



Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

## Assembly 2023

### Conference 8

#### Pr. Sara Freudenburg - Emmanuel /Livonia

##### *Serving Conference 8 Congregations*

Antioch, Farmington Hills: Intern Pr. Amy Cooley Higgs (Luther)

Celebration, Westland: Pr. Jim Fogle

Emmanuel, Livonia: Pr. Sara Freudenburg

Holy Cross, Livonia: Pr. Scott Seeke, Intern Pr. Morgan Annable (Trinity)

Holy Spirit, West Bloomfield: Pr. William Matlack

Holy Trinity, Livonia: Pr. Andrew Chavanak

Hope, Farmington Hills: Pr. Kristin Swenson, Pr. Rebecca Truland

Shepherd of the Lakes, Walled Lake: Pr. Judd Delancey

Shepherd's Way, South Lyon: Pr. Tom Scherger

St. John, Farmington Hills: Pr. Mark Fisher

Timothy, Livonia: Eric Stenson

##### *Highlights/Changes from May 2022 - March 2023*

Morgan Annable continues to serve as intern pastor at Holy Cross/Livonia through May.

Intern Pastor Amy Cooley Higgs completed her internship at Antioch/Farmington Hills, and is contracted to serve the congregation through the process of Holy Closure.

Hope/Farmington Hills was served for much of the year by Deacon Keith Miller as they navigated their transition process. Pastor Rebecca Truland continues serving as Pastor for Congregational Life. In January, Pr. Kristin Swenson was called to serve as Senior Pastor.

Celebration on Joy Road in Westland is joyfully celebrating ten years of ministry together in 2023!

St John/Farmington has launched "Pathways in Compassion Nursing Home Visitation to Abandoned Individuals." They are also building the "Compassion Communication Center" that will educate the Southeast Michigan community on the missional opportunity to work with adults with disabilities in residential settings.

Our conference continues to meet weekly for text study and monthly for conference meetings and is a source of great support for each other. We are continuing our collective Good Friday service together at noon on Good Friday. We are also cooperating to support a refugee family and working to raise enough funds to purchase a shipping container that will become a home for a displaced family in Turkey.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Sara Freudenburg  
Emmanuel, Livonia and Conference 8 Dean