

MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



We are going to be talking about the call. No. I am not talking about the phone call with your friend. Nor am I talking about a phone call asking you about a new job opportunity. I am talking about the divine call into the public ministry.

In the past God called people directly into the public ministry. You see examples of this in the Old Testament like Moses where God spoke to him in the burning bush (Ex 3), or Isaiah when he saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted and the train of his robe filled the temple (Isa. 6). You see how Jesus called people directly like Peter into the ministry, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Mk. 1:17), or how he came to Paul in a blinding light in Acts chapter 9. When God calls a person directly into the ministry, we call that an immediate call.

However, I can’t say that God came to me directly in a dream and told me to be a pastor. He didn’t call to me from a burning bush and told me to stay in Monroe or go to Belle Plaine. Instead when we talk about receiving a divine call, we are talking about the divine call issued by a group of Christians.

So if the call into the public ministry is issued by a group of Christians, why do we still call it a “divine” call? There are four reasons.

1) The call to the public ministry is divine because God **ordained** the public ministry in the church. Ephesians 4:11-12 says, *“He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ.”*

2) The call to the public ministry is divine because God calls ministers **through** his church. We can be confident that even though a group of believers in the church issues the call (Example: Acts 6:1-6 where they chose 7 men To help the apostles carry out the ministry), the Holy Spirit is working through the church that does the calling Acts 20:28, *“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.”*

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COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the Wednesday that precedes that Sunday. Both Individual and Common Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



Wed., Sept. 30 & Oct. 14
Sun., Oct. 4 & 18

Tuesday Worship

We have a 1:30 p.m. worship service on the second Tuesday of the month with Individual Communion.



Tues., Oct. 13

WELLSPRING

Zion conducts worship services at The Wellspring Lutheran Home on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Services begin at 10 a.m. The Wellspring Lutheran Home is located at 1236 S. Monroe St.



**October Schedule:
Due to Phase 4
COVID-19,
NO SERVICES**

3)The call to the public ministry is divine because it comes **from** those and **through** those whom God has entrusted with the authority to administer the means of grace and the ministry of the keys, that is, the church. John 20:21-23 *“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.’ After saying this, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”*

4)The call to the public ministry is divine because the Lord of the church **guides** the events of his church. He is the one who guides someone to accept or decline a call.

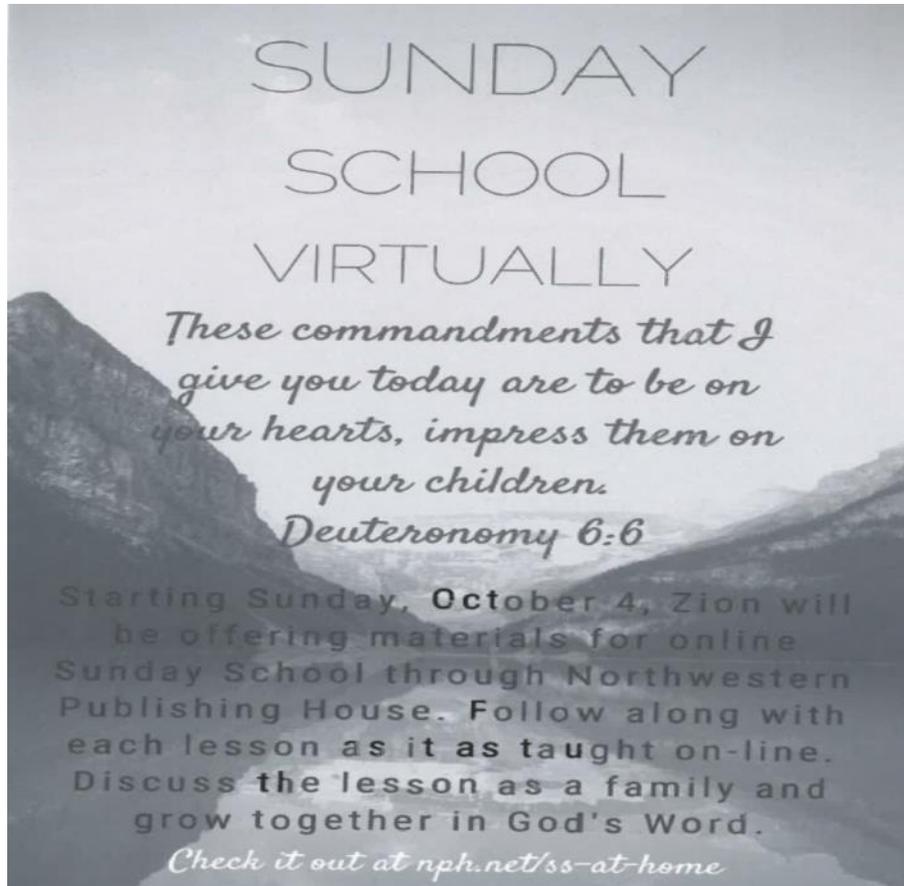
How does the Holy Spirit guide someone to accept or decline a call? It is done in a mediate manner *through* people. As a person is deliberating their call, they will allow their judgments to be shaped and guided by God’s Word. They listen to their brothers and sisters in faith and welcome their input. They consider how accepting or declining a call can best serve the interests of Christ’s church at large. What an amazing thing that God uses people in the the calling process. You are a part of that deliberation process! With all calls, reach out and offer input and feedback. Learn about the other ministry and give you advise on where the individual can best use their gifts, talents, and abilities. After a decision is reached to accept or decline a call, we can be confident that this is where the Lord wants them to serve.

