



**PRAISE THE LORD!** The Power that went out at Open Arms during the evening hours on February 22<sup>nd</sup> was restored March 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning. Even though we were not able to have services during the time or keep the Day Care open, we still had the power of God’s love and Spirit with the whole time.

**THE LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES “Jesus Promises”**

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| • March 5 <sup>th</sup>  | “I Will Always Love You”          |                 |
| • March 12 <sup>th</sup> | “I Forgive You”                   |                 |
| • March 19 <sup>th</sup> | “I Will Never Leave You”          |                 |
| • March 26 <sup>th</sup> | “I Give You My Robe”              |                 |
| • April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | “I Come In the Name of the Lord”  | Palm Sunday     |
| • April 6 <sup>th</sup>  | “I Give You the New Covenant”     | Maundy Thursday |
| • April 7 <sup>th</sup>  | “I Can Turn Tragedy into Triumph” | Good Friday     |
| • April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | “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** March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mark 10:32-52	March 6 <sup>th</sup> Mark 12:35-13:13
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark 11:1-25	March 7 <sup>th</sup> Mark 13:14-37
March 4 <sup>th</sup> Mark 11:27-12:17	March 8 <sup>th</sup> Mark 14:1-26
March 5 <sup>th</sup> Mark 12:18-34	March 9 <sup>th</sup> Mark 14:27-52

**“JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND WHERE JESUS WALKED”** is the title for the Sunday morning study Family Life Intern Daniel Jakob will begin leading this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after the service. Daniel spent part of his Christmas break in Israel and has insights to share. Everyone is invited. The class would continue on March 19<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**DAILY LENTEN DEVOTION** from Lutheran Hour Ministries is available at [Lenten Devotions :: Lutheran Hour Ministries \(lhm.org\)](http://LentenDevotions.LutheranHourMinistries(lhm.org)). *“Man of Sorrows, People of Joy”* paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew’s Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior.

**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.  
[gbower@openarmscenter.com](mailto:gbower@openarmscenter.com)

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU REVIEWED LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM ?**

You now have the opportunity to renew your knowledge of the small catechism and the theology of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. On March 12th, following our worship service, the first session of the New Members Class will begin. The current schedule for the sessions is 3/12, 3/26 & 4/23. Please bring your Bible and get to know our new members. Our desire to learn more regarding our Christian faith should be never ending."

**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, community, demographics, financial information, daycare, mission focus, and staff interviews.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED EMAIL** addresses to our Administrative Assistant, Deborah Reszke at [dreszke@openarmscenter.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>
- A Journey Through the Land Where Jesus Walked, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>
- Board Call Meeting, March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Membership Information Class, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Quilting Day, March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Study with Intern Daniel Jakob, March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Board Regular Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Movie Night March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Meal-Time, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Service, Egg Hunt & Brunch, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**THRIVENT ACTION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:**

- March MEALTIME, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**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 given to help people in need.

### THE DONATION CROSS



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

