Pastor Katie Gosswein, Dean of Central Valley



Pastor Gosswein is a native of Chicago and studied to be a Deaconess with the Lutheran Diaconal Association at Valparaiso University, graduating in 1981. She served in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod at Good Shepherd, Goleta CA, and Our Savior, Raleigh, NC, for ten years each in the areas of Christian education, youth ministry, and home visitation.

In 2002 she entered The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and, as part of her studies, had a year as a student pastor at the Urban Servant Corp and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Denver, CO. After graduating in 2006, she was called to be the pastor for Edinburg Lutheran Parish, which includes St. Jacob's and Zion Lutheran churches in Shenandoah County.

Having a heart for social service and working in the broader community, Pastor Gosswein has also served 14 years on the Board of Directors for Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter and supports many other non-profit organizations in the county.