Thank you to everyone who reached out to me and kept me in your prayers. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, *“‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”*

Pastor Daniel Slaughter

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — Zion started a school in 1858. Currently we teach students from Preschool through 8th grade. Our staff of five teachers are both certified and experienced to provide instructions in all academic areas, but especially in God's Word. They are:

Deanna Schneck — Preschool

Stacey Sordahl—Kindergarten

Michelle Roth — Grades 1 & 2

Kurt Nielsen — Grades 3, 4, & 5

Bryan Schneck — Grades 6, 7, & 8 and Principal

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION—Plans to begin a new class are being scheduled to start in November. Please contact either of the pastors if you have questions or would be interested in attending.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PASTOR SLAUGHTER HAS ACCEPTED ANOTHER DIVINE CALL – On Sun., Sept. 13, Pastor Slaughter announced that after prayerful deliberation he has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, MN. Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” He is planning that Sunday, Nov. 1, be his last Sunday to preach. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

PASTOR ULRICH’S EMAIL: We have been made aware that Pastor Ulrich’s email is being used for a phishing scam. If you have received an email asking for you to purchase any gift cards on behalf of Pastor Ulrich - this is a **SCAM**. Please if you did receive it – delete it – do not respond to it.

WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER: Zion Elders and Council have decided at this time that with still being in Phase 4 of COVID-19 we are going to maintain the current worship schedule. So there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Class or Youth Group. **Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 13 @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Sept. 17 for October. The Worship schedule will be reviewed on October 15 for November. Thank you for your patience.

TRUNK-O-TREAT OCT. 31ST, NOON-2 PM: CEA will not be able to host the traditional Harvest Party this year due to COVID-19. CEA has decided to have **TRUNK-O-TREAT**. They are asking for volunteers to come pass out candy in the Zion parking lot from Noon-2pm. You are free to decorate your trunk (not required) in a Harvest Party acceptable theme. If you would like to join in on the fun just call the office to register your vehicle. All children are welcome to come and get some candy at NO cost.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: Do you have too much produce in your garden? Are you afraid it will go bad before you can use it all? We have a solution – bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There is a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS: If you have received a letter asking you to consider a church council position, **please return the letter or tell one of the pastors of your decision to accept or decline the position by Thurs., Oct. 15th.** Thank you and God Bless You.

OUTDOOR FALL DECORATIONS NEEDED – We would like to decorate our church/school grounds for fall. If you have any outdoor fall decorations that you would like to donate, please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NO SCHOOL – There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 7-9, 2020. Zion's teachers will be doing an In-service. School will resume 8:00 a.m., Mon., Oct. 12th.

