



AUGUST MESSAGES will focus on readings from the Gospel of Matthew
 27th Matthew 16:13-20 Peter's Confession of Faith Deacon Dave Preaching

A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER:

3 rd	Kicking of the Fail	“Tailgating with Jesus”
10 th	Back to Church Sunday & Call Meeting	“On Team Jesus”
17 th	Invite a Friend Sunday	“In the Game with Jesus”
24 th	Celebration Sunday	“Celebrate with Jesus”

TWO VERY IMPORTANT DAYS AT OPEN ARMS:

This Sunday, August 27 th	Report from Call Committee on Interviewed Pastors
Sunday, September 10 th	Call Meeting for next Pastor

OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:

- The Call Committee will give a detailed report on the Pastors interviewed August 27th.
- September 10th is **“Back to Church Sunday.”** This is the perfect Sunday to come back to Open Arms and participate in the Calling of the next Pastor.
- **The Voters Call Meeting is September 10th following the service.**
- All confirmed members of Open Arms 18 and older are encouraged to attend, participate, and vote.
- Everyone else interested is invited to attend, listen, participate, and pray for the selection of the Pastor to be Called to Open Arms
- President Tim Manthei and Pastor Larry will lead the Call meeting.
- The most important thing to do between now and September 10th is to pray for the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and to guide Open Arms in Calling the next full-time pastor.

A COPY OF THE CALL LIST INFORMATION on the top two candidates is available in the church office to look at and pray over. The information may not be taken out of the church.

DO NOT EMAIL OR POST the names of the Pastors on our Call list. These men are currently serving a church and have not asked to be put on our Call. Please respect their privacy and their current ministry.

THE INFORMATION SESSION & CALL MEETING will not be available online.

OPEN ARMS YOUTH are planning on going to the Concordia University Football Game on September the 16th. The youth will be able to sit in on part of the Pep Band practice, take a tour of the campus, have lunch with the Pep Band and attend the football game as guest of Concordia. Contact Tom Griffin for more information.

MEAL TIMES are the free meals provided to Daycare and Open Arms families on the Last Wednesday of each month. They have been well received since the start last summer. The Elders have taken the lead in planning these meals. They need some help. Would you or a group you are part of be willing to coordinate one of the upcoming MEAL Times starting in October? Yes! Then talk with Marty Moro, Tom Griffin, Ted Bower or Bayo Adebajo for more information.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR LARRY about Calling a Pastor for Open Arms

- The Holy Spirit has breathed new life into Open Arms and is doing some amazing things. Open Arms is healthy and strong enough to Call her next Pastor. Praise God for that.
- God is the Lord of the Church. He is in charge whether the first Pastor called by Open Arms decides to accept the Call or to continue serving at his current church.
- Some people have expressed apprehensions about Calling a new Pastor. My prayer is that you will live up to your name and Open your Arms to the next Pastor and his family when they come, welcome them, and be ready to serve and grow with them.
- Because I am a transitional vacancy Pastor, I cannot lead Open Arms to make future ministry decisions. Those need to be made with your next Pastor.
- Open Arms has amazing potential to serve and continue to grow. This may require that the people of Open Arms are willing to face their fears about the future, trust God, and step out of their comfort zones.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS:

- Report on Pastor Interviews August 27th
- Summer MEALTIME August 30th
- Kick Off the Fall, September 3rd
- **Back to Church Sunday**, September 10th
- **Call Meeting** after service, September 10th
- Youth at Concordia Football Game, September 16th
- **Invite a Friend Sunday** September 17th

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 August 24th – September 2nd

Aug. 24th 1 Cor. 15:29-58

Aug. 29th 2 Cor. 3:1-18

Aug. 25th 1 Cor. 16:1-24

Aug. 30th 2 Cor. 4:1-2

Aug. 26th 2 Cor. 1:1-11

Aug. 31st 2 Cor. 4:13-5:10

Aug. 27th 2 Cor. 1:12-2:4

Sept. 1st 2 Cor. 5:11-21

Aug. 28th 2 Cor. 2:5-17

Sept. 2nd 2 Cor. 6:1-13

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