Living Word Evangelical Lutheran Church re: Variance request

We're seeking a variance from the current code not allowing EMCs in the I-1 Zone.

There are schools, churches within this same zone that have applied and have been granted this variance in the past.

The closest residential home is roughly 1/8 mile away and that property has several trees that would block the view of the EMC, not to mention the cornfield between the church and the house.