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Dear Members of the Neighbors in Christ Congregations:

We will soon be entering the Season of Advent. I look forward to joining with you as we anticipate our celebration of Christmas.

I am so appreciative of being able to serve you as your part-time (.75) interim pastor. My agreement with the Neighbors in Christ Council has the additional pastoral duty of serving you as a pastoral consultant to prepare Neighbors in Christ Parish for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

You will soon be hearing about the LEAD Assessment and your role in completing that assessment. I am certain when that assessment has been completed, we will learn much about how to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

You, the congregations of Augustana Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and Saint John the Baptist Lutheran Church, are a people of spirit, resilience, and hope. May God continue to bless you with His Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Leonard Hummel