



IT'S TIME TO CONNECT with your Faith and Faith Family! You are invited to the “God Connects” Bible Study starting on Sunday, February 2nd, to learn about the basic teachings of the Christian faith. People interested in joining Open Arms are encouraged to attend. Marty Moro and Dave Ferber will be leading the sessions so Pastor Larry can continue leading the 7th & 8th grade confirmation class. You can find the videos at <https://www.lhm.org/godconnects/default.asp>

THE MIDDLES SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH are going to Winter Jam at EMU on Sunday, leaving from Open Arms at 3:00 PM. Winter jam is live Christian music concert with a keynote speaker. The youth may bring one friend. Youth are asked to text Tom Griffin at tgriffin@umich.edu to know who is coming and make sure there are enough adult drivers.

LIVING WISELY IN AN UNWISE WORLD. In the month of February, we will be taking a three-week journey focused on stewardship entitled "Living Wisely in an Unwise World". The world tries to find wisdom but often gets lost in jealousy and selfish ambition. As God's people, we understand that all essential truth is found in God's Word. Throughout this series, we will be learning more about pursuing God's wisdom and applying it to how we allocate our time and use our money. We hope this is a blessing to you as we strive to grow to be the faithful body of believers Christ has called us to:

- “Following God’s Wisdom”, 2nd
- “Using Time Wisely”, 9th
- “Becoming Money Wise”, 16th
- “Living Together Wisely”, 23rd

DONATION TO OPEN ARMS may be made by going to the church website and clicking the Online Offering button. This can be used for one-time donations, for scheduled giving and for donations to special projects. <https://www.openarmscenter.com>

TEAM TIGER BACKBACK NEEDS

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| Pancake syrup | Buttermilk biscuit mix |
| Go Go Squeeze yogart | Beans (bagged or canned - any kind) |
| Tuna/Chicken packets | Spaghetti |
| Soup | Pasta sauce |
| Hormel Compleats | Canned vegetables |
| Peanut butter | Small cans of mushrooms (for pizza) |
| Jelly | Pizza dough mix |
| Go Go Squeeze applesauce | Pepperoni (shelf-stable) |
| Fruit cups | Tomato/pizza sauce |
| Potatoes | Rice |
| Cornbread mix | |

THE NEXT PASTOR CALL LIST FOR OPEN ARMS should arrive the first week in February. The Call Committee will review the information after it arrives and decide which Pastors to interview. An application for a Seminary Graduate to be placed at the church has also been submitted. Both paths can be followed at the same time. *A Voter's Meeting is scheduled for March 2nd* to decide whether or not to request a Seminary Graduate be assigned to Open Arms. Watch for more information.

OPEN ARM DAYCARE is hiring Part time staff, especially for the afternoons, and a teacher for Toddlers. Contact Director Greta Bower for more information or to give her a recommendation.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT HAMPTON MANOR assisted living facility on Tyler Road. Deacon Dave Ferber has been leading a Bible study every other Wednesday. Daycare students have been invited to visit on a somewhat regular basis. Director Greta Bower is looking for volunteers interested in driving 4 and 5 year old children and visiting with the residents. Contact Greta for more information. Some residents at Hampton Manor are looking for people who would be willing to play Euchre with them. Contact Deacon Dave for more information.

You are invited to a LADIES NIGHT SWAP PARTY!

When: Feb 21st **Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm **Where:** Open Arms Lutheran Church and Daycare

What is it: A swap party is a gathering where participants exchange unwanted items like clothing, accessories, home decor, and shoes! It's a fun and engaging way to refresh your wardrobe and enhance your home decor without any cost. Plus, it promotes eco-friendliness and encourages sustainable practices.

What to bring:

Gently Used Items You No Longer Need! We welcome the following categories:

Clothing

Accessories

Kitchen Goods

Shoes

Home Décor

Please bring an appetizer or drink to share!

Friends! Swap parties are much more enjoyable with plenty of items and friends!

Contact Noel Gee with any questions! (Noel.Granger16@gmail.com)

THRIVENT ACTION GRANT IDEAS. If you have investments or life insurance with Thrivent, you can apply for two Action Grants each year. Here are few suggestions for ways to use your Thrivent Grants to serve the Belleville community and help support Open Arms Church and Daycare Ministries.

Team Tigers backpack Tyler School Student food program

Manipulatives for the Daycare Math Stacker program: building blocks, magnets, and tiles.

Contact Greta for more information.

MEAL Time the last Wednesday of each month that provides free food for Daycare and Open Arms families and friends. Contact Denise Ferber for more information

Daycare Valentines Day Breakfast food February 14th

Ladies Night Swap Party, Feb. 1st for food and other supplies. Contact Noel for more information.

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 12

Easter Brunch at Open Arms

National Day of Prayer, May 1st. Lunch for First Responders

Veterans Take Out Tuesday gift cards. May 1st – 18th

Summer Camp Supplies, starting June 16th

Vacation Bible School, July 28-31

WORSHIP SERVICE USHERS. Open Arms will start passing the collection plates during the service on February 23. That means we need two ushers for each service. If are willing to serve or need more information call or text Brenda Bucholz at 734 358 6223 or email her at Bucholzb@gmail.com

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLYqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3Dck8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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