

About our Pastor

Pastor Ferra was born in Lutherville, MD. He has a sister 8 years younger and a brother 11 years younger. He is German and Irish from his mother and Mexican and Native American (Wallapai) from his father.

He graduated from Towson University with a degree in history and a minor in math; Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary; and the University of Bridgeport with a Master's Degree in Counseling which included Gestalt Therapy and Family Systems Therapy. He was a clinical member of The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and a licensed clinical therapist.

Pr. Ferra has served congregations in Warren, Camp Hill and New Freedom, PA.; New Britain and Bridgeport, CT.; Falmouth, ME.; Marblehead, MA.; and Barrington, RI. He also served one summer as program director at the New England Synod's Camp Calumet in order to establish experiential learning as the model for teaching.

He has a lengthy list of service in the Church including being an organizational development consultant to congregations, serving on the Bishop's Listening Panels for congregations in conflict, counseling clergy through referrals from the Bishop, coordinating Synod Assembly worship, and serving as chair for various Synod Committees such as the New England Synod Bishop's ad hoc committee to evaluate the structure and function of the New England Synod.

Currently Pr. Ferra is chair of the Board of Directors for Lutheran Social Services – South Central PA., chair of the Memorials Committee for our Synod Assembly (memorials are actions the Synod Assembly sends to the ELCA Assembly for consideration), and supervisor for the intern serving St. Paul, Felton.

His daughter, Nicole, is married to Cedric Johnson; they have two daughters, Camryn age 6 and Lauren age 3 they live in Columbia, Maryland. Pastor Ferra lives in Springettsbury Township with his golden retriever, Bristol. He loves sailing and has sailed the coast of New England from Winter Harbor, ME. to Bristol, RI. and out to Nantucket. He still loves to hike, and in the past while backpacking has climbed the 100 highest peaks in New England.