



THE PASTOR CALL MEETING is scheduled for May 19th after the service. Information about the Pastor being recommended by the Board is available in the church office.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

- Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday, May 12
- May 19th, Deadline for Veterans "Take Out Tuesday" gift cards
- Call Meeting, May 19th
- MEAL Time, May 29th
- Day Care Graduation, May 30th

YOUTH CONFIRMATION is Sunday, May 12th. Emma Bower, Creighton Buckalew, Zah Layah Pape, and Colin O'Kelley will make a public confession of their Christian faith that day. Please keep these young people in your prayers join them for a cake reception after the service.



IT'S "TAKE OUT TUESDAY" TIME. Open Arms is collecting VISA gift cards for Veterans at the VA Nursing Home so they can order food for "Take Out Tuesdays." Please bring VISA Gift Cards to Open Arms between now and May 19th.

THE "STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE" is this Saturday, May 11th. You can leave food items in a plastic bag by your mail box for your Postal Worker to pick up that day. Food items will be given to the Emergency Food Closet at Belleville First United Methodist Church. Help is need that Saturday at the church starting at 12:30 to sort and boxed the donated food.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in knowing more about the Christian faith, about Open Arms, or about what Lutheran Christians believe, Pastor Larry would be glad to talk with you.

WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST. If you would like to listen to Open Arms worship songs as recorded by the original artist, follow this Music Play List. This link will also be on the Worship / Music page on the Open Arms website. www.OpenArmsCenter.com
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLy-qFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt

WORSHIP AREA UPGRADES. We are seeking donations to help with upgrades to our shared Big Room & Sanctuary space. This room is vital to all aspects of our ministries. Planned work includes installation of replacement projectors, LED lighting upgrades, new ceiling fans, specialized equipment rental and skilled labor for certain tasks. It's anticipated to total around \$8,000-\$10,000. If you are able to direct extra giving for this, simply write "Sanctuary" on your check or online donation's memo line or 'notes' field. Your gifts will help maximize the usefulness of this room to bless those we serve.

TEAM TIGERS. Open Arms is teaming up with Tyler Elementary School to provide backpacks of food every weekend for those students who come from low-income families. The kids often have very little food on the weekend and rely heavily on the food they get for breakfast and lunch at Tyler Elementary. During the summer months, many of these students go without breakfast and lunch since they are not in school, and their families cannot afford it. Our plan is to help bridge the gap starting with summer school students this summer. Dana and Brandon Underwood are coordinating this project for Open Arms.

UPCOMING MAY WORSHIP SERVICES THEMES:

- May 12th, “Costly Discipleship” (Mother’s Day & Confirmation Sunday)
- May 19th, “Renewing Energy”. (Pentecost Sunday)
- May 26th, “The Guardian God”. (Memorial Day Weekend & Trinity Sunday)

SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES June 2-23, *“Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons & Lions”*

Detroit has four major sports teams, the Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons, and Lions. Paul used the example of a runner to encourage Christians, *“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.”* (1 Cor. 9:24-25)

- June 2, TIGERS. The goal in baseball is to get home safely. After healing a paralyzed man, Jesus told him to take up his mat and go home. Mark 2:1-12
- June 9, RED WINGS. God promises to lift His people up on Eagles Wings. Isaiah 40:31
- June 16, PISTONS. Like the 6th man in a basketball game, the Holy Spirit breathes new life and empowers God’s people. Ecclesiastes 4:12, Acts 1:8
- June 23, LIONS. Jesus, the Lion of Judah, has won the ultimate victory. Revelation 5:5

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