



### **HOLY WEEK AT OPEN ARMS**

- Maundy Thursday Service, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM  
First Communion for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth
- Good Friday Service, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM
- Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Easter Breakfast, 9:00 – 9:45 AM  
Easter Celebration, Follow the Risen Lord, John 20:1-18. 10:00 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt, after the service

**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
- Homeless Lunches, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans “Take Out Tuesday” Gift Cards

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES**

- Homeless Lunch Packing, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- LWML Zone Rally, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmands Statement of Faith with Elders, April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Meal Time & Hygiene Kit assembly, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Tailgate Party after Worship Service, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Mother’s Day and Confirmation Sunday, May 12
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deadline for Veterans “Take Out Tuesday” gift cards

**OPEN ARMS RECEIVED** a new Pastor Call List earlier this week. A copy of the information on all of the Pastors is available for review in the church office. The Call Committee will begin reviewing the Pastor’s information the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IT’S TAILGATE PARTY TIME** for open arms youth and friends on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with Family Life Student Jackson. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their friends are invited for food, games, and some thoughts from Jackson about faith, sports and life.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to assemble the kits after the Meal Time that day.

**THE NEXT LUNCES FOR THE HOMELESS** is Sunday, April 14e right after worship. In order to make these lunches, we are asking for your help. Please consider donating any of the following: 16 loaves of bread 300 to 400 slices of lunch meat  
100 servings of salty snacks 100 services of sweet snacks 100 juice boxes  
Please let Dana Underwood at [dana.underwood1468@icloud.com](mailto:dana.underwood1468@icloud.com) if you can make a donation. All donations should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, April 14. Large boxes to put the lunches into to carry to the bus are also needed. Dana is looking for help transporting the lunches and loading them on the bus. If you're not able to make a donation, but still want to help, please consider offering a hand to help make lunches. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Dana or Brandon.

**IT'S "TAKE OUT TUESDAY" TIME.** Open Arms will be collecting restaurant gift cards for Veterans between now and May 19<sup>th</sup> so they have them before Veterans Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a list of recommended restaurants soon. Contact Melva Coleman if you have any questions.

**Open Arms Lutheran Church & Day Care** 7865 Belleville Rd (734) 699-5000  
**Pastor Larry Courson** [pastorlarry@openarmscenter.com](mailto:pastorlarry@openarmscenter.com) (734) 395-0974  
**Daycare Director Greta Bower** [gbower@openarmscenter.com](mailto:gbower@openarmscenter.com)

# Seeking Donations

**What:** We are collecting gently used kids items.

**Why:** Donated items will be sold in the lobby of Open Arms during the first weeks of April. Funds collected in the sale will be used to support Vacation Bible School.



## Accepted Items

- Spring/ Summer Toddler, Infant, Kids like-new clothes & shoes
- Baby Gear
- Toys
- Like-New Books
- Large Baby/Kids gear\*

Large baby/kids items will be accepted as we have space. Please contact Noel Gee (586.899.9095) to make drop off arrangements



## Not Accepted Items

- Car Seats
- Winter gear
- Stained, well loved shoes/clothes or items
- Movies/DVDs
- Room Decor
- Junior clothes
- Socks/Underwear

Please Drop Off Items to Open Arms starting March 18th

Text Noel Gee with Questions  
586.899.9095



# HYGIENE KIT DONATION DRIVE

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## The Need

Hygiene kits are needed for high school-aged students and family members experiencing housing insecurity. These free kits are provided as needed by school counselors.

## Please Donate New Travel-Sized Items:

- ✓ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ✓ Face & Body Wash
- ✓ Moisturizer & Chapstick
- ✓ Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss
- ✓ 1-use laundry detergent
- ✓ Deodorant



Drop off donations by April 30th to  
Belleville Area District Library  
167 4th St. Belleville, MI 48111

Scan QR to donate towards supplies and gift cards or  
visit [www.bellevillerotary.org/page/give](http://www.bellevillerotary.org/page/give)