

Juniata Valley Conference Dean's Report 2025

The Juniata Valley Conference, comprised of 15 Lutheran churches in Juniata and Mifflin Counties, faithfully gathered throughout the year. The pastors met in support of one another and to discuss the issues we face. In addition, we enjoyed the occasional social gatherings which included spouses.

The following churches are served by a called pastor: Trinity, McAlisterville (Karen Ward); Messiah, Mifflintown (Sam Leister); Holy Communion, Yeagertown and Evangelical, Reedsville (Carla Volland), and St. Stephen's, Licking Creek (Richard Adams), who also provides interim coverage for Centre Lutheran; .

Presently served by Interim Pastors are St. John's Lewistown (Allen Hulslander) who also serves as interim with Sam Leister at Port Royal Parish (Port Royal and St. Paul's, Nook). Mike Sigler serves St. John's, Belleville & St. Paul, Allensville, and provides supervision for St. Paul, Milroy and St. John, Milroy. St. Mark's, Alfrata (Bill Esborn). Emmanuel, Thompsentown held their last service June 2nd, 2024.

We are blessed to rejoice with Pr. Karen Ward and husband Greg Neil at the birth of their first child! Welcome Dani!

With gratitude to the pastors of this conference for their deep wisdom and welcomed humor, to Bishop Miller, Brenda Krouse, and my fellow deans for leadership I say Thank you! Equal thanks to our authorized lay worship leaders, congregational leaders and every member of our conference congregations for their ministries. My prayer is that God be glorified by our faithfulness to the gospel in all we do, here and now, in our respective places. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Adams