



OPEN ARMS RECEIVED a new Pastor Call List. The Call Committee will meet again on the 24th to finalize the Pastors to be interviewed. Copies of the information on all of the Pastors are available for review in the church office. Tentative date for Call Meeting, May 19th, after the service.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

- LWML Zone Rally, April 20th
- Confirmands Statement of Faith with Elders, April 21st
- Meal Time & 252 Hygiene Kit assembly, April 24th
- Gwen and Logan Koch baptisms, April 28th
- Youth Tailgate Party after Worship Service, April 28th
- National Day of Prayer at Van Buren Fire Station 2, May 2nd
- Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday, May 12
- May 19th, Deadline for Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" gift cards

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.

- Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" Gift Cards
- MEAL time May 29th
- Vacation Bible School July 29 – August 1

IT'S TAILGATE PARTY TIME for open arms youth and friends on Sunday, April 28th, with Family Life Student Jackson. Youth 6th grade and their friends are invited for food, games, and some thoughts from Jackson about faith, sports and life. Look for Sign-Up Genius from Jackson or text him at 810-858-9973. Wear a shirt or hat from your school or favorite team.

REMAINING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY session is Tuesday, April 23rd, at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room and talk about what subjects/topics the attendees want to discuss starting in September. The Men's Bible Study group has been asked to host one of the Summer MEAL Time events.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 2nd. Open Arms will be leading a time of prayer for our First Responders and for our nation beginning at Noon at Van Buren Fire Station 2, next to the church. Plan to be part of this special event and pray for our nation and First Responders. Open Arms will be providing lunch for First Responders after the prayers.

HYGIENE KIT PACKING for Belleville School Students is Wednesday, April 24th after MEAL Time. 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. The 252 youth and anyone else who wants to help will be assembling the kits that day.

MEAL TIME APRIL 24TH (From Dale and Brenda Bucholz) Every last Wednesday of the month, the day care and congregation family gather together for a meal from 5-6pm. This event has become very popular with 80-110 people attending. It gives the day care parents a break after a long day of work to spend some time with their children without prepping and cleaning up a meal. It also brings day care families and those of us in the congregation together as one to break bread together. We had the opportunity to do this meal in January. It was a great time and very rewarding. Volunteers are needed so this event will continue and not fall to the same people. We are going to be doing the April meal. We will do the meal planning, shopping, and meal preparation. We are looking for volunteers to help serve (4:45pm) and clean up (6pm). This will give volunteers an opportunity to see what a great and rewarding time this is without taking it all on at once. This is a chance for congregational families, men, or women's bible studies to come together as a group to plan, make and serve a meal. This only needs to be covered 12 times a year. Please let us know if you are willing to help. bucholzb@gmail.com OR 734-358-6223 (text or call).

IT'S "TAKE OUT TUESDAY" TIME. Open Arms will be collecting VISA gift cards for Veterans between now and May 19th so they can use them to order food for "Take Out Tuesdays." The cards will be given to the Veterans before Memorial Day, May 27th. Please bring VISA Gift Cards to Open Arms so they can be taken to the Wayne County Veterans Hospital.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Walled Lake, MI in the fall. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

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