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Church Council
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
c/o Mr. Mike Proper, Church Council President
11895 W. Herbison
Eagle, MI 48822

Dear Church Council Members:

As an individual serving on the board of an incorporated body (the board is the church council; the incorporated body is Immanuel Lutheran Church), I might be, under Michigan state law, personally liable for decisions I make as a board member.

As a Michigan state-licensed and practicing attorney, I must also abide by the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct governing attorneys or risk, at worst, losing my license.

Based upon my research of Michigan statutes and case law; my conversations with another Michigan attorney whose practice primarily encompasses churches; my conversation with a staff attorney for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; inquiries I directed to the Grand Ledge tax assessor; as well as looking at the fact pattern surrounding the current use of the churches' facility by a for-profit business, I conclude that the current use is contrary to Michigan law and most likely subjects the church to being assessed for state property taxes.

My personal opinions, desires, and belief aside, my vote on the issue of allowing this practice as it currently stands would be to oppose it. However, any decisions to be made by Church Council must be voted on by other members, absent my vote.

This letter is to be attached to and made a part of the files and the minutes of the next meeting of Church Council.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Dallam Ayoub

cc: Immanuel Lutheran Church