



**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.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 28:** “Listen to Jesus”

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS**

- Youth Group, January 28<sup>th</sup>
- MEAL Time, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Pastor Call Meeting, February 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be emailed out at the end of January.

**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. A special thanks to Brenda and Dale Bucholz and to Melissa and Sheldon Teeple for providing the mac & cheese, green bean, chicken and cookies and for hosting the meal.

**THE LENTEN SEASON** begins at Open Arms on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with a 6:30 PM Worship Service. The theme for the Lenten Services is “Follow Jesus!” Ash Wednesday theme is “Repent and Follow Jesus.” Because of the Valentines Breakfast in the morning and MEAL-Time on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will not have a meal before the Ash Wednesday service.

**THE VALENTINES BREAKFAST** for Daycare Children, Families and Staff is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**DO YOU HAVE** life insurance or an invest with Thrivent. If you do you qualify for two Action Team Grants each year. Online Applications need to be submitted at least two weeks before the event. Here are some ideas for ways your action grants can help support a ministry at Open Arms.

- Valentines Breakfast for Daycare families and Staff, February 14th
- February Meal Time, February 28th
- Open Arms Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Easter Breakfast, March 31st

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