



Conference 2 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly Pr. Michael Opfermann, Pilgrim/Marysville

Conference 2 includes the following congregations:

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 – Vacant, Pr. Charlie Martin supplying

Conference 2 gathers every month to check in, discuss what is happening at the synodical and national levels of the church, support one another, and enjoy lunch together. We occasionally meet for breakfast for further support and collegiality. We have started walking through The Strategic Recommendations for the ELCA. In addition, we have spent time discerning how to faithfully lead in “such a time as this” in congregations that are vastly different from one another.

Some of our congregations gather their confirmation students together for “Confirmation Together” events held during the school year. Our most recent gathering invited students to dig into their Bibles and find passages that connect with the fruit of the Spirit.

Transitions/Holy Closures

On September 15, 2025, Pastor Katie Butler presided for the final time at Trinity, Richmond. Trinity was her internship congregation and her first call. We give thanks to God for Pastor Katie, her ministry, and for her call to Faith, Brownstown. Pastor Charlie Martin has stepped in as supply at Trinity.

In 2025, Christ the King in Lapeer concluded their ministry.

St. Peter, St. Clair and St. John's, New Baltimore both have Ministry Site Profiles available and are in the interview stage of the call process.

As always, I give thanks to God for the faithful pastors, LLMs, lay leaders, and congregation members in Conference 2, who gather in worship and do incredible ministry in the blue water area and far beyond!

In Christ,
Pastor Mike Opfermann
Conference 2 Dean