DONATION DRIVE FOR ZION FOOD PANTRY: In the last few weeks we have had many inquiries into if we need any items for our food pantry here at Zion. We have compiled a list of items that are needed. Thank you in advance for your help.

Macaroni & Cheese
Cereal - Small individual boxes
Oatmeal - instant individual packets
Peanut butter – small jars
Jelly – small jars
Pancake mix
Syrup
Rice – instant white rice
-packets used for a side dish
Ramen noodles
Canned tuna
Canned chicken
Boxes of tuna chicken helper
Campbell's chunky beef stew
Campbell's ravioli
Cans of baked beans
Cans of waxed beans
Small bottles of vinegar
Chili mix packets
Maruchan instant lunch soup cups
Cream of chicken soup
Cream of mushroom soup
Small dish soaps

Do not need canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce or noodles, pears

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY FOOD DRIVE: Annually, Zion participates in the WLS Food Drive. This year due to COVID-19 concerns, WLS has asked congregations to NOT gather food items. Instead they are asking for monetary gifts. So if you would like to donate, send your gift to: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary—Note, FOOD DRIVE on your check. The address is: 11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon, WI 53902-1546. Thank You.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HIM + HER WORSHIP is a WELS worship band and they will be making their way to Zion. Join us on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm** for a Worship Concert **AND Sunday, October 25th** for a Worship Service featuring some of their music! You can find them on Instagram, Spotify, YouTube, Facebook to preview music.

HIM + HER WORSHIP



CONCERT | WEDNESDAY OCT 21ST | 7:00 PM

WORSHIP | SUNDAY OCT 15TH | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

follow @himandherworship to learn more

LADIES ADVENT TEA CANCELLED: Due to COVID-19 concerns, regrettably the 2020 Ladies Advent Tea has been cancelled.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HVL NEWS: HVL Virtual Auction

A huge thank you for everyone's tremendous support of the auction. Over \$40,000 was raised! Every dollar raised assists HVL in carrying out its mission of preparing students for life. Praise God for the wonderful generosity of our supporters!

Accreditation News

Every five years, HVL hosts a site visit team to renew our accreditation through WELSSA and NCPSA. This week we received news from our site visit that HVL is being recommended for Exemplary Accreditation Status! This status requires meeting 95% of the standards. (HVL met 98% of the standards.) We will be receiving a full report from the site team with recommendations that we will incorporate into our 5-year school improvement plans. Receiving exemplary status is a testament to our faculty, staff, students, parents, and association!

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

For the last several years, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has offered an event called Cardinal for a Day. Schools and churches were welcome to bring their K-8 students for a morning of games, tours, and mini-classes - to experience what it's like to be an MLS student for the day. Two of these events are held each year, one in mid-fall and the other in mid-winter.

Unfortunately, current restrictions do not allow us to hold the fall Cardinal for a Day on its scheduled date of October 23, 2020. We plan instead to hold both events in mid-winter. The first will be held on January 15, 2021, as previously scheduled. The second will be held on a date to be determined, most likely in March.

In place of the fall event, we are offering a virtual Cardinal for a Day! Classrooms can tune in between 12:45-2:45 EST for a chapel devotion, choir anthem, school tour, and six mini-classes (three for K-4 graders and three for 5-8 graders.) The rough schedule is below:

Virtual Cardinal for a Day Schedule

12:45-1:05 Chapel & Concert Choir anthem

1:05-1:35 Live campus tour with MLS student ambassadors

1:35-1:45 Break

1:45-2:43 Three 18 minute mini-classes with 2 minute passing time

2:43-2:45 Brief closing announcements

In the coming weeks, more information - including links to view the live stream and mini-class subjects - will be sent to you and displayed on the MLS website. In the meantime, please share this information with your faculties and families, and encourage them to tune in on the afternoon of October 23! The live stream will also be archived and available on the MLS YouTube channel if families at your church or school are unable to view in real time.



KILLARNEY LUTHERAN CAMP FALL FEST

October 16th-18th, 2020

Come and enjoy some fall fun in a SAFE, outdoor environment!

