



Conference 5 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

Conference 5 is made up of eight congregations:

Bethany Lutheran Church, Roseville, LLM Sharon Denomme

Bethel Lutheran Church, St Clair Shores, Pr. Jamey 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. As we continue to “live into” ministry in the “post-Covid” world, we are experiencing quite a bit of transitions within our churches. St. James and St. Paul continue to grow into their shared ministries. Bethlehem has achieved the difficult and faithful decision to celebrate holy closure and join the ministries of Triumphant Cross. St. Mark is celebrating the retirement of Pr. George A Oberle after many faithful years together.

Even with these transitions and the continuing ministries of our other conference churches, we as member church communities continue in our ministries! Thanks be to God for the faithfulness of our pastors, LLMs, and congregations as each proclaims the good news!

In Christ,

Rev. Jamey Authier

Pastor of Bethel Lutheran in St. Clair Shores

Dean of Conference 5