



### SEPTEMBER MESSAGE SERIES: “Good Advice from Jesus’ Little Brother”

James, Mary and Joseph’s son, was a leader of the Early Christian Church and wrote James.

- 8<sup>th</sup> “Faith @ Work James 2:1-10, 14-18 (Faith without works is dead)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Tame Your Tweets James 3:1-12 (And your tongue)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Waging Wisdom James 3:13-4:10 (God’s Wisdom)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Life Changing Prayer James 5:1-20 (Prayer is Powerful)

### SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Kickoff Sunday If you want, wear your favorite Jersey or Team Colors
- 15<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Kick Off Meeting for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth & Parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bible Study at Hampton Manor Assisted Living Facility begins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Call Meeting & Lunch
- 24<sup>th</sup> Men’s Bible Study resumes
- 25<sup>th</sup> MEAL Time. (Need leader(s) for this month)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Women’s Ministry “Fall Soup & Salad Auction” 11:00 AM
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bring a Friend Sunday

**OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:** The Call Committee has interviewed two Pastors and will bring their recommendation to the Board on September 16<sup>th</sup>. **The Call Meeting** will be after the service on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Information about the Pastors is available to be read in the church office. Please do not post anything about the Pastors on Social Media.

### 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.

**VBS STAFF!** Please return your staff shirt to the church so they can be used next year!

“**THE STORY**” video series and Bible Study is back. Upcoming chapters and titles are:

- September 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. 20 “The Queen of Beauty and Courage”
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter 21 “Rebuilding the Walls”
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Call Meeting No Class
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter 22 “The Birth of the King” (Start of New Testament)

**THE LANGUAGE OF MISSIONS** is a benefit concert to support mission efforts in the Michigan District. You are invited to an evening of music, poetry, and storytelling with Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at St. Luke, Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Register at <https://michigandistrict.org/the-language-of-missions-reservation/>

**THE WOMEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST** begins on October 8<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](mailto:robertkasper45@yahoo.com)... the cost of the books is covered.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** -- will begin on Tuesday, September 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. The Fall Bible Study will follow a Lutheran Hour Ministries program regarding fishing. No, we will not be traveling to a lake to fish. In our sessions, we will talk about the 4 major aspects of fishing and how they relate to our lives. Please bring your Bible to our sessions.

- Session #1, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, - "The Power of a Lure" - looks at why we are often vulnerable to the dangerous temptations as fish are to a lure.
  - Session#2, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - "Reeling in the Trophy Fish" - looks at what it takes to be successful, and what is really involved in achieving successes.
  - Session #3, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - "The Monster that got Away" - talks about our failures and regrets and how they seem to get bigger as time passes - just like that fish that got away.
  - Session #4, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - "When it's Time to Pack Up and Head Home" - reminds us to make the most of every day before God calls us to leave this world and head on home to heaven.
- If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dave.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday after church unless posted otherwise. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> the Youth should dress comfortable or bring a change of clothes as we will be picking up trash for the stretch of Belleville Rd that Open Arms has Adopted. If the weather does not permit, we will do Bible Study and reschedule the clean-up to Sept. 22nd.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY** “Fall Soup & Salad Auction,” September 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Contact Bev Conry to host a table or donate items for the auction. 734-775-7115.  
[bconcry@openarmscenter.com](mailto:bconcry@openarmscenter.com)

[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**

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**LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Ann Arbor Area Zone Fall Rally: you may recall that Open Arms hosted this rally in the spring. Many thanks to those that were able to participate! Here are details for the Fall Rally

- Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9 am - noon
- Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 5758 West M36, Pinckney
- Guest Speaker: Pastor Scott Sommerfeld from Concordia Center for the Family CCF
- Includes a breakfast buffet
- RSVP: Barb Yek, 734-395-3455

And more updates from our 2024 convention:

- DID YOU KNOW there was a collection of "Ingathering for Gifts from the Heart" for a total of 19,696 items? This included markers, pencils, crayons, dry erase markers, glue sticks, disinfectant wipes, and also gift cards for Concordia Theological Seminary at Ft Wayne and Concordia Seminary St. Louis, totaling \$5,075!!

Meet our newly elected officers:

President - Ruth Steele, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro Rochester Zone

Vice President of Communication - Jacki Parmer, Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb Evergreen Zone

Vice President of Mission Outreach - Carol Swenson, St. Paul Lutheran, Millington Multi-Lakes Zone

Vice President of Organizational Resources - Linda Murdock, Living Water Lutheran Church, Whitmore Lake Ann Arbor Zone

Financial Secretary - Allison Schulz, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cass City Thumb Zone

Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Jeffrey D. Frechette, Sr, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clare in the Mid-Michigan Zone

Nominating Committee - Joann D. Gust, Sandra Newport, Marie Riley