Please be sure to maintain social distancing, proper hand hygiene and stay home if you are sick!

Decorate a pumpkin under the large pavillion 10am-12pm

Reverse raffle baskets will be down in the small pavilion from 2pm-7pm

Winners announced at 7:30pm by the fire!

Trick-or-Treat

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Don't forget to bring a costume and candy to pass for trick-or-treating!

Enjoy cider and donuts by the fire pit by the cabins 6:30pm-10pm

Join us for Worship at 7pm at the big firepit!

Saturday 10/17

Camp site decorating contest! Decorate your campsite with fall decorations for a chance to win 2 nights *free camping!*

CALL TO RESERVE A SITE DAN FUERSTENBERG 517-467-4511

KILLARNEY LUTHERAN CAMP 1200 CHISHOLM RD, ONSTED, MI 49265





Principal's Report – October Zion Newsletter

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11

It can be so easy to give in to frustration and doubt in our challenging times. At those times we need to take a step back and remind ourselves that "God's got this."

While our school and classroom schedules and activities are certainly different from what we are used to, students and teachers have adapted well to the changes, and learning, especially learning about our Savior's love, continues daily. I have been impressed with how much our school family continues to face minor challenges with joy as we remember the overwhelming joy and blessing of serving a God who provides for all of our daily needs, and who has fulfilled our greatest need by providing his Son as our Savior. We have already seen God's plan and blessings manifested in the challenges we face, and we continue to wait and see what further blessings God will provide through them.

Though we have not been able to do school-wide activities this year, we still enjoy the blessing of getting together for weekly chapel services. Apart from that, our school classrooms are largely self-contained. While in "phase 4" of the governors Safe Schools Plan we have not been able to start choir and chimes with our students, but we have, with restrictions, been participating in fall sports. The co-ed soccer team have just completed a successful season, and we thank our coaches, Pastor Fager and Pastor Slaughter, for helping our players grow in skills and sportsmanship. We have begun girls' volleyball, coached by Mrs. Hanna Nielsen and Mrs. Stacey Sordahl. While we cannot open matches to our whole school family due to limitations with phase 4 restrictions, we encourage you to wish our players blessings on their season when you see them.

Although we cannot hold our typical CEA Harvest Party this year, our Christian Education Association does plan to host a Trunk-or-Treat for the school and church family on Saturday, October 31st. If you wish to participate with your vehicle or in some other way, please let CEA chairman Kurt Nielsen know.

We are also thankful to the CEA as they are purchasing us new stage curtains for the gymnasium stage. We hope to have them installed in time for our planned Prairie Fire Theatre presentation of "Beauty and the Beast" this April.

Our teachers will not be attending a Michigan District Teacher's Conference as planned in October, but will instead be doing their own in-service development and planning as we continue our focus on professional growth.

Zion Lutheran School is your school ministry. Thank you for your support, and please pray for our students, teachers, and school families. We pray that God continue to bless our school ministry, trusting that our future is in his hands.

In Christ's service and yours,

Principal Bryan Schneck ☺

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

There were 11 members of council present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Sordahl

I. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Ulrich "A NEW CREATION"

II. M/S/C to approve the minutes from 20-AUG-2020 Council Minutes (Krueger, Kipf)

III. M/S/C to approve the submitted Pastoral Report from Sept 17, 2020. (Grubb, Krueger)

IV. M/S/C to approved the Principal Report/Preschool Report as of SEPT 2020 as printed and submitted

(Grubb, Hill)

V. Board Reports

a. M/S/C to accept Board of Ed report as printed, submitted, and distributed. (Krueger, Grubb)

b. M/S/C to accept the SEPT 2020 and Statistical verbal report from Board of Elders. (Krueger, Grubb)

c. Board of Outreach – No report

d. Board of Service & Fellowship – No report

e. Board of Stewardship – No Report

f. Board of Trustees – Verbal Report from Cory Kohler (Kipf, Hill)

Door work has been completed

AC unit was fixed in library

Still looking at sidewalk options for preschool

VI. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet AUG 31 2020, P&L Comparison for JAN-AUG 2020, P&L by class for JAN-AUG 2020, P&L YTD COMPARISON AUG 2020, as printed and submitted, and included in the handout packet (Grubb, Kohler)

We are running close to last years numbers at this time.

