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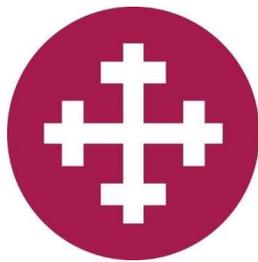
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Pr. Jonathan Heierman - Calvary/Clarkston

Abiding Presence, Rochester Hills	Pr. Sharon Janot
Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills	Pr. Nik Schillack
Calvary, Clarkston, White Lake & Pontiac Kate Zywicki	Pr. Jonathan Heierman, Pr. Ken Greble, Pr. Bob Hegdal, Pr.
Christ, Waterford	Pr. Lee Zandstra
Good Samaritan, Pontiac	Pr. Jen Herrmann
King of Kings, Lake Orion	Pr. Eric Johnson
Spirit of Grace Lutheran/Episcopal Community West Bloomfield	Pr. Peggy Rose, interim
St. Andrew, Bloomfield Hills	Served by pastoral staff of Beautiful Savior & others
Saint Augustine's House, Oxford	Fr. John Cochran (died March 26, 2021)

Some Highlights in Ministry Together during the pandemic:

- Our conference has continued to meet regularly for lunch zoom gatherings for support, encouragement, and to share updates on our ministries during these challenging times. We have especially supported one another in the rapid development of online and parking lot worship, as well as navigating the timing and benchmarks for reopening in-person worship and other ministries through many starts and stops. Amid the pandemic our conference congregations and ministries have remained vital and creative, seeking opportunities for discipleship, outreach, and growth in new ways. Even though we were forced into some of these changes, we have learned so many new things that will shape and enhance our ministries for decades to come.
- In April 2020 we welcomed (as best we could by zoom) Pastor Lee Zandstra to Christ, Waterford. She was installed in the summer of 2020.
- For the first few months of 2020 Pastor Peggy Rose served as intentional interim at Christ, Waterford before transitioning to serve as interim at Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield, upon the retirement of Pastor Mary Duerksen, who has served so very creatively and faithfully for many years in various conference congregations.
- In late March 2021 Fr. John Cochran, Prior of St. Augustine's House passed away. We have so appreciated his participation in conference gatherings these past years and his insights into theology, outreach, and the mission of the church in the world today. He will be sorely missed.



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The ministry of this Lutheran Benedictine Community continues by offering daily Eucharist and offices of prayer, retreats, and more.

- The ministry staff of Beautiful Savior and others, including retired pastor Jan Marvar and John Siefken, continue to provide worship and pastoral care in partnership with St. Andrew, Bloomfield Hills.
- We continue an intentional monthly prayer calendar for our conference congregations and pastors, as well as synod and ELCA leaders.
- As part of an Anchor Church Covenant, Calvary is leading revitalization efforts with Shalom Lutheran in Pinckney, where Pastor Ken Greble has transitioned to serve as Campus Pastor, while remaining a part of Calvary's staff.
- Calvary, with the support of the ELCA and SEMI Synod continues to provide pastoral ministry and missional development at Christ the King in Lapeer through the work of Mission and Outreach Pastor Bob Hegdal, who took over this role from Pastor Ken Greble in June 2020. Pastor Bob Hegdal also leads ministry in Pontiac at Calvary's orchard and park.
- Other ministry highlights include: King of Kings continues to make very good progress in redevelopment with an emphasis on small groups and house church; Calvary continues to provide for a large community garden at their White Lake Campus, and anticipates breaking ground in fall 2021 for a senior assisted living facility; Spirit of Grace continues its strong involvement in community service and to provide a model for ecumenical partnership; Good Samaritan continues to offer a vital food pantry ministry; Abiding Presence remains very involved in community advocacy and has maintained its preschool ministry throughout the pandemic; Christ Waterford has done a great job of transitioning with a new pastor during this very challenging season; Beautiful Savior remains very involved in many community service projects, including with Samaritas and has maintained its preschool throughout the pandemic. I apologize for not being able to mention all of the many creative ways that each of our conference congregations continue to impact our communities with the Good News of Jesus. There is so much more!
- Our dedicated, gifted and empowered congregation members and friends are the light of Christ and the church at work in the world in so many ways and places - this is what our ministry and our mission is all about! We continue to explore and develop our mission together in order to support one another more effectively to grow and thrive as leaders and as congregations of all sizes who "Rise up to Bear Burdens, Build Bridges, Break Chains and Bring Hope!"