



UPCOMING SERVICES:

Make 2024 “The Year of the Lord” by ...

January 14 th	<u>Following Him</u>	John 1:43-51
January 21 st	<u>Believing Him</u>	Mark 1:14-20
January 28 th	<u>Listening to Him</u>	Deut. 18:15-20

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS

- Ladies Bible Study, January 23rd
- Study of “The Story” Chapter 1, Confirmation Class, January 14th
- Youth Group, January 14th & 28th
- Men’s Bible Study, January 16th & 23rd
- Lutheran School Week, January 21st – 27th
- MEAL Time, January 31st

252 RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, with Greta Bower leading three weeks of cooking sessions with the elementary youth.

PLEASE WELCOME Jackson Miles to Open Arms. Jackson, a Family Life Student at Concordia University, will be doing his “Practicum” semester at Open Arms. Jackson will be observing, interviewing staff and members, and helping in specific areas of the ministry.

CAN YOU HELP? Open Arms had to get a new snow removal company this year. Unfortunately, they are not able to remove snow on Sunday mornings because they already are serving other area churches. This means our parking lot may not always get plowed on Sunday mornings. We may need some help clearing and salting sidewalks for Sunday services. If you can help, please talk with one of the board members or Pastor Larry.

OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE: The Call Committee has identified two Pastors from the current Call list to interview this month. Their goal is to have a Call meeting later this month or early in February.

ONE OR TWO PEOPLE are needed to help lead Children’s Church one Sunday each month. Children’s Church begins after the Children’s Message for grade schoolers. The lesson material is provided each week. Talk with Rachel Manthei, Melva Coleman, Katie Essell or Greta Bower if you want more information about Children’s Church.

HAVE YOU STARTED READING “THE STORY”? The Story is a continuous reading of selections from the Bible in chronological order. Each of the 31 chapters reveals the God of grace whose love for His people culminated in His sacrifice of Jesus, to pay for the sins of humanity. There will be a Bible Study on first chapter on Sunday, the 14th.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: The 2024 sessions begin on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. The study will continue with the video series titled; “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School.” We will be viewing and discussing Matthew, Luke, followed by the Letters of Paul. The Men’s Bible Study sessions schedule, for 2024, is as follows (all sessions are on Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room): 1/16, 1/23, 2/20, 2/27, 3/19, 3/26, 4/16 and 4/23. Please contact Deacon Dave Ferber (ferber_david@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be emailed out at the end of January. If Open Arms does not have your email address, please give it Brenda Bucholz, bucholzb@gmail.com by January 21st. Thanks

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesday mornings at Sam’s Restaurant... 9:30 AM,

LADIES! Are you interested in a Bible study that is in the evening where you don’t need to leave home? We have a great study starting at 6:30pm. “Boots on the Ground” is a fantastic study of the book of Acts. Kristi McClelland is a Biblical Culturalist that helps us see Scripture from middle eastern eyes. She points out how Jesus treated women differently than the culture of that time. All you need is a computer. Please email me if you are interested so I can get you a book. We watch a video and discuss it. Deb Kasper at robertkasper45@yahoo.com

JANUARY MEAL TIME is Wednesday, the 31st, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Open Arms Day Care families, members and their friends are invited to enjoy a free meal together. If you do not have time to stay and eat, care out meals will also be available.



Lutheran School Week January 21-27

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