



OPEN ARMS RECEIVED a new Pastor Call List. A copy of the information on all of the Pastors is available for review in the church office. The Call Committee plans to meet April 10th to begin identifying the Pastors from the list to interview.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

- Homeless Lunch Packing, April 14th
- LWML Zone Rally, April 20th
- Confirmands Statement of Faith with Elders, April 21st
- Meal Time & 252 Hygiene Kit assembly, April 24th
- Youth Tailgate Party after Worship Service, April 28th
- Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday, May 12
- May 19th, Deadline for Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" gift cards

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS can be used to support ministries and special events at Open Arms. If you are Thrivent member, please consider using one of your two yearly action grants for one of these upcoming events.

- Belleville Schools Hygiene Kits
- Homeless Lunches, April 14th
- Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" Gift Cards

LADIES OF OPEN ARMS. You are invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, (LWML) Ann Arbor zone rally on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Open Arms. Doors opening at 8:45 am for breakfast being served at 9:00 am. Open Arms Women's Ministry is hosting the breakfast. If you are interested in helping with the breakfast and setting up on Friday evening at 6:30 pm please let Bev Conry know. The speaker for the meeting is from Elly's House in Detroit. There will be a \$5 cost for each person for the breakfast

IT'S TAILGATE PARTY TIME for open arms youth and friends on Sunday, April 28th, with Family Life Student Jackson. Youth 6th grade and their friends are invited for food, games, and some thoughts from Jackson about faith, sports and life.

OPEN ARMS has the opportunity to participate in the *Belleville Rotary Club Hygiene Kit Drive* for high school students and their family members who are experiencing housing insecurity. Please drop off your donation of travel size shampoo and conditioners, face and body wash, moisturizers, chap sticks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, 1-use laundry detergent, and deodorant by April 24th. We plan to assemble the kits after the Meal Time that day.

THE NEXT LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS is Sunday, April 14th right after worship. In order to make these lunches, we are asking for your help. We still need

16 loaves of bread & 30 juice boxes

Please let Dana Underwood at dana.underwood1468@icloud.com if you can make a donation. All donations should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, April 14. Large boxes to put the lunches into to carry to the bus are also needed. Dana is looking for help transporting the lunches and loading them on the bus. If you're not able to make a donation, but still want to help, please consider offering a hand to help make lunches. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Dana or Brandon.

MEAL TIME APRIL 24TH. On the last Wednesday of the month, the day care and congregation family gather together for a meal from 5-6pm. The Elders have coordinated and hosted this event several times since the first MEAL Time in 2022. This event has become very popular with 80-110 people attending. It gives the day care parents a break to spend some time with their children without prepping and cleaning up a meal. It also brings day care and church families together as one to enjoy the meal. Dale and Brenda had the opportunity to do this meal in January. It was a great time and very rewarding. Volunteers are needed so this great event will. The Bucholz are going to be doing the April meal. We will do the meal plan, shopping, and meal preparation. They are looking for volunteers to help serve (4:45pm) and clean up (6pm). This will give volunteers an opportunity to see what a great and rewarding time this is without taking it all on. Please let Dale and Brenda know if you are willing to help. bucholzb@gmail.com or 734-358-6223 (text or call). Dale and Brenda Bucholz.

IT'S "TAKE OUT TUESDAY" TIME. Open Arms will be collecting restaurant gift cards for Veterans between now and May 19th so they have them before Veterans Day on May 27th. Watch for a list of recommended restaurants soon. Contact Melva Coleman if you have any questions.

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