



HAVE YOU BEEN READING through the New Testament in 2023 with other members of the Open Arms family? Read these passages each day. Participate in a weekly summary of the reading the following Sunday. You can find the readings at www.biblegateway.com at their read the Bible link. Select reading New Testament in One Year and the translation you want to use.

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS January 12th – 22nd

12 th	Matthew 9:9-34	18 th	Matthew 12:22-45
13 th	Matthew 9:35-10:15	19 th	Matthew 12:46-13:23
14 th	Matthew 10:16-33	20 th	Matthew 13:24-46
15 th	Matthew 10:34-11:15	21 st	Matthew 13:47-14:12
16 th	Matthew 11:16-30	22 nd	Matthew 14:13-36
17 th	Matthew 12:1-21		

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Administrative Board January 16th at 6:30
- 252 for Elementary Youth Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:00
- Life Sunday January 22nd
- Lutheran Schools Week January 22nd – 29th
- MEALTIME Chili Cookoff, January 25th
- Blessed Be the Pie Makers (Pies after the service) January 29th
- Day Care Valentines Breakfast, February 14th

CALLING ALL BAKERS! We are planning a to serve Pies after the service on January 29th. Volunteers are needed to bake the pies. The Fellowship Group will be coordinating this event. You can sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church if you will bring a pie(s) on the 29th.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the Welcome Center. You can write your name on the envelope if giving cash or place your check inside the envelope. You can also make your donation online on the church website. That way Open Arms will be able to track your donations for you for tax purposes if you write off your offerings.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were emailed this week. If you did not receive yours or have questions, please contact Debbie at the church office.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? If you are, you can get two “Action Teams Grants” for \$250 every calendar year. Those grants can be used for a variety of purposes. Here are some upcoming events at Open Arms that could use the support of your Thrivent Action Team Grant:

- Day Care Valentine’s Day Breakfast for families
- MEALTIMES the last Wednesday of each month.
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Brunch
- Teacher Appreciation Week in May
- Food and clothing for the homeless
- Memorial Day collections for Veterans
- Equipment for Summer play times
- Other Service and Outreach events and activities as they come up

THE 2023 MEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room on

Jan. 24th	Feb. 21st	March 21st	April 18th
Jan 31st	Feb. 28th	March 28th	April 25th

Sessions will begin with the New Testament letters from John, John 1, 2 & 3. Men of Open Arms, make one of your New Year’s resolutions to attend one or more of these Bible Study opportunities and invite a friend. If you have any questions, please contact David Ferber (ferber_david@yahoo.com).

THE CHRISTIAN “GPS” or GOSPEL POSITIONING SYSTEM series begins January 8th. The Gospel helps us navigate through life as followers of Jesus Christ. What we do as Christians flows from who we are in Christ. During the GPS series we will look at the Gospel readings to see how God directs our lives to Do what He wants us to do and to Be who He wants us to be. This week’s topic is “Point” people to Jesus.

MEALTIME CHILI COOKOFF is January 25th. This is a time for Day Care and Church families to enjoy a free meal together, relax, and talk with each other. We are looking for people who would like to be part of the Chili Cookoff challenge. Sign up! Who has the best Chili in the Open Arms family? Find out on the 25th. We serve from 5:00 to 6:00.

“THE WORD WORKS” is the title for the Michigan District theological conference on February 4th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lansing. More information is available at michigandistrict.org/theological23. Registration is \$25 per person or \$15 for students. Registration to live stream the conference is free.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH NEEDS A VOLUNTEER for the third Sunday of each month. Thanks to Jen Pape for coordinating the program and serving on the third Sunday since last September. Contact Pastor Larry if you can help.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW to talk with other people about the Christian Faith? You can get a better idea at a special class to be held on Sunday, January 22nd, following the worship service. Contact Marty Moro for more information. Morom3@yahoo.com

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in learning more about the Christian Faith or want to become a member of Open Arms, you are invited to a series of five class that will be held after the worship service beginning February 5th. Dave Ferber will be leading each session. Contact Dave at ferber_david@yahoo.com or talk with Pastor Larry for more information.

A BIG THANK YOU to Melva Coleman, Rick Karaschin, and Cindy Prince for serving on the church Administrative Board. We welcome David Ferber, Brandon Underwood, and Christina Wurm to the Board. Their first “official” meeting is Monday, the 16th.

CIRCUIT VISITOR, Pastor David McCarty, will meet with the Board on Monday January 16th to begin the process for Calling a Pastor for Open Arms. The Board plans to begin the Call Process in the next couple of months. Look for more information when we have it.

JUST SO YOU KNOW, Pastor Larry and Joan have made the commitment to continue serving at Open Arms through 2023, if necessary. Serving beyond that will be considered if Open Arms does not have a new Pastor by the end of the year.



January 22nd – 29th. If you get a chance, send a thank you note or drop off some food for the Teachers and Staff that week to express your support for the great job they are doing of sharing God’s love with the children in their care.

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

