

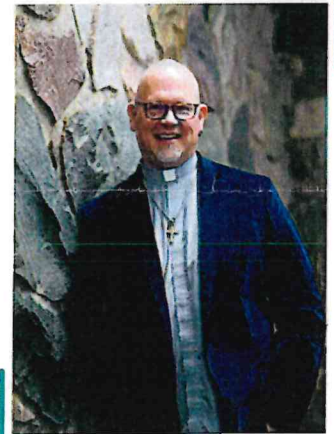
SPRING 2025

Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord said, "Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19)...and the mercies of the Lord are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). One of the new things the Lord is doing here at Franklin Ave. Mission is "me." I am Pr. Jeff Frechette, called to serve St. Mark, Flint. But by God's grace, St. Mark has deployed me part time to serve Franklin Avenue Mission (FAM) in order to be a consistent pastoral presence for the eastside Flint community. We continue to provide physical blessings for those in this community, sharing the love of Jesus through everything we do. With your prayers, and with the blessings you provide to FAM, we continue to do what we've been doing for these many years, even as we seek to bring Jesus to those who don't yet know Him, that their lives would, like ours, be made new in the death and resurrection of Jesus. **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff Frechette



BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR ON FLINT'S EASTSIDE, THAT IS FAM!

THE DINER

Thanks to our wonderful church volunteers, our commercial kitchen serves nutritious meals to 100-125 community members every **Tuesday & Thursday**. Your donations, Thrivent cards and church donations help, in part to fund the expenses.



THE MARKET PLACE

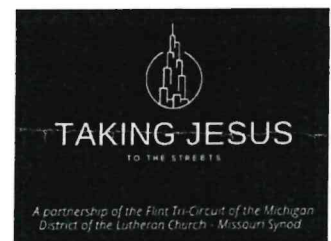
The Market Place has been open for a year now and we are providing groceries to over 52 families bi-weekly and are planning expanded hours. Grants, our local food partners, the Foodbank of Eastern Michigan and donations keep this marketplace, supplied with produce, meats, dairy, grains and more helping our neighbors. **Come see this unique corner store.** Kessi Hoberg is our Market Place Manager.

ROCK

Our Savior loves the little children and reminds us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Our children's program, directed by Claudia Hansen, supplies the children weekly, with lessons, crafts and snacks.

TAKING JESUS TO THE STREETS

Check out our mobile Vacation Bible School in its 3rd year! Up to nine congregations were represented in this year's organizational meeting and the new van and trailer are planned to Take Jesus to the Streets at up to 3 locations this year. **Lots of volunteers are needed, including volunteers to help assemble crafts, snacks and take-home bags.** The activities kick off the week of June 16th and occur once weekly per site. Generous church donations helped purchase the trailer and a Michigan District LWML grant allowed for us to purchase a new van.



WORSHIP SERVICE

Currently worship service is at **5:30 PM on Thursdays**. Future plans include the return to Sunday afternoon service.

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SPECIAL THANKS

To Faith Grand Blanc for the wonderful Easter baskets for 75 children and New Life for ensuring we have supplies for our Easter Egg Hunt.

BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study is **every Tuesday at 2:30 PM** in the sanctuary and women's bible study is **every other Tuesday 2:30 PM** in the diner.

MERCY HOUSE

Just celebrating 5 years and going strong, Mercy House is a residence for up to 4 mothers and their children 12 and under. The yellow house on our campus is operated with partner, Wellspring Lutheran Services and provides, a safe home and developmental life, family and job guidance by Wellspring staff. FAM maintains Mercy House and provides security. **Donations help defray costs are greatly appreciated.**

FAMILY FEST

Our FAM Jam is changing! Same love for Christ, worship, food, refreshments, family fun, children's activities, bikes and more. **Contemporary Christian Music June 14 this year. Please help support this worship and family event.**

CLEAN AND GREEN

Franklin Avenue Mission and our wonderful volunteers have been serving the community members by beautifying the neighborhood since 2015! Big shout out to our 4-5 dedicated teams. Property assignments week of April 28. Stay tuned for first mow period. **Come join a team or help serve the volunteers refreshments.**



EMERGENCY CLOTHES CLOSET

Our Clothes Closet Coordinator, Brenda Callahan, and her team of dedicated volunteers are here to get clothing, shoes, coats, blankets and more to our community members that need it the most. **Church donations and Thrivent cards really help with this ministry, thank you.**

PERSONALS CLOSET

First Tuesday of every month is the time for our community members to get personal care items including bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, Kleenex, a small pack of soap powder, razor and toilet paper. **Personals drives/collections and Thrivent cards really help with this ministry, thank you.**

FRANKLIN AVE. MEDICAL CLINIC

Coming May 27

to our Diner to our community members and later to the community! Thanks to Dr. Robert Bouvier

of Dr. & You for making this happen for the East Side community. Franklin Ave. Medical Clinic will be primary/acute care open on **Tuesdays from 2-5 PM with over-flow and follow-up on Thursdays. Volunteers needed!** People will be available to help connect community members with services/resources, prayer partners as requested and a Spanish translator.



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