



**UPCOMING SERVICES: 2024 “The Year of the Lord”**

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Believe Jesus

January 28<sup>th</sup>

Listening to Jesus

**VICTORIA SCHULTZ**, daughter of Martina and Zachariah Schultz will be baptized on Sunday

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS**

- Lutheran School Week, January 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- Men’s and Ladies Bible Study, January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Youth Group, January 28<sup>th</sup>
- MEAL Time, January 31<sup>st</sup>

**OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:** The Call Committee identified three pastors from the Call list to interview. One of those Pastors recently accepted a Call. The two remaining Pastors are scheduled for interviews this month. Information about them is available in the church office if you would like to read about them. Upcoming Call related dates:

- January 31<sup>st</sup>, Call Committee Meeting after Meal Time
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 9:00 AM
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, Information on Candidates presented to congregation after service
- February 11<sup>th</sup>, Call Meeting after the service.

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO** 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.

**ARE YOU 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 the previous week’s reading after services on Sundays.

**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](mailto:bucholzb@gmail.com) by January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks

**FAMILY LIFE FIELD STUDENT** Jackson Miles will join the youth on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time for the youth to meet Jackson who will be helping with youth events through April.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The 2024 sessions begin on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:robertkasper45@yahoo.com)

**JANUARY MEAL TIME** is Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**OPEN ARMS** not only has a Lutheran Daycare program, but also financially supports students from the church attending a Lutheran School. On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> we plan to recognize and pray for Emma Bower, Creighton Buckalew, Ethan Coleman, Maya Jones, Shane Lasenby, Reagan Orange, ZahLayah Pape, and Kaylee Ratermann who are attending St. Michaels Lutheran School and Kaylee Ratermann who is attending Lutheran High Westland. Lutheran School Week is January 21-27.



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