



**“JUST READ IT!”** is the theme for Sunday’s message, based on Peter’s words to Jesus in John 6:68. “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS** about the Bible, the Christian faith or life? You can email or write your questions and give them to Pastor Larry. He will try to answer them either by getting back to you personally or by answering during a Sunday Service. Please include your name and contact information with your question so that he can get back to you.

**OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:** The Call Committee continues to work through the information received from the Michigan District about potential Pastors for Open Arms. They plan to interview candidates in the next couple of weeks. A copy of that information is available in the church office. Tentative dates for the Call Meeting are September 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the Call Committee.

**THE DAY CARE WILL BE CLOSED** next week, August 26-30, for deep cleaning of the rooms, staff training, and preparations for children to move into their new rooms. The Day Care reopens on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the Labor Day Holiday, for the start of the new school year.

**THE TEAM TIGERS** has successfully provided backpacks of food for Tyler School students during summer school. Team Tigers resumes with the start of the new school year September 3.

#### **TEAM TIGERS WALMART WISH LIST LINK**

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

**THE OPEN ARMS BOARD** of Directors will have two openings for two-year terms starting in January, 2025 to replace Tim Manthei and Katy O’Kelley who will be term limited out of office. If you might be interested in serving on the Board, talk with Tim Manthei or a Board member.

**DEACON DAVE FERBER** will begin leading a Bible Study at the Hampton Manor facility, 43345 Tyler Rd, on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. Contact Dave for more info or to join him as he launches this new ministry.

“**THE STORY**” video series and Bible Study resumed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Copies of “The Story” are available at the welcome center. If your family does not have a copy yet, please pick one up and join the Open Arms family in this overview of the Bible as one continuing story. Upcoming chapters and titles are:

August 25 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter 18, “Daniel in Exile”	
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , Chapter 19, “The Return Home”	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> , Chpt. 20, “Rebuilding the Walls”
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> , start of the New Testament, Chpt. 21, “The Birth of the King”	

**THE LANGUAGE OF MISSIONS** is a benefit concert to raise awareness of the rich history and support for mission efforts in the Michigan District. You are invited to an inspirational evening of music, poetry, and storytelling with Christian performers Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at St. Luke, Ann Arbor. Listen to the exciting opportunities to share the Gospel that both MOST Ministries and the Michigan District are developing and consider how you might be part of the plan. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Register at <https://michigandistrict.org/the-language-of-missions-reservation/>

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to the Ladies of Open Arms for serving “MEAL Time” on Wednesday. The next MEAL Time is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Open Arms covers the cost for the meal. Hosts are needed for September. Could your family, Bible Study, Board, Committee or a group of friends host the upcoming MEAL? Contact one of the Elders for more info or to volunteer to host.

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEME:** “Good Advice for Jesus’ Little Brother, James.”

September 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	“Do It!”	James 1:17-27
September 8 <sup>th</sup> ,	“Faith @ Work”	James 2:1-10, 14-18
September 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	“Tame Your Tweets (& Your Tongue)	James 3:1-12
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,	“Waging Wisdom”	James 3:13-4:10
September 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	“Life Changing Prayer”	James 5:1-20

**SEPTEMBER SUNDAY MORNINGS @ OPEN ARMS**

1 <sup>st</sup> ,	Blessing of the Team Tiger Back Packs
8 <sup>th</sup> ,	Kick Off Sunday. Wear your school or team jersey or colors if you want
15 <sup>th</sup> ,	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting with youth & parents (Subject to change if Call Meeting gets Schedule for that day)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Invite a Friend Sunday. Chili / Soup Potluck after service
29 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Confirmation Class (Or parents meeting if necessary)

**THE WOMEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST** begins on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at Sam’s on Main Street in Belleville. They will meet twice a month, starting with a new study called “Brave and Beloved.” It is going to be a fascinating study of various women of the Bible... some we know a lot about and some that will be new to us. Please join us, bring your appetite and a friend! If you can come or have questions please contact Deb Kasper at robertkasper45@yahoo.com... the cost of the books is covered.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_xOMNiH7\\_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt) **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

DAYCARE PARENT COMMITTEE

# Fall Raffle Basket Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER 3-10: DAYCARE LOBBY

The Daycare Committee is raising funds for Open Arms Lutheran  
Preschool to help pay the salaries of the teachers and  
to offset the cost of the materials!

## Tickets

- 1 Ticket \$1
- 5 Tickets \$4
- 10 Tickets \$8

## Basket Themes I will include

- Fall
- Open Arms
- Daycare
- Family Day
- Field Trip
- and more!

Tickets are available in the original office from the office  
**AS ONLY**

See all from Open Arms Lutheran

Enter!  
to Win!



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