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**Year after name is when
board term ends-- with
final meeting being the
January of next year.**

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**Board Meetings are held every
quarter (January-April-July-
October)**

**Anyone interested in
becoming a Board Member,
please give Denise Green a
call at 712-225-6945.**



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Training Faith Based Caregivers



The Goal:

To more effectively love, care,
and minister to the needs of
people, both in the church and
community.

Ecumenical Institute... At a Glance

Operating as a charitable organization since 1968, the Ecumenical Institute (EI) has been mobilizing pastoral care for the residents of Northwest Iowa. Contributions are tax deductible.

EI's vision is to provide care for humans in all conditions of life and offer spiritual training to those who assist in that care.

EI mobilizes pastoral care throughout Northwest Iowa by:

- Providing Certified Pastoral Education (CPE) to individuals committed to Northwest Iowa—through classes, workshops, and seminars.
- Mobilizing pastoral care by networking together with leaders from congregations, civic organizations, businesses, and community service providers.
- Empowering pastoral caregivers to “pass it on” within their own spheres of influence from congregations, to the workplace, and to the community at large.



The faithfulness of support by individual donors and community donations is having an ever expanding outreach.

Check out our new, improved webpage at ecumenicalinstitute.org.



“I’ve come to realize what really matters in this world: helping build strong communities, ministering to people in their pain, and participating in the life that comes from our Christian faith.

That is exactly what EI is about. Pastors and lay people are learning to live up to their full, God-given potential. People’s lives are being changed forever. Ministries have been reinvigorated. Churches are benefiting from improved leadership.” ~ Fred Davenport, Jr. EI Founding Board Member

Founder and Emeritus
Supervisor,
Gene Sitzmann



The Founder of Ecumenical Institute is Chaplain Gene Sitzmann who served Northwest Iowa for over 30 years as chaplain, pastor and CPE supervisor. His vision is to focus on the spiritual needs of the rural area and that the ministry be financially supported by the communities served.

“EI - Extending our Reach”

The Ecumenical Institute has a greater outreach for ministry as it serves as the ACPE Center of Record for St. Luke’s College program of Clinical Pastoral Education. St. Luke’s College ACPE Center is a “satellite” center to the Ecumenical Institute in Cherokee. The impact of the Ecumenical Institute is significant for pastoral education in northwest Iowa. Opportunities for offering pastoral education through ACPE continue to grow. The Ecumenical Institute is well positioned to be a cutting edge site for offering the best pastoral education for people in our area.

In the fall of 2016, EI offered distance learning as a part of the CPE unit. Students met in Cherokee for some sessions, but on the web for the other sessions. The clinical placement for these students in their local area made it possible to complete an accredited CPE unit and minister in their home area. The fall 2017 unit saw, long distance learners from out of state.



The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) reaches a milestone of fifty years in 2017. ACPE is an accredited educational process with the US Department of Education and is mandated as the educational venue for ordination in many denominations and by the Defense Department for training military chaplains.