



THE LENTEN SEASON began on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The Sunday Morning Worship Service and Bible Classes on the Sundays during Lent will use Max Lucado's book, "He Chose the Nails" as a basis for the series. Here are the upcoming worship themes:

- 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 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 for families to take home and use with their children. This week's stepping stone is "Shine."

THE MARCH MEALTIME is on Wednesday, the 26th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The children in Miss Mildred's and Mr. Kaden's Pre-K class are preparing special art project that will be displayed and sold that day as a fundraiser for Team Tigers. The Daycare staff will be hosting a free Pasta Dinner.

TEAM TIGERS BACKBACK NEEDS this week: Small boxes of Cereal
Pop Tarts Fruit Cups Salty Snacks Squeeze Applesauce

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 dropoff boxes so they don't get mixed in with items for the Open Arms Community Easter Egg Hunt.

TEAM TIGER SUPPORT: Lifepointe Church in Belleville is doing a food drive for TEAM TIGERS. The pastor's wife said they were talking about doing a food drive, but didn't have anywhere to store the food. After hearing about Team Tigers, they were very excited to help! People may be needed to help with transporting food after they complete their food drive.

TEAM TIGERS Bowling Fundraiser: We are looking forward to see everyone Friday night at the bowling fundraiser and silent auction. Thank you for your support of Team Tigers.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Someone to run the Worship Service Live Stream once a month. Contact Marty Moro for more information. morom3@yahoo.com
- Someone to serve on the Arts and Altar team, helping to prepare for worship services. Contact Audrey Moro for more information: amoro1031@gmail.com

THE OPEN ARMS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is April 12th. Donations of plastic eggs and candies to fill them will be needed. Put your donations in the Community Easter Egg Hunt box. People are also needed to help fill the eggs and to help on the day of the hunt.

OPEN ARMS DAYCARE is looking for summer kitchen help. Training begins in May. Help needed June through mid-August. Responsibilities include: inventory, weekly grocery shopping, preparing and portioning snacks, preparing and delivering weekly pizza lunch, washing dishes and kitchen cleaning. Flexible days and hours. Ideally, 2-3 days a week. **MUST** work on Wednesday morning. This could be a volunteer or paid position. Please talk with Greta or Debbie if you have more questions.

THE DAYCARE STAFFING NEEDS: Infant room aide. Toddler room aide. Part-time OR full-time floater. Contact Greta for more information.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays March 18th and 25th. Contact Dave Ferber for more info.

SEMINARY PLACEMENT PROCESS. Open Arms is asking for a Seminary graduate to be assigned as the next Called Pastor. Placements take place April 29 and 30. Candidates are first certified by the faculty of their seminary. They complete a questionnaire giving personal information, desired type of ministry and locations they would prefer. Graduates are interviewed by the seminary placement team. Their information is then matched with churches requesting a seminary graduate. The seminary placement team and the Presidents from the different districts look at all of this information to decide where a candidate is assigned. Final placement assignments are made in late April. Open Arms will learn whether or not a seminary graduate has been assigned to the church after their placements.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM OPPORTUNITIES: If you have investments or insurance with Thrivent, you are eligible for two Action Team grants of \$250 a year. Here are some suggestions for upcoming events that would benefit from your Action Team grant:

Team Tigers	Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 12
Easter Brunch, April 20	National Day of Prayer, May 1
MEAL Time	Veterans “Take Out Tuesday” gift cards
Daycare Summer Camp	Daycare Graduation Party

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3Dck8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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THE PRE-K CLASS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS IN CREATING A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF ARTS. EACH KID IN MS. MILDRED AND MR. KADEN'S CLASS MADE PAINTINGS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR TEAM TIGERS, A PROJECT IN COORDINATION WITH TYLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR HUNGRY KIDS.

COME JOIN US FOR M.E.A.L., WATCH KIDS SING AND DANCE AND ENJOY BEAUTIFUL ART WORKS!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

5 PM

OPEN ARMS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND DAYCARE



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



You are invited!