve as Sr. High Program Directors and lead that program until 2007.

### **1989**

Angie Kallman serves as Children's Program Director and leads that program for 25 years.

### **1990**

AIDS (Assistants in Daycare Services) are renamed CCAs (Child Care Assistants).

### **1991**

Tim Lemmens takes over as the Senior High and Youth Musician until 2009.

### **1995**

Mohawk and Shining Waters rebuild the Indian Village program and curriculum and lead the Village until 1999.

### **1998**

25<sup>th</sup> year of Northern Pines. The ministry has reached 35 states, 9 countries, and 2,400 families so far.

### **2000**

Lewis Auditorium is demolished and the Adult program moves to the air-conditioned Seabury Hall.

### **2001**

NPines.org is launched.

### **2003**

30<sup>th</sup> Year of Northern Pines. The ministry has reached 38 states, 10 countries, and 3,000 families so far.



## **2006**

The Wilderness replaces the Indian Village theme for the Youth program.

## **2007**

First year at Green Lake Conference Center, in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

## **2007**

High-ropes course dedicated in memory of board chairman Mark Johnson.

## **2008**

Dean and Julie Jaderston transition to Executive Directors and continue to serve.

## **2010**

Tim Lemmens re-launches Young Adult program.

## **2010**

Adults' music program transitions from traditional piano or organ and hymns to praise and worship music with a contemporary band.

## **2011**

Adam, Eve, and Orpha lead the Wilderness program for 10 years.

## **2013**

First Men's work weekend in April in partnership with GLCC projects.

## **2013**

40<sup>th</sup> Year of Northern Pines.

## **2014**

First Intergenerational Worship night brought generations together in music.

## **2019**

New dock and sand beach dedicated at Green Lake and new ark play structure built and dedicated in the Wilderness area.

## **2020**

With the health concerns of the Covid Pandemic, Northern Pines was cancelled for the first time since 1974.

## **2023**

Lake-front sitting area dedicated in memory of Lindy Siefker—long-time Children's program teacher.

## **2023**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Green Lake.

## **○ We're so glad you're here!**

God has worked in the lives of many people through the years. One person's life was changed with the life changing message of the gospel, as they shared it with other families. God has grown this ministry and continued to bless this "Vacation with a Purpose" for 50 years!

**All Glory to God!**





We will serve the Lord



**Northern Pines**  
A VACATION WITH A PURPOSE