



LENTEN SEASON WORSHIP THEME: “FOLLOW JESUS”

- Serve and Follow Jesus, March 17th, Mark 10:32-35
- Humbly Follow Jesus, March 24th, Philippians 2:5-11 (Palm Sunday)
- The Lord’s Supper, March 28th, Hebrews 9:15, 22, Mark 14:12-26. (Maundy Thursday)
- Listen, Believe and Follow Jesus, March 29th, John 19:17-37 (Good Friday) •
- Follow the Risen Lord, March 31st, John 20:1-18. (Easter Sunday)

THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is March 23. This big event allows Open Arms to welcome the community. We need help hiding eggs Saturday morning and welcoming our friends and neighbors.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, March 19th and Tuesday March 26th. The men will complete the DVD study on the Gospel of John and begin discussing “How to Talk About Your Faith.” All the men of open and their friends are invited to join us for the March classes.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES are after the worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Family Life Field Work Student Jackson will lead the group on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

THE STORY is the Bible told as one continuous series of events. It is the account of God’s great love for people. Everyone in the Open Arms family is encouraged to read one chapter of “The Story” each week. You are invited to stay after the worship service on Sunday, the 17th to review session 10, “Standing Tall, Falling Hard.” “From Shepherd to King” is the title for session 11 that you are encouraged to read starting on Sunday, April 17th.

OPEN ARMS HAS A FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY for its congregation in celebration of the NCAA March Madness Event. This is a free activity for all to participate in, even those without basketball knowledge. Anyone interested will create a bracket once the participating teams are announced on Sunday. There will be a prize for the individual with the highest score and a consolation prize for the lowest score. Follow the link below to sign up.

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<https://picks.cbssports.com/college-basketball/ncaa-tournament/bracket/pools/kbxw63b2geydknzzgq2ds===?pool-join-key=LbC1M5St&invited-by=ivxhi4tzhiytkobsha2dinjv&via-medium=copy&ttag=FF24 lk cbssports cbb bpm copySetupInvite&sender-role=mwa1nkaegie7rf>

FIRST COMMUNION. The youth who have completed the First Communion instruction with Pastor Larry will commune with their families for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 28th.

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS can be used to support ministries and special events at Open Arms. If you are Thrivent member, please consider using one of your two yearly action grants for one of these upcoming events.

- Belleville Schools Hygiene Kits
- After Church Tailgate Party, April 28th
- National Day of Prayer, May 2nd

THE NEXT MEAL TIME is March 20th. Join the Day Care and Open Arms families for a free Sub Sandwich Supper. The Day Care children will sing at 5:30.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

- Meal Time March 20
- Easter Egg Hunt, March 23
- Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 6:30 PM
- Good Friday Service, March 29, 6:30 PM
- Easter Breakfast, Service, & Egg Hunt, March 31
- Meal Time & Hygiene Kit assembly, April 24th
- Sunday Tailgate Party, April 28th
- Confirmation Sunday, May 12

LADIES OF OPEN ARMS. You are invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Ann Arbor zone rally on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Open Arms. Doors opening at 8:45 am for breakfast being served at 9:00 am. Open Arms Women's Ministry is hosting the breakfast. If you are interested in helping with the breakfast and setting up on Friday evening at 6:30 pm please let Bev Conry know. The speaker for the meeting is from Elly's House in Detroit. There will be a \$5 cost for each person for the breakfast.

OPEN ARMS has the opportunity to participate in the Belleville Rotary Club Hygiene Kit Drive for high school students and their family members who are experiencing housing insecurity. Please drop off your donation of travel size shampoo and conditioners, face and body wash, moisturizers, chap sticks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, 1-use laundry detergent, and deodorant by April 24th. We plan to assemble the kits after the Meal Time that day.

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