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Stop in to tour
our building and
see what's new!



Season of Gifts



I am JAZZED as we are entering one of my favorite times of the year! I do not like snow or ice but I LOVE Thanksgiving thru Spring. How appropriate for Open Arms to really take shape during this time we celebrate and remember Christ's birth as well as the coming of a new year.

During this season of thankfulness and gift giving, I would like to share with you some gifts that I have been given. I encourage you to remember the members of the Open Arms Board of Directors in your prayers. They are a gift to the congregation, and myself, bringing forth their individual God-given skills as they serve as my guidance and encouragers. Together the Board and I have pulled together some very important loose ends that have given us a great sense of accomplishment! I have really enjoyed getting to know them personally and consider myself blessed that we would be able to serve this congregation together as a team. If you see Chairwoman Linda Studer, Secretary Holly Hall, or Donna Wilson, please extend your gratitude towards them, encouraging them and building them up! Pray that the Lord would grant them wisdom and patience as they serve.

This leads me to the next gift I am privileged to be a part of, the Building Committee. They have offered me great hospitality helping to "bring me up to speed" on issues concerning our center. From the beginning they have made me feel as if I belong, always explaining and educating, never harsh in any way! I marvel at the dedication that each member has put forth. There are many Tuesday nights where the committee doesn't get to bed before 10 p.m., yet they are here ready to do God's will every Tuesday. In-between meetings there are bids to get, contractor bills to pay, and their "real jobs" to report to; they are great inspiration to me. Please pray for their strength and wisdom as they continue to make the hard decisions and finalizing the work of this building project. Pray for their families who are at home waiting for them when they are meeting, that they continue to support and be patient.



What's New?



Open Arms opened up **pre-enrollment** in mid November, please pass this information on to friends and family. Anyone interested in securing a spot for their child should call the office to set up a tour and complete the paperwork.

We have been blessed with two men who volunteered to build some of our classroom furniture. Gene Meyer resides in Willmar, MN. He is an "in-active" Laborer for Christ who prefers to do the building in his home workshop, he also happens to be Sarah Sailer's father. Sarah Sailer is the vice-principal of Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Reverend Charles Kramer is a retired LCMS Pastor who now resides in Canton with his wife, Janet. Both men are only accepting payment for the materials, they have both expressed their joy in being able to contribute to our center.



I wish you all a wonderful Christ filled Holiday!

