



Southeast Michigan Synod ● ELCA

Southeast Michigan Synod Conference 11 Report the Year that was: 2024

Cana, Berkley
Emmanuel, Southfield
Lutheran Church of the Master, Troy
Peace, Southfield
Spirit of Christ, Clawson
Zion, Ferndale
Micah 6 Church, Pontiac, SAWC

It has been an honor to serve as the Dean of Southeast Michigan Synod Conference 11. Throughout the year the conference pastors gather regularly to connect, seek out ways to be in ministry together and to support one another.

Each congregation continues to manage the difficulties and changes in this world and respond faithfully to the call of the Gospel.

During this year Cana Lutheran Church, Berkeley has entered into a phase of discernment. In fall of 2024 they voted to sell their building to Berkeley Public Schools and will be making final plans concerning their future sometime in 2025.

Lutheran Church of the Master, continues to serve as the anchor church for the Micah 6 Church. This is a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) in Pontiac. Served by Pr. Dylan Pyeatt, Micah 6 Church regularly fills to overflowing the Sprout Vegetable Store where they gather for worship. They eagerly anticipate the completion of the Webster Community Center where they will have space to grow.

Each congregation in the conference has found a way to work cooperatively with other congregations, in the conference and the community. From weekly online Bible Studies to worship opportunities the conference is stronger together.

Through the transitions and changes each congregation continues striving to proclaim the good news of Jesus in their particular context.

In the coming years we will continue seeking ways to work together in service of the Gospel.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Sir Paul Walters, KoS, Dean of Conference 11, Senior Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Master, and Knight of Sufferlandria