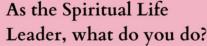
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LCFS welcomes our new Spiritual Life Leader, Kathy Witto!







Priority one of my Spiritual Life Leader roles, is that I am responsible for the spiritual care of both the residents and the staff at LCFS. It is a difficult job to provide direct care to youth dealing with the challenges which bring them to our facility. Therefore, it is important for the staff to know they are supported and loved. I set aside time in my day/week to be available to staff surrounding shift changes. They can stop in at the chapel to talk, pray, meditate as they have need/desire. For the residents, I provide regular Bible study for those who want it and am looking forward to holding regular chapel services in the near future. I am also "around", checking in on residents and staff to see how they are doing and just getting to know them.

Tell us a little bit about yourself

I am a called, commissioned minister of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. I have spent most of my professional career teaching middle and high school students in Lutheran Schools across a variety of disciplines (mostly History and German) in five different cities, most recently New York City. I am not a stranger to Indianapolis, having served at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis from 1998 – 2004. I am an avid Detroit Tiger baseball fan. I treated myself to a cross country bicycle ride in the summer of 2017 which spanned from NYC to Seattle, WA (and included trains, planes, and automobiles!). I am looking forward to the Spring when I can begin to explore the bike trails here in Indianapolis. I have a wide variety of family and friends stretched across the country whom I enjoy visiting whenever possible.

Anything additional you'd like to add?

I am very excited to be here at Lutheran Child and Family Services. I see God working here every day and know his promises and purpose are able to overcome any challenges we face. I ask for prayers from all who also trust in the Spirit's power. I look forward to meeting all who are (or will be) supporters of what we do here.