

**WHETHER YOU STAY HOME** or hit the road, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

**THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND,** remember those who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and thank God for the freedoms we have. Remember Jesus gave up His life on the cross for us that we would be set free from slavery to sin and given a new life in Christ. Follow Jesus' example and help those you can and work for the good of all.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a Memorial Event on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Christ Our King Lutheran Church, 3255 Saline Waterworks Road, Saline from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

MAY IS VETERAN'S SUPPORT MONTH. Sunday is the last day to bring in items, restaurant gift cards or financial donations for the men and women at the V.A. hospital. Thanks to all who have help support our Vets. A special thanks to the Day Care children and families. Chapel donations for May will be used for this special project.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Spring Clean up on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**JUNE IS HOPE MONTH** at Open Arms. Each Sunday's service will focus on a different aspect of hope.

•	June 5	"Anchored Hope"	Hebrews 6:19	
•	June 12	"Expressed Hope"	Hebrews 10:23	
•	June 19	"Living Hope"	Hebrews 11:1	
•	June 26	"Enduring Hope"	1 Thessalonians 1:3	(Pastor Rob Kasper)

**THE HOPE WALL:** You may have a story to tell about how God helped you and gave you hope, or a favorite Bible passage, song, or book that helps renew your hope. We will be putting up a Hope Wall for people to tell their stories, share their words of encouragement and tell others where they may find encouragement and hope.

"MAKE WAVES" is the theme for our Vacation Bible School July 31 to August 4. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Noel Granger at <a href="mailto:noel.granger16@gmail.com">noel.granger16@gmail.com</a>.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS** about the Christian Faith or Open Arms? Pastor Larry would like to talk with you. Check below for his contact information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – NEXT STEPS: The group will be taking the summer off. Sessions will re-start in September 2022 (date/time will be announced). I want to also "thank" those men who attended our sessions in 2021/22. It was certainly an excellent opportunity to join in some fellowship and become more familiar with several books of the New Testament. If you did not attend our sessions, I want to personally invite you to join us in September. The sessions are an opportunity to learn more about the New Testament, expand your faith, plus we have some fun along the way. If you have any questions, you may contact me at ferber\_david@yahoo.com. Thank you, and I pray you and your families have a wonderful summer.

**STOP AND THINK** if you are asked to sign the petition for to place the "Reproductive Freedom for All" Michigan constitutional amendment on the ballot. This pro-abortion amendment would radically change protections for unborn children and medical professionals who conscientiously object to preforming abortions. Our Christian faith believes that human life is a precious gift from God and should be protected at stages of life, starting with conception. For more information go to <a href="https://www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org">www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org</a>

**EYE GLASS DONATIONS** to MOST ministries helps people in developing countries see better. You can drop off glasses you no longer need at Open Arms.

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TAYLOR** needs empty egg cartons for the food pantry in Taylor. They can also be dropped off at Open Arms.

**CALLING A GARDENERS!** The planting areas and landscape islands in the parking lot need a little T.L.C. If you like to garden, want to grow some flowers or even some vegetables to share with others, consider adopting a planter. The church plot and planter sign up will be posted by Sunday, June 5. It would be great to have both church and day families spruce up the property.

**THE WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE** is a little early this week because Pastor Larry will be attending Intentional Interim Ministry continuing education conference Wednesday and Thursday.

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