



*Serving People! Sharing Jesus! Sending Servants!*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY** are back. Children's Church will be right after the Children's Message, near the start of the service. Children may stay in church with their parents if they do not go to Children's Church.

**OPEN ARMS IS COLLECTING** the following items for the homeless: Men's socks, Men's underwear, Gloves and Men's jeans. If you would prefer to donate cash or gift cards, Brandon and Dana Underwood will purchase what is needed. Your generosity is appreciated.

**CHANGES ARE UNDERWAY !** New windows have been installed. Blinds are coming soon. The video and audio booth are being expanded. New carpeting will be installed. The Belleville Road sign needs to be replaced. Options are being explored at this time.

**MESSAGE FROM DEB KASPER, Women's Bible Study leader.** "We are going to start a morning Bible Study for women on Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30AM. This will be twice monthly. A second study will start later this fall on zoom in the evening." Contact Deb at this email address to sign up or for more information. [robertkasper45@yahoo.com](mailto:robertkasper45@yahoo.com)

**OPEN ARMS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** begins again in September. The first session is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Upper Room The group will resume the study of Ephesians beginning with chapters 2 & 3. "Men of Open Arms, if you have not had the opportunity to attend one of our sessions, I encourage you to take some time to reflect and pray about attending. We discuss how the scriptures impact each of us in today's challenging environment." If you have any questions, please contact me, David Ferber. ([ferber\\_david@yahoo.com](mailto:ferber_david@yahoo.com)).

**THE ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST** at Open Arms is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to connect with our community. Donations needed: Pumpkins of various sizes. Marshmallows for roasting. Fudge stripe cookies. Halloween candy. Goldfish. Pretzels. M&M's. Gummy bears. Help needed: Friday night set-up, 5:30 p.m. Photo booth design and set up. Saturday morning set up, 9:00 a.m. Saturday event help (welcome table, refreshments, games, fire pits/s'mores). Saturday clean up (after event). **TRUNK OR TREAT CAR HOSTS**

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> after the service. Parents, please let Brenda Bucholz know if your son or daughter plans to attend. Thanks

**WORSHIP THEMES:** “Standing Together”, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for our First Responders

- Living the Mission, The Why and How of “Sharing Jesus,” “Serving People,” “Sending Servants” Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>”
- Reformation Celebration, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents will be after the worship service on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and will decide on class day and time, Both students and parents should attend this introductory meeting. Sessions will begin the first week of October. If your son or daughter plans to be in confirmation class this year, please contact Pastor Larry.

**THE 252 PROGRAM** for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and is open to church members and children from the public. The program is based on the description of Jesus in Luke 2:52. Last year’s leader moved away. We are looking for a coordinator, weekly lesson leaders, and people willing to teach “life skills.” Contact Pastor Larry for more info. We hope that 252 will return early this Fall.

**CHAMPIONS FOR LIBERTY LIVE SEMINAR, September 17 | Livonia.** Join Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, for a LIVE seminar entitled “Champions for Liberty.” The seminar, which will take place at Christ Our Savior, Livonia from 9 a.m.-noon will set forth the foundational, constitutional protections provided for Christians in the Bill of Rights and how the Christian lives in the public square. This is a FREE event. Contact the church office at 734.522.6830 if you plan to attend.

**A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Prayers for First Responders, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with Dr Chad Lakies, Talking about Faith, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Acolyte training, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>
- Women’s and Men’s Bible studies begin, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades confirmation meeting, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Next MEAL Time, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Harvest Festival, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

**PRIORITY CHALLENGES FOR OPEN ARMS:** Engaging our Community. Expanding Fellowship Opportunities. Talking about the Christian Faith. Recognizing and using our Gifts. (From Visioning meeting)

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**PLEASE SCAN** if you want to contact the church, update your information, or leave a message for Pastor Larry. Thanks

