



**LAST SUNDAY OPEN ARMS CALLED** Pastor Mark from Georgia. We will publish his name next week after he tells his congregation this weekend that he has received the Call to Open Arms. He now has to decide where the Lord wants him to serve, at his current church or at Open Arms. Please pray for the Lord to guide him as he listens for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**LENTEN SEASON WORSHIP THEME: "FOLLOW JESUS"**

- Repent and Follow Jesus, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Psalm 51. (Ash Wednesday)
- Answer the Call and Follow Jesus, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Mark 1:9-15
- Take Up the Cross and Follow Jesus, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Mark 8:27-39
- Pray and Follow Jesus, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, John 2:13-25
- Live in the Light and Follow Jesus, March 10<sup>th</sup>, John 3:1-21
- Serve and Follow Jesus, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Mark 10:32-35
- Humbly Follow Jesus, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Philippians 2:5-11 (Palm Sunday)
- Celebrate and Follow Jesus, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mark 14:12-26. (Maundy Thursday)
- Listen, Believe and Follow Jesus, March 29<sup>th</sup>, John 19:17-37 (Good Friday)
- Follow the Risen Lord, March 31<sup>st</sup>, John 20:1-18. (Easter Sunday)

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES:** Open Arms has the practice of preparing 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth to receive communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, the commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper. Pastor Larry will lead those classes after the services on February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in your family or know someone who might be interest in being part of the First Communion Classes, please let Pastor Larry know.

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

- Open Arms Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- March MEAL Time, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Breakfast, March 31<sup>st</sup>

**THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT** is March 23. This big event allows Open Arms to welcome the community. Donations of individually wrapped candy and small trinket items are needed to be put into the plastic eggs. Your support and donations are appreciated.

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

- First Communion Classes, February 25 & March 3
- MEAL TIME, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday Service, March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday Service, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Breakfast, Service and Egg Hunt, March 31<sup>st</sup>

**MARCH IS READING MONTH** at the Daycare. If you would you like to read to one or more classes, contact Greta. She will need this information from you. Name and email address. Class/es interested in visiting. Address (so we can conduct a background check) Will you be bringing your own books or would you like for books to be provided? Date/time available

Available classrooms: Infants (6 weeks - 15 months) Toddlers (15 - 24 months)  
Twos (2-3 years) Preschoolers (3-4 years) Preschoolers (4-5 years)  
School age children (5-12 years) The last week in March is spring break and we will have many school-age children in full day care.

Best times: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (after 9:30 on Wednesday due to chapel)  
3:30 to 4:00 preschoolers. 3:30 to 5:00 inf, tots, 2s

**MEAL TIMES ARE A FREE MEAL** for Daycare and Open Arms families usually on the last Wednesday of each month. Food is served from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and is also available for carry out. You are invited to the next MEAL Time on February 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Pizza Party!

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