



A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER:

17 th	Invite a Friend Sunday	“In the Game with Jesus”
24 th	Celebration Sunday	“Celebrate with Jesus”

OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE: On Sunday, September 10th, the voting members of Open Arms unanimously voted to call Pastor Ryan A. from Nebraska. He is about 36 years old, married to his wife Keri since 2010. They have three daughters ranging from a one-year-old to a ten-year-old. More information about Pastor Ryan will be available after he has the opportunity to tell his current congregation about his Call. You can read the information in the church office that we received from the Michigan District about Pastor Ryan.

PLEASE PRAY for Pastor Ryan and his family as they consider the Call to serve at Open Arms. Also pray for the members of his current church after they learn that their Pastor has a Call.

THE CHURCH BOARD will be making plans for a possible visit from Pastor Ryan and his family at the meeting on Monday, September 18th. They will inform you about a planned visit as soon as they know.

PIE SUNDAY! Sunday, September 24th, is Celebration Sunday in the “The September to Remember” series. We need people to bring any kind of pie you wish to the service that day. We will sit around tables and enjoy a piece of pie with family and friends following the service. Please sign up on Sunday or email Brenda Bucholz if you will bring a pie or two on the 24th. Please remember to cut your pie(s) before bringing them to the church.

OPEN ARMS YOUTH are meeting at Open Arms at 10:30 AM to go to the Concordia University Football Game on Saturday, the 16th. The youth will take a tour of the campus, have lunch with the Pep Band and attend the football game as guests of Concordia. Tickets to the game and lunch are FREE! Contact Tom Griffin today if you plan to go to the game.
tgriffin@umich.edu

252 FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN begins again on October 4th. If you have a special skill or craft that you would be willing to help the children learn or are interested in helping, please contact Tom Griffin. tgriffin@umich.edu.

7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH & PARENTS: Confirmation Information Meeting after the Worship Service on Sunday, September 24th. First session October. 1st. Contact Pastor Larry if you have any questions. Bring your calendars so we can set a date for Confirmation Sunday.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL is Saturday, October 7th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. What to expect? petting farm -- hayride -- trunk or treat -- snacks -- games -- crafts -- bonfire. Kids (and grown ups!) are encouraged to dress up in kid-friendly costumes. How can you help? Set up the afternoon/night before. Volunteer during the event. **Host and decorate a trunk (pass out candy).** If interested, contact Greta Bower gbower@openarmscenter.com

LADIES BIBLE STUDY begins Tuesday, September 19th at Gloria Jeans Café, 519 Main Street Belleville at 9:30 AM. Sue Jackson and Deb Kasper will lead the study based on the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible." The group meets every other week. The Zoom study begins in January 2024.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY sessions begin on Tuesday, September 26th. The Fall sessions will consist of videos titled "Stuff They Didn't Teach me in Sunday School." These videos will cover "The Prophets," "Matthew & Mark," and "About Letters to the New Church." You will discover these videos to be educational, informative and presented with a sense of humor. Men of Open Arms, please take some time from your busy schedule to attend several or all sessions. The schedule for our Fall 2023 session is as follows (all sessions begin at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room): 9/26, 10/24, 11/21, 11/28 & 12/19 (No sessions on 10/31 & 12/26).

MEAL-TIMES are the free meals provided to Daycare and Open Arms families on the Last Wednesday of each month. They have been well received since they started in the summer of 2022. Would you or a group you are part of be willing to coordinate one of the upcoming MEAL Times starting in October? Yes! Then talk with Marty Moro, Tom Griffin, Ted Bower or Bayo Adebajo for more information.

MOST MINISTRIES is looking for prescription glasses and sunglasses. You can drop them off on Sunday or any day at open arms. The glasses are used in their eye care mission trips.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH. We need someone to lead one Sunday a month. The church provides weekly lesson topics and teaching ideas. Thanks to Brenda Bucholz for volunteering to help schedule the leaders. Contact Pastor Larry for more information or talk with one of the weekly leaders: Melva Coleman, Rachel Manthei, Katie Essell, or Greta Bower to find out more about what happens during Children's Church.

THE AGAPE FUND is designated to help individuals and families who need some extra help. Donations are given during times of financial crisis, to help with medical expenses, to help families through the loss of a job or the death of a loved one. Donations to help the Pape family may be given to the Agape fund and designated for them. Your donations to help others are greatly appreciated.

GIFT GAS CARDS. Linda and Ron Everard have been visiting their daughter in a nursing or home hospital every day for several months. If possible, please you pick up a gift gas card for them and leave it at the church. Thanks.

REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS: Email your thoughts or questions about the readings to Dave Ferber for Sunday services. Dave's email is ferber_david@yahoo.com

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGSSept. 14th Galatians 1Sept. 15th Galatians 2:1-16Sept. 16th Galatians 2:17-3:9Sept. 17th Galatians 3:10-29Sept. 18th Galatians 4:1-20September 14th – 23rdSept. 19th Galatians 4:21-5:12Sept. 20th Galatians 5:13-26Sept. 21st Galatians 6Sept. 22nd Ephesians 1Sept. 23rd Ephesians 2**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS:**

- Invite a Friend Sunday, Sept. 17
- Ladies Bible Study @ Gloria James Café, Sept. 19th
- Confirmation Class Information Meeting, Sept. 24th
- Men's Bible Study, Sept. 26th @ Open Arms
- MEAL Time, Sept. 27
- 1st Sunday for Confirmation Class Oct. 1st
- Adult Bible Study (Spiritual Conversations), Oct. 1st
- Harvest Festival October 7th
- Homeless Lunch Packing, Oct. 15th
- V.A. Hospital Collection, Oct. 22nd – Nov. 12th
- MEAL Time, Oct. 25th
- Annual Voters Meeting, Nov. 19th
- Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 26th
- Thanksgiving MEAL Time & Advent Service, Nov. 29th
- Belleville Light Parade, Dec. 2nd
- Angel Tree, Dec. 3rd – 17th
- Day Care Christmas Program, Dec. 6th
- Christmas Eve Service, (Sunday) 4:00 PM
- Christmas MEAL time, Dec. 27th

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