



**SAFE THE BEST FOR GUESTS!** Unless you need to take one of the parking spaces closer to the church because of health or mobility issues, please save those spaces for our guest. This is one small way to welcome those who join us as our guest.

**THE LAST DAY** to nominate an LCMS Rostered Pastor that they personally know is May 7<sup>th</sup> by Noon. Nomination Forms are available at the Welcome Center or may be submitted at <https://forms.gle/pYrW23Xzo1b9z4Sh9>. Please give your nomination to President Tim Manthei or drop them off at the church office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** at Open Arms

- New Member Welcome, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Senior High Youth at St. Michael's, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraiser Luncheon for Open Arms student Washington D.C. trip, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Final Day for donations to be dropped off for V.A. hospital patients, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS:** Email your thoughts or questions about the readings to Dave Ferber for Sunday services. Dave's email is [ferber\\_david@yahoo.com](mailto:ferber_david@yahoo.com)

**DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup> John 3:22-4:3

May 8<sup>th</sup> John 5:24-47

May 5<sup>th</sup> John 4:4-42

May 9<sup>th</sup> John 6:1-21

May 6<sup>th</sup> John 4:43-54

May 10<sup>th</sup> John 6:22-42

May 7<sup>th</sup> John 5:1-23

May 11<sup>th</sup> John 6:43-71

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Open Arms needs your help to make this a successful VBS. There are many ways to help from using your creativity in decorating or helping with crafts, music, games, snacks, or taking the hand of a child and sharing God's Word as a group leader or class helper. Whatever gifts or talents you have, we would love for you to join us this year. Contact Noel Gee for more information. [Noel.granger16@gail.com](mailto:Noel.granger16@gail.com)

**OPEN ARMS WELCOMES** Philip and Theresa Maassen, Lora Barron, and Mary Askew and their children as members on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us for reception to welcome them following the service.

**OPEN ARMS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are invited to the next youth event at St. Michael's on Sunday, May 7 at 12 pm. They will have a pizza lunch, fellowship, and devotion.

**DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT ACTION GRANT?.** Consider using one of your grants for one of these special events at Open Arms. Application for grants have to be submitted at least 2 weeks before the event.

- Student DC trip fund raiser May 21<sup>st</sup> (Contact Melva Coleman)
- MEAL time May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Food and clothing for collection for Veterans between now and Memorial Day
- Summer Camp Bibles for each of the campers & supplies

**DONATIONS FOR OUR VETERANS** will be collected between now and Memorial Day weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Items to be donated are toiletries (soap, shaving cream, etc.), sweat pants/sweat shirts, socks, and gift cards (gas, Kroger, etc.).

**DC TRIP FUNDRAISER.** Six Open Arms members that attend St. Michael's Lutheran School have an opportunity to go to Washington D.C. in October of 2023. On Sunday, May 21st, we're having a luncheon to support our kids who are planning to attend this educational experience. The menu is Smoked Chicken & Pork, Mac & Cheese, Toss Salad, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Assorted desserts. The luncheon will be immediately following church service.

**THE GOSPEL IN MOVIES.** The Gospel is so powerful that it shows up in unexpected places like good literature and movies. Do you have a favorite movie? We are planning a message series during the month of July looking at the Gospel in movies. To do that, we need your help. If you have a favorite movie, please let us know by doing two things by May 21<sup>st</sup>. Tell us the title of your favorite movie and why you like it. Then give us your age. This will allow us to select movies from all age groups at Open Arms. The Worship Planning Team will look at your recommendations and select movies for the last four Sundays in July. We will begin the series with "Independence Day" on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Movie Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Why this movie is your favorite? \_\_\_\_\_

Your age: \_\_\_\_\_

**HILLSIDE CEMETARY** is looking for volunteers to place flags on Veteran's graves on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. To volunteer, call the Belleville city clerk at 734-697-9223 ext. 7010 or email at [clerk@belleville.mi.us](mailto:clerk@belleville.mi.us)

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