

CHERI MITSTIFER



In July of 2012, I accepted the position of Director to Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Prior to living in Tucson, I was Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Advancement at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

My husband and I moved to Tucson in 2000 to enjoy a new adventure in the Southwest.

Berwick, Pennsylvania was my place of birth and I lived there until moving to Tucson. I graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and have a degree in Speech Communications with many courses in Cultural Anthropology. Along the way I took courses in Theatre. While a member of Berwick Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I was a council member, Lector, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School and involved in other youth activities.

My husband, Mark is retired having enjoyed 28 years employed at Bell of Pennsylvania as a fiber optics and data transmission specialist. We met in the 10th grade and have been

together since that time. We have two grown children and 5 grandchildren – Jack, who is an ER doctor lives in Hudson, Ohio with his wife Shellie and grandchildren Jake and Cate. Meredith is a doctor of psychology and lives in Tucson with her husband Tom and grandchildren Gehrig, Ryan and Camden. Mark and I joined Tanque Verde Lutheran Church in May of 2011 and since that time I have been on crew with Vacation Bible School, Mobile Meals, Tuesday Morning Bible Group and other volunteer activities.

My family's special place is our cabin in Godfrey, Ontario, Canada. It is situated on Green Bay and my husband and I enjoy watching our children and grandchildren experience life in a cabin without electricity, running water or technology. We all enjoy spending time with nature and enjoy activities such as skiing, boating, playing board and card games, and the end of vacation drama plays on the loft. Our family celebrates together the treasured memories that are brought up at every holiday meal we celebrate together.