



**DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** January 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 12:46-13:23	25 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 16:13-17:9
20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13:24-46	26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 17:10-27
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 13:47-14:12	27 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 18:1-20
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 14:13-36	28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 18:21-19:12
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 15:1-28	29 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 19:13-30
24 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15:29-16:12		

**A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Life Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Lutheran Schools Week January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
- MEALTIME Chili Cookoff, January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Blessed Be the Pie Makers (Pies after the service) January 29<sup>th</sup>
- No 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class January 29<sup>th</sup>
- Day Care Valentines Breakfast, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**INFORMATION ABOUT LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** and children's coloring pages will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday.

**CALLING PIE BAKERS!** We are planning a to serve Pies after the service on January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**MEALTIME CHILI COOKOFF** is January 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 will help provide side dishes. Sign up! Who has the best Chili in the Open Arms family? Find out on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We serve from 5:00 to 6:00.

**THE DAY CARE CHILDREN** will sing at 5:30 during the MEALTIME on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Come out to enjoy some chili and listen to them sing.

**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 WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30AM at Sam’s restaurant and is studying the book of James. The evening zoom study starts at 6:30PM on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, looking at the Book of Acts. Please contact Deb Kasper for next meeting date or if you would like to join. [robertkasper45@yahoo.com](mailto:robertkasper45@yahoo.com) Copies of the Acts study guide are in Pastor Larry’s office.

**THE CHRISTIAN “GPS” or GOSPEL POSITIONING SYSTEM** series continues this week as we think about “Following Jesus!” 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.

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

**THANKS TO** Jen Pape for volunteering to continue coordinating the Children’s Church program and serving on the third Sunday of the month.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the worship service. Contact Marty Moro for more information. [Morom3@yahoo.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>. Dave Ferber will be leading each session. Contact Dave at [ferber\\_david@yahoo.com](mailto:ferber_david@yahoo.com) or talk with Pastor Larry for more information. Class participants can pick up a copy of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation at the Welcome Center on Sunday.

**PRESIDENT TIM MANTHEI** will give up an update after the service this Sunday on starting the process for Calling the future full time Pastor for Open Arms. Pastor Larry has committed to continue serving at Open Arms at least through the end of 2023 if necessary.



**JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** is National Lutheran Schools Week. Special Dress Up Days are planned each day of the week. Monday, Class Colors. Tuesday, Sports Team. Wednesday, Crazy Hair / Hat. Thursday, Character Dress Up. Friday Pajama Day.

**GRIEF SHARE CLASSES** will begin on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Christ Our King Lutheran Church, 3255 Saline Waterworks Road, in Saline. The thirteen weekly session meet from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The workbooks cost \$20. Registration is not required. For more information contact Pastor Don Kirchhoff at [don.kirchhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:don.kirchhoff@hotmail.com)

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

