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**Conference 2 Report for 2025 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly
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Conference 2, the Blue Water Conference, includes the following congregations:

Christ the King, Lapeer – Vacant
Our Saviour, Port Huron – Vacant
Pilgrim, Marysville – Pr. Michael Opfermann
St. John, Capac – Pr. Matt Jewell
St. John, Romeo – Pr. Darcy Reis
St. John's, New Baltimore – Retired Pr. Roger Facione as supply, preparing to begin call process
St. Martin, Marine City – Pr. Troy Waite
St. Martin, Port Huron – Pr. Branden Hunt, contracted supply
St. Paul, Casco – Pr. Kirk Langset
St. Paul, Imlay City – Pr. Sharon Smith
St. Paul, Port Huron – Pr. Branden Hunt
St. Peter, New Haven – Rosemary Ireland-Black, LLM
St. Peter, St. Clair – Pr. Candida Turner, Interim
Trinity, Brown City – David Hudson, LLM
Trinity, Richmond – Pr. Katie Butler

Conference 2 continues to gather twice a month, once for breakfast and again for a more formal conference meeting. These serve as opportunities for the pastoral leaders to learn from and support one another, while also discussing what is going on at the synodical and national levels of our church.

There is an energy and enthusiasm in joining together for youth activities. This year we again held "Confirmation Together" events where students have the opportunity to get to know one another, have fun, and learn. This year's topics included grace and Lent; the favorite games were sardines and 9 Square.

On June 9, 2024, Pastor Sharon Smith was installed as Pastor of St. Paul, Imlay City. Pastor Charlie Martin concluded his service at Our Saviour, Port Huron August 25, 2024. After his ordination on September 7, 2024, Matt Jewell transitioned from intern to Pastor at St. John, Capac; his installation took place on September 28th. Pastor Ken Staib started his new call at St. George's, Howell in January, 2025; Pastor Candida Turner is serving as the interim at St. Peter, St. Clair as a result. St. John's, New Baltimore has made strides in the call process and is preparing to interview candidates.

I give thanks to God for the faithful pastors, LLMs, and lay people in Conference 2, who gather in worship and do incredible ministry in this sliver of creation (and beyond).

In Christ,
Pastor Mike Opfermann
Conference 2 Dean