



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 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 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 UPDATES:

BOWLING FUND RAISER AND AUCTION on March 14th raised \$2,000. Thank you to everyone who participated in the bowling fundraiser.

THIS WEEKS NEEDS: We are looking to switch to healthier options. We would like to start offering fresh apples, oranges/cuties, and individual size bags of carrots. However, we won't be able to keep a large stock of these items due to spoilage. Currently, we pack approximately 60 backpacks every week. Other needed items are: Hormel Compleats, Granola bars, fruit cups, squeeze applesauce, squeeze fruit, individual sized bags of pretzels, goldfish, cheez-its, gardettos, popcorn, chex mix, veggie straws, beef sticks, freeze-dried fruit chips, and individual no-sugar added juice.

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.

HOMELESS LUNCHEs PACKING is Saturday, April 19th at 10:00. Please email Dana Underwood at dunderwood99@hotmail.com if you'd like to donate. All donations need to be at the church by 10:00 am that day. Please label your donation for the. If you'd like to help pack, please feel free to join us at 10:00 am on April 19 at Open Arms.

SUE JACKSON would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support with her recovery following the accident when she was hit by a car while walking in her apartment parking lot. Sue plans to be back on Sunday and playing bass guitar with the praise team.

THE OPEN ARMS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is April 12th. Donations of plastic eggs and candies to fill them are needed. Drop your donations off at the office. People are also needed to help fill the eggs and to help on the day of the hunt.

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

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.

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 in May
Daycare Summer Camp	Daycare Graduation Party June 5
Homeless Sack Lunches Packing	April 19 th

HOLY WEEK AT OPEN ARMS

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday, (Jesus' Last Supper), April 17th, 6:30 PM
Good Friday, (Jesus Crucifixion), April 18th, 6:30 PM
Easter Brunch, April 20th, 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Easter Celebration Service, (Jesus' Resurrection) April 20th, 10:00 AM

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.

1Peter 4:10



You are invited!