VII. Financial Secretary's report is submitted for the month of SEPT 2020 and included in the handout packet. (Kipf, Krueger)

VIII. Committee Reports –

a. Financial Staff Committee – no report

b. Budget Committee – Adjusted projected numbers on multiple line items (Grubb, Kipf)

c. Nominating Committee – 6 Vacancies, 19 Nomination Letters have been sent out, see Pastoral Report

d. Security Committee – No Report

e. Audit Committee – No report

f. Technology Committee –

Video System almost complete

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

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FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

I. Unfinished Business

- a. Tenets of Leadership – The Third Article (The Need for Confessions)
- b. M/S/C to resume discussion on motion of outside employment (Grubb, Hill)
- c. M/S/WITHDRAWN to remove the restriction on outside employment for called workers as long as it doesn't affect their called duties or be inappropriate Motion: (Grubb, Hill) Table: (Heusman, Schneck)
- d. M/S/C to advise voter to follow the policy established 1/28/18 at Voters Meeting (Hill, Grubb)
- e. M/S/C to continue with the current worship schedule (Kipf, Ulrich)
- f. M/S/C to approve \$1500 tuition assistance for member family as recommended by TADS for 2020-21 school year, funds from Member Tuition Assistance fund (Schneck, Grubb)

II. New Business

- a. Discussion on congressional ministry planning for the future, more info to follow in October
- b. M/S/C to budget for 3 housing equity allowances, paid at \$595 per called worker in teacherage/parsonage for 2020-2021 (Krueger, Grubb)

III. With no other business needing attention, a motion was M/S/C to adjourn at 9:37 PM (Krueger, Kipf)

Next council meeting will occur on October 15, 2020 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Grubb

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Thurs., Oct. 1	Post-Heiss Wedding Rehearsal
Fri., Oct. 2	Post-Heiss Wedding
Sun., Oct. 4	Worship Service (IC/CC)
Mon., Oct. 5	Board of Education Meeting
Tues., Oct. 6	Board of Elders Meeting
Wed., Oct. 7	No School – Teacher In-service Worship Service
Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 8-9	No School – Teacher In-service
Sun., Oct. 11	Worship Service
Tues., Oct. 14	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wed., Oct. 14	Worship Service (IC)
Thurs., Oct. 15	Church Council Meeting
Sun., Oct. 18	Worship Service (IC/CC) Open Forum
Wed., Oct. 21	Him & Her Worship Concert
Sun., Oct. 25	Him & Her Worship Service Voter's Meeting
Sat., Oct. 31	Trunk-O-Treat

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Zion,

Thank you for the warm send-off on Sunday and parade last week. It was so kind of you! Thank you for the beautiful card, necklace, monetary gift, and bouquet of flowers. You all have become family, thank you so much for everything you have done to show me kindness and Jesus' hands and heart over the past seven years!

In Christ,
Maria Gines

My new address: 6464 Blue Grosbeak Cir
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARDS

¹⁴ So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

Romans 10:14-15

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Co- CHAIRMAN, TRUSTEES	Corey & Kevin Kohler



OPEN FORUM

9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

VOTERS' MEETING

ELECTIONS FOR 2020

BUDGET FOR 2020

NOON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

THE MESSENGER is printed monthly for the members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church for the purpose of informing them of the upcoming events along with sharing the good news of the Gospel and information about our members. It is also intended to help and inform those not in our church family.

