## Meet the chaplains . . .



# **Kevin Phillips**

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

I am a "people person" and enjoy asking questions. Asking questions is a great way to find out about the journey that people are on and what life experiences have brought them to where they are now.

#### How would others describe you?

People-oriented, compassionate, good listener, and never met a stranger.

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

I like asking questions because it opens the door to really getting to know people and to hearing about both their joys and struggles in life.

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

I am a lifelong learner. I love to read and learn about what is happening in the world. I like to have a book nearby, trying to learn something new and something to talk with others about. I also love reading books along with other people and then talking about them.

#### Tell us about your career, your education, and experiences which led you to workplace chaplaincy.

After graduating from UW–Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Finance degree, I worked in the marketplace for 15 years. I then pursed two seminary degrees: a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts. This led to numerous leadership and ministry opportunities in various local church settings.

### What types of life issues do you have the most experience in helping others with?

As a local church pastor for a number of years, I have had the privilege of coming alongside people who are facing any number of issues, including relationship issues, health challenges, grief, addictions, issues related to faith and belief, and work-related stress, to name just a few.

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

I enjoy getting to know people and finding out ways I can serve them, whether it is providing encouragement, listening, or recommending resources.



