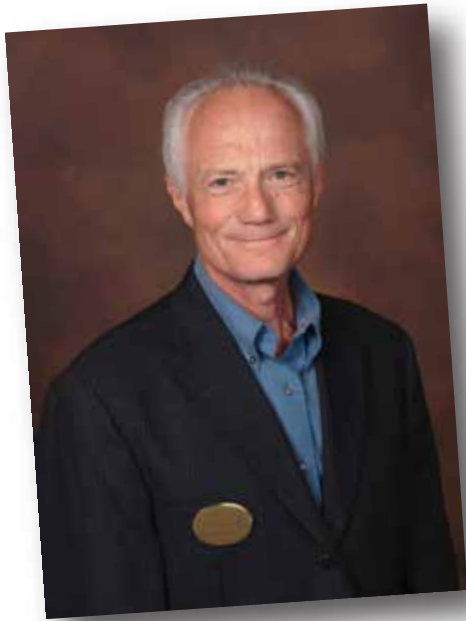


# Meet the chaplains . . .

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## Joel Alberti

### **How would you describe your personality and communication style?**

I am friendly, personable, and relate well with all personalities.

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

I have been married for 36 years. My wife, Connie, and I have three daughters who are all married and have families of their own. We have six wonderful grandchildren. Our newest addition is a King Charles Cavalier who goes by the name of Bailey.

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

Warm, caring, encouraging and a good listener.

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

I am an avid golfer and enjoy sports of all kinds. I love the kinds of activities that get me out in nature such as hiking, biking and backpacking. I recently completed a five day back-packing trip in the Grand Canyon which was an experience of a lifetime.

### **Tell us about your career, education, and experience that led you to workplace chaplaincy.**

My education includes an undergraduate degree in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin. I also did some post graduate work in family counseling. I have had two careers. My first career was in the private sector. I was the owner and director of Badger Gymnastics Academy for 25 years. In 2002 I was called into full-time church-based ministry and currently work as the Executive Pastor at City Church. My experiences as a husband, father, business person and pastor, have allowed me to work with a variety of people in many different contexts. I love empowering people and encouraging them in their life's journey.

### **What types of life issues do you have experience helping others with?**

I have the most experience in helping people in their relationships – whether it's a family member, spouse or co-worker. Helping couples in stressed marriages has been a real focus in my years of ministry. Being a problem solver by nature, I am usually able to help people understand their bottom-line issues and work toward positive solutions.

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

Life is difficult. It encourages me to be a source of encouragement to others. "But encourage one another daily as long as it is called today" (Heb. 3:13).



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