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Conference 9 Report for 2025 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly Pr. Rick Hogan, Dean

Pr. Rick Hogan – St Paul/Blissfield
Pr. Rick Hogan— Immanuel/Palmyra
Christ Lutheran, Monroe – Pr. Bill Kirsh-Carr, 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. Rebecca Pryzbyski
St. Paul, Maybee – LLM Jim Puhl, stated supply
St. Paul, Temperance – Pr. Lisa Hayes
Trinity, Riga—LLM David Corliss

Conference 9 includes congregations from Monroe and Lenawee counties. We gather for support with one another throughout the year.

The members of our congregations are AMAZING and generous and focus beyond their four walls. Some of the creative ways members of our Conference serve their communities include, “Undie Sunday” in July, School supplies & backpacks in August, an Oktoberfest dinner for Mwangaza Synod in Tanzania, nonperishables for Thanksgiving, supplying Christmas baskets for local families, book drives, shoe collection for the local band boosters, supporting a ministry in Mwangaza Synod in Tanzania by making personal care kits for young girls, “Share the Warmth” meal once a month for an area shelter, adopting a Salvation Army Family every Christmas as well as families in need from congregational sources, and supporting local women's shelters and other worthy. causes each quarter. Congregations welcomed their community into their community center to kick off their community celebration. A congregational ministry was featured in The Lutheran highlighting their homemade card ministry to shut-ins.

In our Conference congregations work with Ecumenical Partners to supply food for local communities. Our food pantries help provide food and other resources throughout the year, working in conjunction with Gleaners and Southeast Michigan Food Bank. In just one of our communities 45,000 lbs of food was distributed last year. This included not just the food that is distributed weekly, but also several mass food distribution events that may serve 150 families in a single morning. Additionally, our congregations have joined together with several Ecumenical Partners for special community worship services on Good Friday and Thanksgiving week.

Since last we met in assembly we bid farewell to Pr. David Hively and Pr. Robyn Kistemaker as they accepted calls to serve together in VancoWashington. We have welcomed Pr Rebecca Pryzbyski and Pr. Bill Kirsh-Carr, both serving to help with congregational transitions.

Keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God!
Rick Hogan, Dean