



THE JULY MESSAGE SERIES focuses on Gospel of Mark. This Sunday's Message is "JESUS BREAD", Jesus feeding over 5,000 people. Mark 6:30-44. July 28th is "The Sinking Feeling," what Peter experienced while walking on the water. Mark 6:45-56

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 29th – August 1st. <https://vbspro.events/p/openarms-vbs>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to help with vacation Bible School, even if only for a day or two, please contact Noel! There are still a few areas where your help is needed. noel.granger16@gmail.com

SNACK TIME HELP: If you are able to provide a Sunday snack every so often please sign up at the welcome center. People enjoy the snacks that are provided on Sunday mornings.

POTLUCK COOKOUT AUGUST 4TH. Hotdogs and Hamburgers provided. Sign up to bring other items to share. This is to celebrate a great week at Vacation Bible School.

THE TEAM TIGERS PROGRAM to provide backpacks of food every weekend for those students from Tyler School who have very little food on the weekend during the summer months begins this week. For TEAM TIGERS to succeed, everyone's help is needed. Here are some of the ways you can get involved.

- Donate non-perishable food items or make a financial donation
- Coordinate food donations storage
- Coordinate team of volunteers to pack food each week
- Help deliver backpacks to school each week
- Help pick up empty backpacks from school each week
- Food Shoppers
- Volunteer to be on any of these teams
- Contact your employer or organizations and ask if they can help

Dana and Brandon Underwood are project coordinators. Contact them for more information.

TEAM TIGERS FOOD COLLECTION is this Sunday. Specific needs are:

SpaghettiOs	Cans of Fruit (better than cups)	Small cereal boxes or cups	
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Canned Soup	Salty Snacks	Pop tarts
Slim Jims	Small packages of Cookies	Hostess & Little Debbie snacks	

TEAM TIGERS VOLUNTEERS EXPECTATIONS & SCHEDULE

- Pickup Empty Backpacks, Tuesdays
- Pack Backpacks, Wednesdays
- Deliver full Backpacks, Thursday during the summer. Fridays during school year
- Shopping, One Day a week if needed
- Stocking donations and making Inventory of supplies, One Day a week

TEAM TIGERS WALMART WISH LIST LINK

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/c4396d6e-a1ae-483f-9600-bfefc9344279>

LINK TO SUMMER CAMP WISH LIST:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/325ZOAS4YXYIW?ref_=wl_share

OPEN ARMS DAYCARE will be hosting a Little Victor-Thon on Friday, July 26.

The event will be held in the morning. Students are taking donations that will benefit Mott's Children's Hospital. There are two ways that you could be involved if you wanted to help!

1. Come and volunteer your time on the 26th. We need help supervising kids on their bikes.
2. Make a cash/check donation. Please turn in your donation to the daycare office.

THE NEXT CALL LIST for potential Pastors to serve at Open Arms is tentatively scheduled to arrive sometime during the week of July 21st.

THE OPEN ARMS BOARD will have some openings for two year terms starting in January, 2025 to replace members who will be term limited and not able to serve again before taking a break. If you might be interested in serving on the Board, talk with President Tim Manthei or any of the other Board Members.

KEN KINCAID was appointed as the Treasurer on the Open Arms Board on Monday. Thanks to Ken for serving in this important position.

A BIG THANK YOU to Don Wellman for building the new cabinets in the hall across from the public restrooms. The cabinets will be used for Team Tigers food and backpack storage.

THE DAY CARE IS HIRING for Part-time help, specifically someone available to close and for Full-time infant/toddler staff. Contact Greta Bower for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) ~~ Watch this location for LWML updates. Results and fun facts from the 2024 LWML Michigan District Convention will be posted over the next few weeks. To start, here's a summary of the grants that were awarded. LWML grants are funded by Mite Box collections from congregations throughout the state. These small boxes of loose change become mighty when gathered together!

- The Michigan LWML met their mite goals: a total of \$386,000 was collected with \$300,000 awarded in grants! A portion of the Michigan total will be submitted to the national LWML for additional grant awards next year.
- 14 grants were fully funded and 1 was partially funded! These are the organizations that received grants this year:

1. The Love of Christ for Pity's Sake - Orphan Grain Train, Michigan -- \$25,000
2. Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries -- \$25,000.00
3. CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students -- \$15,000.00
4. ASL (American Sign Language) Storybook Apps, St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf -- \$17,950.00
5. Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker -- \$20,000.00
6. Proclaiming Christ to Those Living in Visual Darkness -- \$25,000.00
7. Welcoming All God's Children – Lutheran Special Education Ministries -- \$25,000.00
8. Be Thou My Vision, Eyeglass Evangelism Outreach – MOST Ministries -- \$25,000.00
9. Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries -- \$25,000.00
10. New Shepherds for South Sudan -- \$18,000.00
11. Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti -- \$25,000.00
12. Afghan Refugee Ministry – St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage -- \$25,000.00
13. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats -- \$20,000.00
14. Gospel Building for a Child's Future in South Sudan -- \$14,500.00
15. Starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan – POBLO International -- \$1,500.00

If you'd like to participate in this program, mite boxes are available at the church's welcome center. If you have questions, contact Audrey Moro, amoro1031@gmail.com

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