



Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

Assembly 2023

Conference 5

Pr. Denise Grant – St James/Grosse Pointe Farms

Conference 5 is made up of eight congregations:

Bethany Lutheran Church, Roseville	Llm Sharon Denomme
Bethel Lutheran Church, St Clair Shores	Pr. Jamie Authier
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrison Twp	Llm Robert Brannon
First English Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods	Pr Sean Motley
St James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms	Pr Denise Grant
St Mark Lutheran Church, Roseville	Pr George A Oberle
St Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms	Pr. Denise Grant
Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, St Clair Shores	Llm Robert Brannon

Conference 5 is a first-ring suburban conference of small and mid-size congregations in Wayne and Macomb Counties.

Our Conference 5 congregations have stabilized after COVID, and have found their 'new normal' in each context. Ministries of outreach, social concern, and congregational care have resumed with partnerships renewed and strengthened.

The two congregations that had been served by Interim pastors in 2022 have now called pastors: Bethel, St. Clair Shores called Pastor Jamie Authier as their full-time pastor, and St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Farms called Pastor Denise Grant as a shared pastor with Saint James.

Recognizing that energy and vitality is created when congregations come together with common purpose in mission, St. Paul and Saint James, GPF formed an official partnership in ministry in the first part of 2023, and Bethel, SCS and Bethany, Roseville have worked together in mission including sharing musicians.

We give thanks to LLMs Robert Brannon and Sharon Denomme for their pastoral leadership. Thank you for caring for the worship and pastoral care needs of these communities.

Thanks be to God for the faithfulness of our pastors and congregations as each proclaims the good news!