

## Meet the chaplains . . .

# Rod Armon



### **How would you describe your personality?**

I am an active person and prefer to be busy in my vocations of husband, father and Pastor. Sometimes I care too much.

### **Tell us about your family, friends, pets, etc.**

Julie and I have been married for 36 years. We have five children and two grandchildren.

### **How would others describe you?**

I am honest in the way I interact with them without using honesty to be hurtful or demeaning. I value all opinions and desire to speak openly about those opinions in a way that builds us up and makes each person stronger.

### **If someone was looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?**

I will be loyal to them and care for their individual needs. I value honesty. I am a Pastor and will therefore make sure that I serve God and any care I give will be to bring Him glory and them His comfort. True comfort and healing are found in Him. Jesus needs to be seen in the way that I speak to others, listen to them and give them options in their life to know His peace.

### **What is, in your opinion, the most interesting thing about you?**

I enjoy cooking, all things Wisconsin in sports and enjoy home brewing.

I work with a Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog. This ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. Candace's personality and intuition are true blessings to God's children and are another example of how God works in the lives of people in a personal way.

### **Tell us about your career, education and experiences that lead you to work place Chaplaincy.**

I am a graduate of Concordia College, Wisconsin, Concordia College, Illinois, and from Concordia Seminary, Missouri. I served as an Army Chaplain for nearly 28 years and as a State Patrol Chaplain for 5 years. I have been trained in various marital counseling disciplines, various suicide prevention and awareness programs as well as Critical Incident Stress Management and Critical Incident Stress Debrief. I have led military support groups for 10 years.

### **What type of life issues do you have the most experience helping others with?**

I have served in the Pastoral ministry for 34 years. I have experience with marital counseling, hospital, nursing home, and Law Enforcement and Military Chaplaincy, as well as suicide prevention and all other areas of Pastoral care.

### **What do you like the most about being a workplace Chaplain?**

People in the workplace are the most real during the time they are on the job. They bring with them all the joy, pressures and pain of their home life to the workplace. Their vocations all come together in the workplace. It is there that the difficulties of life can be crushing. To have someone to talk with and pray with gives hope in a place where people don't often see hope.

