



Making Spiritual Life Dreams a Reality

The Hansen Spiritual Life Center on Waverly's Bremwood campus features a beautiful chapel where all are welcome to connect to their faith. It offers additional space for LSI team members and the community to provide care to the youth we serve.

But the heart of the Spiritual Life program is much more than a building.

Spiritual Life is a voluntary program designed to lay a faith-based foundation for children on campus, creating a safe space where they can grow and heal from their pasts. Pastor Dennis Bauer led LSI's Spiritual Life program from 2002 until his retirement in 2019. Pastor Bauer's retirement led LSI to reimagine and expand the program from serving LSI's two residential treatment campuses.

Now, we are thrilled to share that while Spiritual Life will continue to primarily focus on our Bremwood and Beloit campuses, we will expand to offer spiritual support to team members and clients in other LSI programs across the state, in addition to supporting Iowa ELCA congregations. We anticipate we will take this next step in our Spiritual Life legacy in 2021, with a new Spiritual Life Leader expected to join our LSI team in February.

This leader will serve as a community resource, enabling us to deepen relationships, create new partnerships, and have a stronger presence among Iowa ELCA churches. We look forward to creating a more inclusive Spiritual Life program that aligns with our faith-based groups and organization partners across Iowa and within the ELCA.

But you are a critical part of creating this enhanced program.

In order to operate, LSI must raise \$36,000 to offset a funding gap for the Spiritual Life Program. As partners in faith, we believe you have an interest in supporting this crucial initiative. We are asking each of the three Iowa Synodical Women's Organizations to prayerfully consider investing in the future of Spiritual Life by raising \$5,000 in 2021. With your help, we can continue to change hearts, open minds, and explore His love.

We know that achieving this goal will require more than sharing this request with your groups and individual organizations. Please know that our Philanthropy and Church Relations team is eager to connect with you on any level to help facilitate these pursuits. Please consider making a gift today to ensure Iowa children and families can find the faith and hope they need to thrive.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

With gratitude,
LSI's Philanthropy and Church Relations Team