

Open Arms CCDC

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We would like to thank you for choosing Open Arms as your childcare provider. It is our pleasure to serve you in this capacity. I hope you feel welcomed each and every time you enter our center. God is truly blessing our ministry by allowing us to be a blessing to the families who we serve and our community.

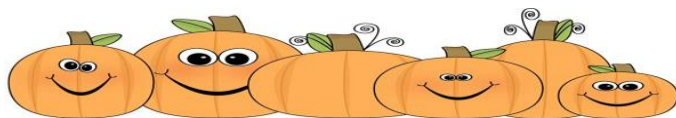
Church News

Join us at Our Savior Lutheran Church for worship! You are welcome to join us for worship and fellowship. Our worship services are held on Sunday.

- Traditional Service 8:15 am & 11:00 am
- Contemporary Service 9:30 am
- Sunday School for Pre K – 5th 9:30 am Sunday School (Middle and High School) 9:30 am
- Adult Bible Study 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Smiling Souls Food Bank Ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church

We are so excited about our new ministry, Smiling Souls Food Bank. This ministry will help us meet an essential need in our community. If you are in need of food or know someone who is please come to our food distribution on Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.



Upcoming Events

September 28

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Begins

October 28

D.E.A.R to Me

October 31

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

November 1-18

Annual Non-Perishable Food Drive

November 7 – 11

Fall Checkpoint and Parent/Teacher

November 21 – 22

Thanksgiving Feast

November 24 – 25

**Thanksgiving Holiday –
Center Closed**

November 30 - December 1

Lifetouch School Portraits

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our first fundraiser of the 2016-2017 school year.

The funds raised will be used to buy much needed supplies for our classrooms. Some materials have to be replaced often, so any additional help in keeping our classrooms equipped with quality materials benefits everyone.

1st Place Winner Mr. and Mrs. Erik Johnson

2nd Place Winner Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wilson

3rd Place Winner Ms. Deria Hatton

Fall Festival

Our annual fall festival will be held on Monday, October 31. All activities for this event will take place throughout the day. We will have a costume parade, story time, classroom arts and crafts, and games.

We are still in need of donations of candy and/or healthier alternatives. All donations must be individually wrapped and not contain any nuts or nut products.

If your child's costume comes with an accessory such as a sword, saber, staff, etc...., please do not send it with your child when he/she comes to school that day. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please sign up at the front desk.



We would like to thank everyone who purchased a t-shirt or gave a donation toward our gift of love for our Open Arms' team member Ms. Ana. We continue to pray that God would grant healing and comfort to all who are affected by this disease.

John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you..."*



In the Community

Trunk or Treat

Please come and join us on October 31, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, for this fun, family event.

Many of the car decorations will be based on a Bible story. Your children will enjoy treating from car to car as they guess each car's theme.

There will be food, games and most of all lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to tell a friend!

The front parking lot will be closed at 3:30 pm to allow time for set up for our event participants. Parking will be available in the rear parking lot and in the park/ride parking lot.

FUN! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP!

Helping Hands at Open Arms Servant Events

The OSLC/OA ministry actively seeks to be a community church which helps its neighbors near and far. Each year we partner with the church to share our blessings with those in need.

This year we have 3 servant events. We will make blessing bags for our area homeless (November 1-January 30), collect food for our non-perishable food drive (November 1-17), and collect clothing and other items for a mission trip to Haiti (March 15 - 22).

Thanksgiving Feasts



Please come and join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast and Pageant. The event will take place on November 21 and 22, promptly at 11:30 am. We will start in the sanctuary with a performance by the children and proceed over to the fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving feast.

The meal will be served family style. We will provide the meat, bread, and beverages for the meal. Parents and staff provide the side dishes. Please check with your child's teacher for more details on the side dishes. It is also imperative that you RSVP (limit two guest per child) on the Thankful Feast sign-up sheet in the classroom by Friday, Nov 18.

Schedule

November 21 1A, 1B, 5, 8, 9 and 10

November 22 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11



Faithful Families: Family Devotions

Our Savior Lutheran Church will host a workshop on family devotions. This Faithful Families workshop will focus on creative ways to have devotion time with your family, finding the time in your busy schedule and making it a priority. More information to come!

