



Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

## Assembly 2023

### Conference 9

#### **Pr. Rick Hogan – St Paul/Blissfield & Immanuel/Palmyra**

Christ Lutheran, Monroe – Pr. David Hively, LLM Wayne Butts  
Gloria Dei, Tecumseh – Pr. Ted Kerr  
Good Shepherd, Monroe – LLM Cathy Maxwell  
Immanuel, W. Ida – Deacon Denise Benjamin, stated supply  
Petersburg—Pr. David Vinceguerra  
Prince of Peace, Ida – Pr. Aaron Werner  
St. John, Dundee – Pr. Janice Locke  
St. Luke's, Temperance – Pr. Robyn Kistemaker  
St. Paul, Blissfield – Immanuel, N. Blissfield – Pr. Rick Hogan  
St. Paul, Maybee – LLM Jim Puhl, stated supply  
St. Paul, Temperance – Pr. Lisa Hayes  
Trinity, Riga—LLM David Corliss

Conference 9 is a mostly rural conference that includes congregations from Monroe and Lenawee counties. Less than 1/3 of our congregations are located in or near a mid-sized town or city. This can be a challenge and a blessing. *(from Pr. Jen's 2022 report)*

This year, as with last year, saw significant transition. Pr. Ted Kerr accepted a call to serve at Gloria Dei, Pr Aaron Werner accepted a call to serve at Prince of Peace, Pr Janice Locke was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and continues serving at St John, Pr. Lisa Hayes is serving at St. Paul and I accepted a call to serve the congregations of St. Paul's and Immanuel.

We give thanks to God for the ministry of those who moved from conference 9 since last we met in assembly: Pr Sean Ewbank (Asst. to the bishop/Director of Evangelical Mission), Pr Jennifer Kiefer (Assistant to the bishop for synod and congregational life), Pr. Kari Rinas (St. Thomas, Grosse Ile), Pr. Joshua Rinas (Faith, Brownstown), Pastor Lew Carlson (Good Hope, Garden City).

We give thanks for the continued ministry of our Conference 9 colleagues: Pr. David Hively, Pr. Robyn Kistemaker, Pr. David Vinceguerra, Deacon Denise Benjamin, LLM David Corliss, LLM Cathy Maxwell, LLM Wayne Butts, LLM Jim Puhl.

Keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God!

Rick Hogan, Dean