



THE LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES “Jesus Promises”

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| • February 26 th | “I Will Always Love You” | |
| • March 5 th | “I Will Never Leave You” | |
| • March 12 th | “I Forgive You” | |
| • March 19 th | “I Will Give You My Robe” | |
| • March 26 th | “I Invite You into My Presence” | |
| • April 2 nd | “I Come In the Name of the Lord” | Palm Sunday |
| • April 6 th | “I Give You a New Covenant” | Maundy Thursday |
| • April 7 th | “I Can Turn Your Tragedy into Triumph” | Good Friday |
| • April 9 th | “I Have Won the Victory Over Sin” | Easter Sunday |

REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS:

- What new insights did you get about the Christian faith and life?
- What did you learn in this week’s readings?
- What do you have questions about from this week’s readings?

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS February 23rd – March 2nd

Feb. 23 rd	Mark 6:30-56	Feb. 27 th	Mark 9:1-29
Feb. 24 th	Mark 7:1-23	Feb. 28 th	Mark 9:30-10:12
Feb. 25 th	Mark 7:24-8:10	March 1 st	Mark 10:13-31
Feb. 26 th	Mark 8:11-38	March 2 nd	Mark 10:32-52

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS is the title for a simple devotion for you to use with family or a friend. They will be given out at the Ash Wednesday service. Extra copies of the devotional and walk path will be available at Open Arms and on Sunday for those who do not make it to the Ash Wednesday service.

ARE YOU GIVING SOMETHING UP FOR LENT? Some people give up something during the Lenten Season to remind them that Jesus gave up His life for us. You can donate the money you save giving up Starbucks, Chocolate, etc. and put it in the black box on the cross in the worship area. The money collected will be give to help people in need.

DANIEL JAKOB, our Family Life Intern, spent part of his Christmas Break in Israel. Daniel will begin leading a Sunday morning, “Journey Through the Land Where Jesus Walked.” Everyone is invited to join Daniel after the service on March 5th.

THE CHURCH BOARD is working on the Background Study for the Michigan District Office to help them prepare the Pastor Call List for Open Arms. The board plans to hold their regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month and have a second meeting each month to work on the Call. We plan to keep you informed as the Call Process proceeds.

THE OPEN ARMS BACKGROUND STUDY includes basic questions about the church, church and community demographics, financial information, a Day Care report, Mission focus information, and staff interviews.

PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED EMAIL addresses to our Administrative Assistant, Deborah Reszke at dreszke@openarmscenter.com. Open Arms Members and regular worship attenders will be sent an online survey from the District sometime in March. Please also give us the email addresses for all confirmed youth so that they can also complete the survey.

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Commissioning of Deacon David Ferber, March 5th
- A Journey Through the Land Where Jesus Walked with Intern Daniel Jakob, March 5th
- Board Call Meeting, March 9th
- Membership Information Class, March 12th
- Elders, March 13th
- Quilting Day, March 18th
- Study with Intern Daniel Jakob, March 19th
- Board Regular Meeting, March 20th
- Movie Night March 24th
- Meal-Time, March 29th
- Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 1st
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th
- Good Friday, April 7th
- Easter Service, Egg Hunt & Brunch, April 9th

THRIVENT ACTION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- March MEALTIME, March 29th
- Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch
- Teacher Appreciation Week in May
- Food and clothing for the homeless
- Memorial Day collections for Veterans

VACATION BIBLE is scheduled for July 30th – August 3rd. Theme: “Follow Jesus!” Save the date and volunteer to help Open Arms reach Belleville children and the families for Christ.

THE OPEN ARMS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is April 1st. Please bring candy to fill the eggs to church on Sunday or during the week. This annual event is a great way to connect with the greater Belleville community.

MARCH IS READING MONTH. If you would like to volunteer to read to one or more of our Day Care Classrooms during March, please contact our Day Care Director, Greta Bower.
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THE DONATION CROSS



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