



OPEN ARMS CALLED Pastor Mark Dahn from Peachtree City, Georgia. Pastor Mark has asked us to pray for him, his current church, and Open Arms as he seriously considers this Call and asks for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

PASTOR MARK talked with Pastor Larry Wednesday afternoon. He also talked with Greta and Ted Bower that evening. He plans to talk with the Board members next Tuesday.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEAL TIME PIZZA PARTY on Wednesday, February 28th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The Pizza and Ice Cream are free. The time with your family is precious. The chance to interact with Daycare and Church families builds relationships. Food is available for carry out.

LENTEN SEASON WORSHIP THEME: "FOLLOW JESUS"

- Take Up the Cross and Follow Jesus, February 25th, Mark 8:27-39
- Pray and Follow Jesus, March 3rd, John 2:13-25
- Live in the Light and Follow Jesus, March 10th, John 3:1-21
- Serve and Follow Jesus, March 17th, Mark 10:32-35
- Humbly Follow Jesus, March 24th, Philippians 2:5-11 (Palm Sunday)
- The Lord's Supper, March 28th, Hebrews 9:15, 22, Mark 14:12-26. (Maundy Thursday)
- Listen, Believe and Follow Jesus, March 29th, John 19:17-37 (Good Friday)
- Follow the Risen Lord, March 31st, John 20:1-18. (Easter Sunday)

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Open Arms has the practice of preparing 6th grade youth to receive communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, the commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper. Pastor Larry will lead those classes after the services on February 25th and March 3rd. If you have a 6th grader in your family or know someone who might be interest in being part of the First Communion Classes, please let Pastor Larry know.

A BIG THANK YOU to Marty Moro for leading the Confirmation Class on February 25th and March 3rd while Pastor Larry leads the First Communion classes and to Dave Ferber for leading The Story classes the same two Sundays.

DO YOU HAVE life insurance or an invest with Thrivent. If you do, you qualify for two Action Team Grants each year. Online Applications for one of these grants needs to be submitted at least two weeks before the event. Here are some ideas for ways your action grants could help support a ministry at Open Arms.

- March MEAL Time, March 20th
- Open Arms Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 23rd
- Easter Breakfast, March 31st

THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is March 23. This big event allows Open Arms to welcome the community. Donations of individually wrapped candy and small trinket items are needed to be put into the plastic eggs. Your support and donations are appreciated.

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WAYNE is hosting a free concert of Concordia Irvine's choir. Lutheran Westland's choir will also be participating as well. The concert is Tuesday, February. 27 at 6:30.

MARCH IS READING MONTH at the Daycare. If you would you like to read to one or more classes, contact Greta. She will need this information from you. Name and email address. Class/es interested in visiting. Address (so we can conduct a background check) Will you be bringing your own books or would you like for books to be provided? Date/time available

Available classrooms: Infants (6 weeks - 15 months) Toddlers (15 - 24 months)

Twos (2-3 years) Preschoolers (3-4 years) Preschoolers (4-5 years)

School age children (5-12 years) The last week in March is spring break and we will have many school-age children in full day care.

Best times: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (after 9:30 on Wednesday due to chapel)
3:30 to 4:00 preschoolers. 3:30 to 5:00 inf, tots, 2s

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

- First Communion Classes, February 25 & March 3
- Meal Time Pizza Party, February 28
- March is Reading Month at the Daycare
- Meal Time March 20
- Easter Egg Hunt, March 23
- Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 6:30 PM
- Good Friday Service, March 29, 6:30 PM
- Easter Breakfast, Service, & Egg Hunt, March 31
- Confirmation Sunday, May 12

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