



**THE PASTOR CALL MEETING is this Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** after the service. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Open Arms during this important time.

#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES**

- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deadline for Veterans “Take Out Tuesday” gift cards
- Call Meeting, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day, Daycare Closed, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- MEAL Time, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Day Care Graduation, May 30<sup>th</sup>

**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 or cash to Open Arms between now and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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.** Follow this link If you would like to listen to Open Arms worship songs as recorded by the original artists.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_xOMNiH7\\_w&list=PLy-qFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLy-qFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt)

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** Please remember to supervise your children after the worship services on Sunday. Daycare staff members have recently found messes left or other items disturbed in their rooms on Monday morning. Thanks

**WORSHIP AREA UPGRADES.** We are seeking donations for replacement of projectors, LED lighting upgrades, new ceiling fans, specialized equipment rental and skilled labor for certain tasks. Your gifts will help maximize the usefulness of this room to bless those we serve.

**DAYCARE GRADUATION** is Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a special day for our Daycare families and children.

**THE SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will not meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> because of the Call Meeting or the May 26<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday weekend. The class resumes June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, “Renewing Energy”. (Pentecost Sunday)
- May 26<sup>th</sup>, “The Guardian God”. (Memorial Day Weekend & Trinity Sunday)

**JUNE 2 – 23 MESSAGE SERIES, *“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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW** for the Open Arms BBQ and Cornhole games following the service on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Larry will be giving Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons and Lions “cornhole bags” to the children during children’s message in June. You are encouraged to bring you cornhole boards and have some fun playing with other members of the Open Arms family.

**THE DETROIT TIGERS** have a “Faith and Family Day” on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with pregame activities starting at 9:30 and the game at 1:10. Are you interested in helping to take a group from Open Arms. See Marty Moro for more information.

**THE WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH MOBILE UNIT** will be at the First United Methodist Church parking lot on June 4 from 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM for preventative health screenings.

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