

*Prayer Concerns - We welcome all to join in prayer...*

♥ We add our prayers in celebration of **Álvaro Rodrigo Caal's** Child Dedication. May God empower and sustain his **parents** and **siblings** and they grow together with Álvaro and may we, as his congregation, join in the nurture of him with love and joy.

♥ We offer joyful prayers of gratitude with **Brenda** and **Randy Self** in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, **Vincent Madeline Self** - born Monday, May 27, to **Gabbi** and **Derek**. Winnie is doing well, as are her parents. And Brenda and Randy are delighted, enjoying time with their expanding family in Iowa.

♥ We pray for the **family** and **friends** of **Jan Niswander Wilt**, who gathered Saturday to celebrate her artful life and commend her soul to God.

♥ We pray for **Jim Myer** and his **family** as they grieve the loss of Jim's brother, **Ron**, last week. May Jim experience God's comforting presence as he grieves this significant loss.

♥ We hold **Mary Ebey** in prayer, as she grieves the loss of her sister, **Esther Ebey**, last week. We pray that Mary will be held in God's comforting love during this time of grieving.

♥ We pray for **all people in our community** dealing with medical challenges; who've had procedures, treatments, and biopsies or received test results, and for those who anticipate medical treatments to come. We pray that all the news be received with strength and courage, and that **each person** be surrounded with the support they need. We also pray for the **caregivers** and **supporters** as we accompany each other in these times of vulnerability.

♥ As we enter **PRIDE** month, we pray for **those whose hearts and souls and lives** have been critiqued and minimized and dehumanized because of who they are and who they love. And we pray that **we** would each compassionately welcome opportunities to expand our capacity to love those who are, even now, being victimized by fear-driven legislation in our state and throughout our country.

♥ We continue to hold in God's Love **all who are suffering** from the ongoing Genocide in **Gaza**; the **children**, the **families**, the **healthcare workers**, the **hostages**, the **aid workers**, the **journalists**, the **common folk** spending their lives on survival in the midst of death and destruction. May God have mercy on them. May God have mercy on **us all**, empowering us to do what we can to put an end to the carnage - and to bring peace with justice to this land we call holy.

♥ We pray with many in our denomination for the emerging church in **South Sudan**. It has many members across the country who embody strong faith and solid doctrine. We pray that the church will be empowered to live and preach the gospel throughout the nation of South Sudan.

♥ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Marion congregation** and **Southern Plains District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(Office Hours: 1 to 3 pm Monday - Friday)

MONDAY, JUN 3

11:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Safety Meeting | Conference Room

12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive | FLC

TUESDAY, JUN 4

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, JUN 5

Midweek Update | YouTube

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:00 p.m. Property Commission | Staff Room

7:30 p.m. PMPC | Conference Room

THURSDAY, JUN 6 (FLC Floors Closed)

1:00 p.m. SMH Working Session | Video Conference

3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission | Video Conference

5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Meeting | Chapel

FRIDAY, JUN 7 (FLC Floors Closed)

12:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Walk & Vigil (meet at Mr. Dave's)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 (wear orange in worship)

9:30 a.m. **Worship: "Designed for Creativity"**

Scripture: Exodus 31:3-5, 35:35

10:30 a.m. Special Called Council Meeting | Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. **Creativity in Community Activity: Design-Zentangle/Pinwheel Project**

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

**NURTURE NUDGE** *What song or type of music heals your soul when you are blue? What music raises your sense of connection to God?*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024



DeVos Place Convention Center  
(Grand Rapids, MI)

July 3-7

[Click here for a guide to registering online](#)

*This Quilt Tile (right) was made by Coreen Spencer for the quilting area at the Annual Conference this year.*



**7PM** **JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP EVENING**

creativity in community activity:  
**SMORE'S BAR & TIE DYE**

Join us this Friday, June 7  
WEAR ORANGE for  
GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY  
Community Witness Walk & Vigil

We invite you to join in a witness and vigil on Friday, June 7th, the Wear Orange National Gun Violence Awareness Day, focused on both prevention of gun violence and a celebration of our safe community. A local community group has been meeting to learn more about prevention of gun violence. In our study, we have discovered that our town has been mostly free of gun violence and we want to celebrate that in addition to honoring the victims of gun violence.

On the 7th, we will gather downtown at the corner of Market and Main Street by Mr. Dave's at 12pm. After a walk we will end at the town parking lot adjacent to the Lutheran Church around 12:30pm. There we will acknowledge the hard reality of present-day violence, celebrate communities free of gun violence, and commit to keeping our communities safe. It should conclude by 12:45pm.


*Our 2nd quarter special offering will benefit Growing Hope Globally, which is in 21 states and 31 countries. As a Christian response to hunger, Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the US with the capability and desire of smallholder farmers in developing countries to learn to grow lasting solutions to hunger. A farmer in a US congregation sets aside a few acres*

*to grow a crop, others donate the seeds, and at harvest the proceeds are sent to Growing Hope Globally. Visit the table in the narthex for photos, stories, and information. Our congregation has been involved with Growing Hope Globally for several years. The designated Sunday for the offering is June 16, but donations will be accepted all month. Thank you for your generosity.*

*-Nan Erbaugh, Witness Commission Chair*



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**SING ME HOME 2024**

**FRIDAY SEPT 13**  
HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
FEATURING SON CHIGUITOS

**SATURDAY SEPT 14**  
UZIMA!  
SADIE GUSTAFSON-ZOOK  
MAY ERLEWINE

**SAT-SUN, OCT 19-20**  
JOE REILLY  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

**SATURDAY NOV 23**  
ARTISAN MARKETPLACE  
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBO  
KELSI COTE  
SETH BERNARD + JORDAN HAMILTON

ALL EVENTS FREE + ALL AGES  
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Sing Me Home 2024 Line-up Announcement!!  
We are excited to welcome new and familiar faces this fall.  
More information and RSVPs: [www.singmehome.org](http://www.singmehome.org)

Our Communal "Creativity in Community" Art Project is taking shape. We invite those near and at a distance to join in the project. Design as many quarter circle sheets as the spirit leads. We will see it come to life on the wall in the narthex throughout the summer. Contact the church office if you have questions.



## CREATIVITY IN COMMUNITY

- June 9: Design-Zentangle/Pinwheel Service Project
- June 16: Friendship Bracelets/Tying Quilts
- June 23: (Outdoor/Evening Worship): S'mores & Tie Dye
- June 30: Annual Conference Kids Lunch Bags Project