



EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE VOTERS MEETING after the Worship Service this coming Sunday, March 2nd. Open Arms will be learning more about requesting a Pastor from one of our church's seminaries. A vote will be taken that will determine whether or not Open Arms officially request a Pastor be assigned to the church. 80% of voting members have to approve the request for the application process to continue. Applying for a seminary graduate does not guarantee one will be assigned to Open Arms. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

THE LENTEN SEASON begins with a 6:30 PM Service on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The Sunday Morning Worship Service and Bible Class will use Max Lucado's book, "He Chose the Nails" as a basis for the series. The Sunday morning messages will match the same topic as the Bible Class which will also include a teaching video from Max Lucado. Here are the upcoming worship themes:

- Ash Wednesday, March 5th, "He Chose to Take Our Place"
- Sunday, March 9th, "He Chose to Be One of Us"
- Sunday, March 16th, "He Chose to Forgive Us"
- Sunday, March 23rd, "He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence"
- Sunday, March 30th, "He Chose to Love Us Forever"
- Sunday, April 6th, "He Chose to Give Us Victory"

THE SUNDAY SERVICES during Lent will include video clips from "The Chosen" that match the theme of the message for the Day. The title Messiah or Christ means the Chosen One. Jesus was chosen to take our place under the Law, to pay the price for our sins, and to open God's Kingdom to all who believe and put their trust in Him. We have been Chosen by God to be His people and to shine the light of His love into the lives of people around us.

STEPPING STONES THROUGH LENT is the title for the Children's Messages on Sundays during the Lenten Season. Activity Sheets will be available at the Welcome Center to be used during Children's Church or for families to take home and use with their children.

TEAM TIGERS BACKBACK NEEDS

Soup (please no ramen)*
Veggies*
Fruit cups
Go Go squeeze applesauce

*** BIGGEST NEEDS**

Cereal
Pop tarts
Pancake syrup

TEAM TIGERS EASTER EGGS PROJECT. We would like to fill the backpacks with Easter eggs stuffed with candy for the kids for Easter. To do this, we are asking for 240 plastic eggs and nut-free wrapped candy to go inside the eggs. Suggestions are: bite size licorice, fun size bags of Skittles, tootsie rolls, mini airheads, etc. Make sure to drop off you Team Tigers Eggs candies in one of their drop off boxes so they don't get mixed in with items for the Open Arms Community Easter Egg Hunt.

TEAM TIGERS BOWLING FUND RAISER is Friday, March 14th, at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. \$20 includes 2 games, shoe rental and pizza. Contact Bev Conry, Dana or Brandon Underwood for tickets.

MARCH IS READING MONTH AT OPEN ARM DAYCARE. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. works best for most classes. Special readers in the afternoon at 3:45 p.m are also welcome. If you are interested in reading to one or more classrooms during March, please contact Greta Bower.

OPEN ARMS NEEDS a person to run the Worship Service Live Stream once a month. Contact Marty Moro for more information. morom3@yahoo.com

THANKS TO THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH for hosting and serving at MEAL time on the 26th.

OPEN ARMS WILL BEGIN passing the offering plates during the worship services this Sunday. This practice was discontinued during Covid. You will not see an offering plate when you enter the church on Sunday. Wait to deposit your offering in the plate when it is passed.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who filled out and submitted a financial commitment form for Open Arms. If you did not get your form turned in yet, you can still do it by dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday or emailing it to dreszke@openarmscenter.com

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>

PASTOR LARRY MADE A MISTAKE when he recommended that Open Arms take advantage of the opportunity for a free membership to Alliance Defending Freedom. We were given incomplete information and told their primary work is providing legal defense for churches. We have since discovered they are a politically active organization that do some things that Open Arms would not support. We are withdrawing from membership and ask to be forgiven by anyone offended.

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

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