

Brief Bio of Pastor Kim

I am the youngest of three girls born to Frank and Doris Sterner, all of Pennsylvania roots.

Besides residing in PA, I've lived in Michigan and Massachusetts before we settled in Arizona in 1971. I was 11 when we moved to the desert.

I graduated from Tempe High, class of 1977. ASU with a BS in Criminal Justice, College of Public Programs. in 1981. Attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA graduating with a Master of Divinity in 1985.

I married my first husband, Pastor John Lemnitzer, June of 1985.(That marriage ended in divorce in 2010.)

I was ordained in the Ministry on October 5, 1986.

My calls included:

Bethel Lutheran Church Los Angeles, CA

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church San Luis Obispo, CA

Bethel Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

I had 2 children: Jonathan Francis Sterner Lemnitzer was born January 31, 1990 in San Luis Obispo, CA. Jonathan died on his 26th birthday 2016.

Allison Mae Lemnitzer was born September 1, 1993, in Phoenix AZ. It was her great grandmother, Hazel Lemmon's 85th birthday! She is currently a 3rd grade teacher in Surprise. She and her husband, Dwight Goodman live in Surprise.

I married Robert (Bob) Muehling on April 8, 2020. And after 37 years of ministry retired on January 1, 2024!

I love reading, writing, being at the beach and being with my family. My two sisters recently relocated to AZ in 2022-23. We are in the same time zone for the first time since 1978!