



Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

Assembly 2023

Conference 10

Pr. Lori Carey – Trinity/Ann Arbor

Congregations:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti - Pr. Alex Clark Holy Faith, Saline - Rev. Andrea Martin
King of Kings Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor - Pr. Dana Runestad Raab (Interim)
Lord of Light Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministries at U of M - Pr. Elizabeth Friedman
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor - Pr. Lori Carey (retiring in August, 2023)
Zion Lutheran Church, Chelsea - Pr. Kurt Hutchens
Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor - Senior Pr. Jim Debner, Pr. Greer Cherney and Pr. Anna Taylor-McCants
Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community: Living Red, Dexter - Pr. Vicky Lovell

2022 saw changes in Conference 10.

- St. Mark, Ypsilanti held its last service on February 6, 2022. Many of her gifted members have joined other congregations in the Conference.
- Pastor Kurt Hutchings was installed at Zion, Chelsea.
- Pastor Greer Cherney took a position as Family Life Pastor at Zion, Ann Arbor
- Pastor Vicky Lovell concluded her call at Zion, Ann Arbor in order to serve full time as a Mission Developer at Living Red, a Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community in Dexter.
- Pastor Marie Duquette retired from King of Kings, Ann Arbor on February 19, 2023.
- Pastor Dana Runestad began serving as Interim Pastor at King of Kings on March 15, 2023.

Happenings in a few of our congregations include: **Zion Ann Arbor** made a gift of the former St. Mark property in Ypsilanti to Peace Neighborhood Center - so that Peace could expand their services and reach to Ypsilanti. **King of Kings, Ann Arbor** returned to in person worship services, while an online ministry, "Be Ye Lifted," first developed during the pandemic, continued to touch the lives of many. **Emmanuel Lutheran in Ypsilanti** received an environmental excellence award from Washtenaw County for the congregation's expanded recycling program and efforts to plant native species on church grounds, while their weekly free food clothing ministries set new records. Weekly Community meals and weekly theological discussions resumed. **Holy Faith in Saline** is organizing and planning for growth, moving from solo to team-based ministries and strengthening ministry teams. Quarterly dinner meetings include time for committees to meet, plan, and coordinate with other committees. They are seeking a 10 hour/week Outreach Coordinator. **Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor** offered their first Fall Festival - an outreach to the local community with art booths, the Fed Up Food Truck, Games, activities, and more designed to bring people together enjoying the fall season. A Summer Food Distribution program, in partnership with Food Gatherers, has become a core ministry.

The above are only a few examples of excellent ministry happening in the Washtenaw Conference as congregations seek to engage the work of the Church in new ways and for a new time.

In gratitude for my conference colleagues and the opportunity to serve,

Pr. Lori Carey, Dean