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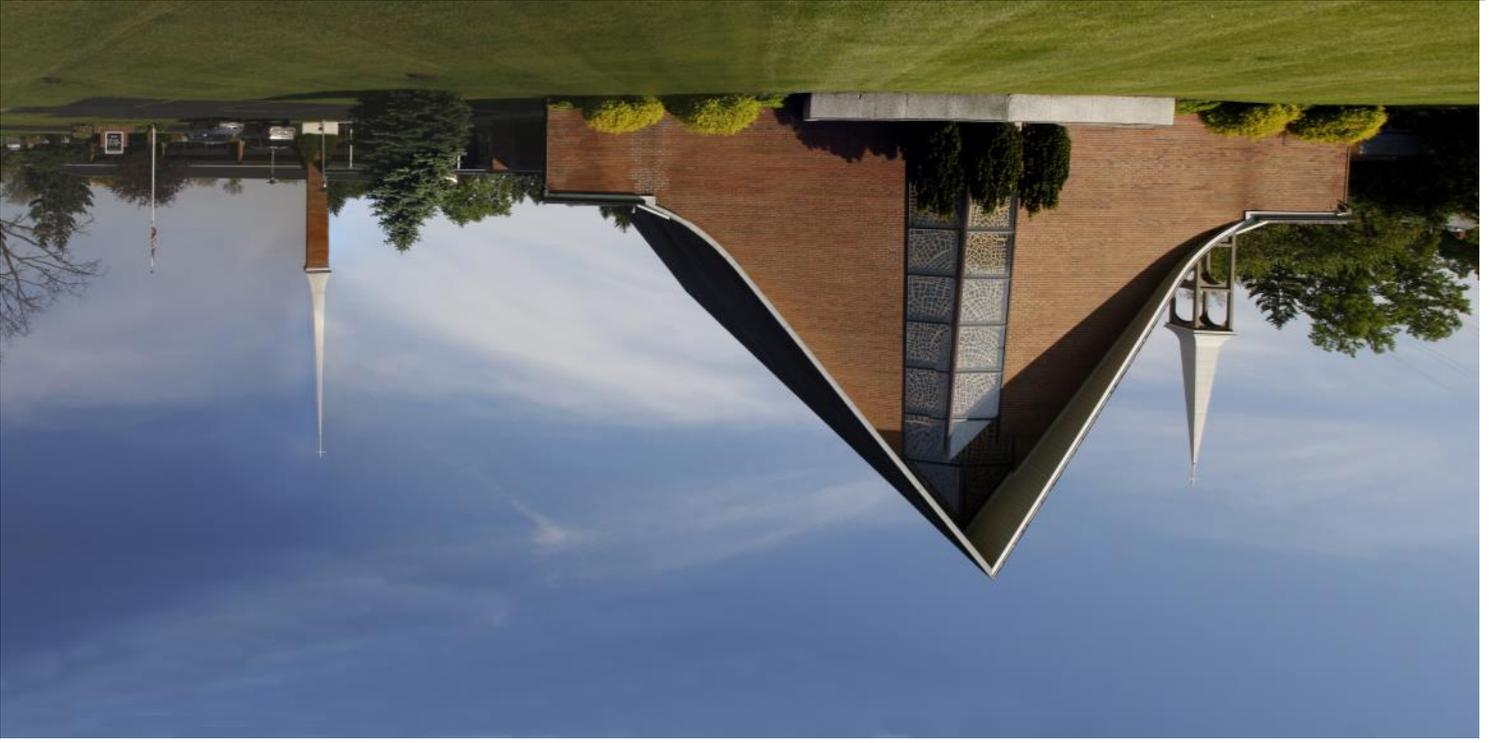
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00 p.m. Post-Heiss Wedding Rehearsal	2 5:00 p.m. Post-Heiss Wedding	3
4 8:30 a.m., & 10:30 a.m. Worship (IC)	5 6:30 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting	6 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting	7 7:00 p.m., Worship	8	9	10
			No School—Teachers' In-service			
11 8:30 a.m., & 10:30 a.m. Worship (IC)	12	13 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)	14 7:00 p.m., Worship (IC)	15 7:00 p.m., Church Council	16	17
18 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship (IC) 9:30 a.m., Open Forum	19	20	21 7:00 p.m., Him & Her Worship Concert	22	23	24
25 8:30 a.m., & 10:30 a.m. Him & Her Worship Service Noon Voters' Meeting	26	27	28 7:00 p.m., Worship (IC)	29	30	31 Noon-2 p.m. Trunk-O-Treat



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