



Kirchenwald Volunteer Chaplain

Thank you for your interest in being an important part of the fabric of camp life. Your support and contributions to this community help to shape the environment of faith formation that is central to all aspects of the outdoor ministry experience.

Who: Chaplains will be rostered leaders in the ELCA, clergy in Full Communion Partner denominations (United Church of Christ, The United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, Reformed Church in America), or experienced ministry professionals in their congregation.

What: Through spending time with camper groups and with staff, Kirchenwald Chaplains provide care and insight into any and all aspects of a camp week, including, but not limited to worship, Bible study, recreation, and nature study. Other expectations include:

- Participating as a full member of the camp community (attending meals, presence in camp-wide events, etc) to the best of your ability
- Leading a staff worship one night
- Sharing your experiences at camp with your congregation and actively encouraging members to participate in LCC summer camps and other programs
- Abiding by all LCC personnel policies regarding conduct and behavior
- Communicating joys and concerns regarding campers, staff, or procedural issues appropriately and privately with the camp director

When: Chaplaincy weeks are available every week of summer camp program. Be in contact with the camp director to schedule your week (717-964-3121).

- Kirchenwald Chaplains will be “in residence” for the entirety of a camp week (typically 2pm on Sunday to 6:30pm on Friday) except for prearranged or unexpected circumstances. These absences shall be communicated to the camp director.
- Chaplains will spend at least part of each day actively engaged, in a supporting role, with camper groups as they experience Kirchenwald program. This is a valuable time to interact with youth from your congregation and from others as you better get to know them and they get to know you in this unique setting.

Recognizing the need for sabbath, and honoring the gift of time our chaplains offer, Kirchenwald does not require chaplains to keep the same hours as paid staff. However, your presence and participation in camp fills an important need. We greatly appreciate your attentiveness to these responsibilities.