Bloomz App

We are looking forward to using the Bloomz App as an effective way to enhance center/home communication. The easy to use format is similar to Facebook and is easily accessed by computer or smart phone. We aim to launch this effort center-wide during the week of October 31st. Information for setting up the app will be put in your classroom mail slot of Friday, October 28 along with the classroom assess code.

Drop Everything and Read to Me

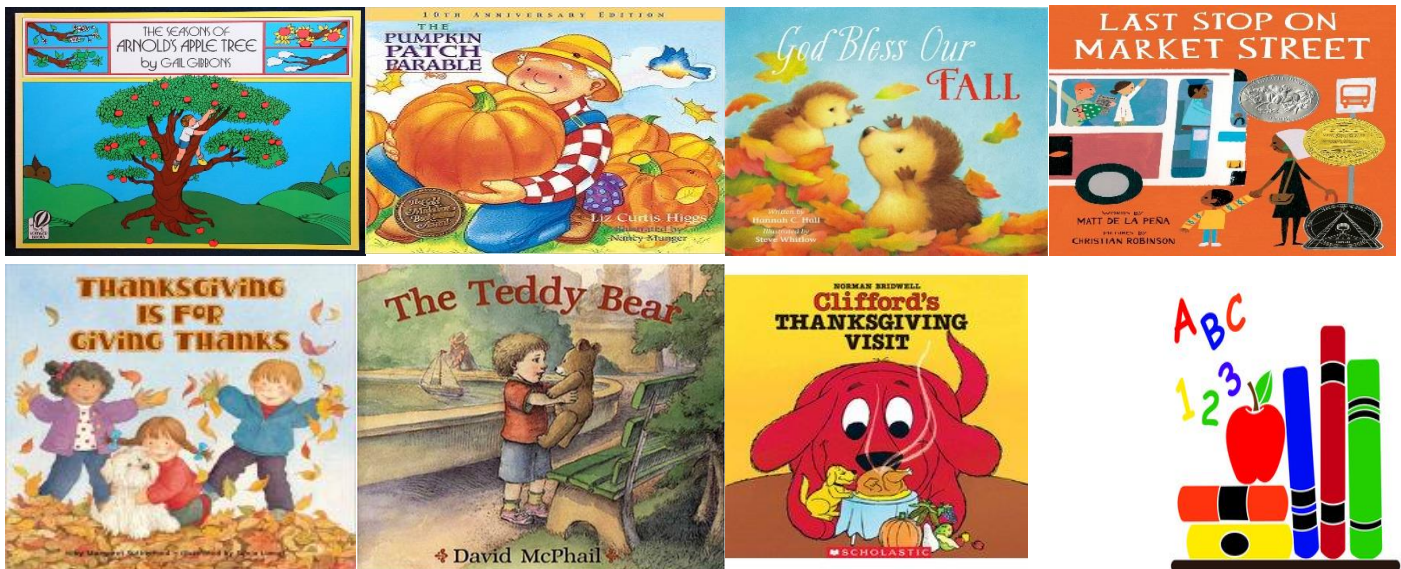
Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) is celebrated nationwide during the month of April in honor of author, Beverly Cleary's birthday. In most schools, this event encourages children to take time out to read. We have adapted the program for our little ones because most of them are not reading.

Reading aloud to children stimulates language development/cognitive skills, influences positive association with books later in life and helps to build a foundation for success in school.

Drop Everything and Read to Me will be held on the last Friday of each month. You can sign-up as a guest reader at the Open Arm's front office.

Readers Today and Leaders Tomorrow!

Fall into a Good Book!



Friendly Reminders

- Tuition is due by the 15th of each month.
- Please keep two sets of seasonably appropriate clothing in your child's cubby at all times.
- The driveway directly in front of the main entrance is reserved for emergency vehicles, deliveries, and bus pick-up/drop off. We have had at least three instances where a car was parked in that area and a school bus could not clear the space to make a turn. The parking spaces with handicapp are for individuals who have handicap parking decals.