



Conference 9 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

St Paul, Blissfield -- Pr. Rick Hogan
Immanuel, Palmyra-- Pr. Rick Hogan
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
Zion, Petersburg—Pr. Jackie Rau
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 (Closing liturgy 6/28 @ 1pm)
Trinity, Riga—LLM David Corliss

Conference 9 includes congregations from Monroe and Lenawee counties. We gather for support with one another on a bi-monthly basis throughout the year. This year we added evening meetings to include our Licensed Lay Ministers who work during the day.

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.

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. One of our congregations celebrated “Pack a pew” Sunday and awarded a prize to the family that succeeded in packing their pew with the most people.

Since we last met in assembly, we celebrated the ministry of Pr. David Vinceguerra who is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement. We have welcomed Pr Jackie Rau to the conference, who is serving at Zion, Petersburg in their time of transition. We learned St. Paul, Temperance has set their closing liturgy for June 28 at 1pm.

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