

## **Mission of GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center**

GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center is more than just a beautiful piece of property, a fun summer experience, or a great setting at which to hold meeting or a retreat. The property was purchased, and the facilities have been developed in order to encourage young people to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ, support the ministry of the church, and build up the Kingdom of God.

*The mission of GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center is to create an environment where the presence of God is experienced, the love of Christ is demonstrated, and a Spirit-filled life is inspired.*

We provide an environment for kids and adults to step away from the everyday busyness and into a different pace. God's creative splendor exhibited through Lake Michigan shoreline backed by a wooded canopy, and the gathering of God's people combine to create the space to grow in their identity and purpose in Christ.

## **Purposes of GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center**

The purposes of GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center are to provide programming consistent our doctrinal foundation (*see below*) that promotes spiritual growth in the Christian faith, and to provide a setting in which individuals, churches, and organizations can retreat for reflection and renewal to better serve God and others.

## **Our Doctrinal Foundation**

GENEVA Camp & Retreat Center was founded by members of the Reformed Church in America, a mainline Protestant denomination tracing its roots to the Reformation. In doctrinal perspective, Camp Geneva subscribes that of the historic Reformed position which understands the Old and New Testaments to be our only rules for faith and practice and sees the scriptures as inspired by God's Spirit and authoritative. The basics of the Reformed faith have historically

been expressed in the "Standards of Unity": the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed, Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, and Canons of Dort.

Our foundational affirmation is that we are a people who have been chosen by God to belong to God and to each other in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, through our fellowship in the Holy Spirit. While Camp Geneva is Reformed in orientation, our approach in our camp weeks is to not teach doctrine, but to expose young people to the person of Jesus Christ, encourage them to grow in relationship with Him, and share Christ with others.