



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 guests. This is one small way to welcome those who join us on Sundays.

TWO PASTORS were nominated by members of Open Arms for consideration to be the next Pastor at Open Arms. We expect to get the Call List of Potential Pastors either later this month or in early June.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Open Arms

- Mother's Day, May 14th
- Youth help place American Flags on Vets graves at Hillside cemetery.
- Fundraiser Luncheon for Open Arms student Washington D.C. trip, May 21st
- Final Day for donations to be dropped off for V.A. hospital patients, May 28th.

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

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS, May 11th - May 18th

May 11th John 6:43-71

May 15th John 8:21-37

May 12th John 7:1-29

May 16th John 8:38-59

May 13th John 7:30-53

May 17th John 9:1-34

May 14th John 8:1-20

May 18th John 9:35-10:21

HELP WANTED: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 30th to August 3rd. 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

THRIVENT ACTION GRANT IDEAS: Consider using one of your grants for a special event at Open Arms. Application for grants have to be submitted at least 2 weeks before the event.

- MEAL time May 31st. (Meet. Eat. Always Loved)
- Food and clothing for collection for Veterans between now and Memorial Day
- Summer Camp Bibles for each of the campers & supplies
- Vacation Bible School

DO YOU ENJOY snacks after the service. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help. Talk with Nola Heatlie for more information.

GREETERS WELCOME our Guest and our Members. Would you be willing to help serve as a greeter? Contact Brenda Bucholz for more information. bucholzb@gmail.com

HILLSIDE CEMETARY is looking for volunteers to place flags on Veteran's graves on Saturday, May 20th at 8:30 AM. Open Arms Youth are planning to help. For more information, contact Tom Griffin. tgriffin@umich.edu

DONATIONS FOR OUR VETERANS will be collected between now and Memorial Day weekend, May 28th. Items to be donated are toiletries (soap, shaving cream, etc.), sweatpants/sweatshirts, socks, and gift cards (gas, Kroger, fast food restaurants, 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 AGAPE (Love) FUND is designed to help members and others who need financial help. Your donations to the Agape Fund are appreciated by all who receive that support. One of our members was the victim of an attack earlier this month and will need financial assistance to help cover medical expenses and lost income. Open Arms plans to assist her through the Agape Fund.

GAS GIFT CARDS from Belleville area gas stations would be a big help for Ron and Linda Everard who are driving to St. Joe's Hospital every day to see their daughter. You can leave a gift card for them at the church office or at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

OPEN ARMS PRIORITIES UPDATE. Last fall Open Arms identified and began working on four top ministry priorities. Last month members revisited these four with the addition of youth ministry. Here is a brief summary of from those discussions.

- Outreach: Outdoor service & church picnic this summer. Sunday Potlucks, Car Wash
- Talking about Jesus: Bible study in fall after services. Spiritual Conversation sessions. Develop teaching staff. Start more affinity groups.
- Spiritual Gifts: Take spiritual gifts survey one Sunday. Help match gifts with Ministries.
- Fellowship: Hold more fellowship events. Plan sports days. Tailgate "Thunder Over Michigan Airshow" in church parking lot. Board game & Family nights.
- Youth Ministry: Beginning holding youth events twice a month, partnering with area churches when possible.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MOVIE. We are planning a message series during the month of July looking at the Gospel in movies. Let us know your favorite movie by May 21st.

Movie Title: _____

Why this is your favorite movie? _____

Your age: _____

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