



**OPEN ARMS RECEIVED** a new Pastor Call List. They have identified five potential candidates to interview. The Call Committee will meet again on the 24<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Pastors to be interviewed. Copies of the information on all of the five Pastors are available for review in the church office.

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES**

- Homeless Lunch Packing, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- LWML Zone Rally, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmands Statement of Faith with Elders, April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Meal Time & 252 Hygiene Kit assembly, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Tailgate Party after Worship Service, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday, May 12
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" Gift Cards
- MEAL time April 24<sup>th</sup> or May 29<sup>th</sup>

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, with Family Life Student Jackson. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their friends are invited for food, games, and some thoughts from Jackson about faith, sports and life. Look for Sign-Up Genius from Jackson. Wear a shirt or hat from your school or favorite team.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** sessions for the month of April are Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. The topics for the 2 sessions will include; (1) how to talk about your faith toothers, and (2) what subjects/topics do the attendees want to discuss next. April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the last session until September 2024. The Men's Bible Study group has been asked to host one of the Summer MEAL Time events.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to assemble the kits after the Meal Time that day.

**PACKING LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS** is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> right after worship. Thanks to all who donated and to Brandon and Dana Underwood for coordinating this.

**MEAL TIME APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**. On the last Wednesday of the month, the day care and congregation family gather together for a meal from 5-6pm. This event has become very popular with 80-110 people attending. It brings day care and church families together as one to enjoy the meal. Dale and Brenda Bucholz 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. They will do the meal plan, shopping, and meal preparation for the April 24<sup>th</sup> MEAL time. 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).

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

**LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES** is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Walled Lake, MI in the fall. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

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