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**Photo** - Curt Evans, Senior Executive Director of LutherCare congratulates Rev. Walter Cleckley on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination.



### **Luther Acres Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Chaplain, the Rev. E. Walter Cleckley, Jr.**

On Thursday, July 17, at 1 pm in the Hershey Activity Room on the Luther Acres campus, residents, staff, friends and family joined together to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of the Luther Acres Chaplain, the

Rev. E. Walter Cleckley, Jr.

A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, North Carolina with a B.A. in English, Pastor Cleckley received his Masters of Divinity Degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He was ordained at his first congregation, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Edison, New Jersey on July 17, 1983. He was then called to be the pastor at Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, North Carolina and later to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lititz. Pastor Cleckley left St. Paul Lutheran Church in 1999 to complete his year of Chaplain Residency at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey. In 2000, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) certified him for Specialized Pastoral Care for Long-Term Care Chaplaincy. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neffsville called him to be Associate Pastor in 2001. In 2004, Luther Acres called Pastor Cleckley to be their Chaplain.

Pastor Cleckley lives in Lititz with his wife Susan and their daughter Charlotte.

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