

**Report of Susquehanna University -
The Rev. Kristina E Schaeffer, Chaplain to the University**

Life of the University

The 2025-2026 academic year marks the 168th for Susquehanna University. The University continues to serve a religiously diverse student body, about 8% of whom self-identify as Lutheran and who originate from 32 states and 30 countries. Dr. Jonathan Green, Susquehanna's 15th president, is completing his ninth year of service.

Campus Religious Activities

The past year has been a time of transition in the office of religious and spiritual life. Rev. Dr. Scott Kershner left in December 2024 to accept a new congregational call. The university is grateful to Rev. Vickie Brown for her pastoral leadership during the call process and the interim time. In December 2025, Rev. Stina House '04 Schaeffer was called as the University's 10th chaplain and director of religious and Spiritual life.

Religious and spiritual life, as part of the Center for Spirituality and meaning, continues in its mission to invite all students to explore life's big questions during their development as moral ethical global citizens.

Worship is held in Weber Chapel on Sunday mornings when classes are in session. We welcome students, faculty and staff as well as members of the local community. A group of student leaders is instrumental in leading worship and focusing on servant leadership in all parts of the worship experience.

Susquehanna's commitment to interfaith engagement remains at the core of our work in Religious and Spiritual life. Over ten religious clubs and organizations offer a wealth of opportunities for students to engage in religious life on campus. This year, as in years past, as part of our commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr and his legacy, an interfaith celebration was held and focused on the question, "What ties us together"?

In Conclusion

Susquehanna University continues to be grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Upper Susquehanna Synod. The University is grateful for Synod members Rev. Robert Doll ('88), and Rev. Dr. Lois D Martin ('90) for their service to the University's Board of Trustees.