

## **All Around Arndt's - December 2, 2024**

**Arndt's Lutheran Church**  
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### **Attendance and Offering:**

**December 1, 2024                      Attendance – 51                      Offering - \$4,461.00**

### **Stewardship Snippets: December 8, 2024: (Second Sunday of Advent)**

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. **Philippians 1:9-11**

*Love is the theme for the Second Sunday in Advent. When we cultivate love in our lives as steward/disciples, it does overflow and guide our lives on the paths of strength and joy.*

### **Let us pray for families of Arndt's:**

Jim and Barb Bialker; Jeremy, Sarah, Jameson and Benjamin Bialker; Tom Billiard; Bill and Ann Bogari; Jeff, Lisa, Ryan and Brendan Bowman; Joanne Boyer; Steve Bueker; Denis and Gerry Burns; Michael Capobianco; Susan Capobianco.

**Thank you** to everyone who prepared food for the Safe Harbor Thanksgiving meal. The food was truly appreciated. Thanks to Linda Kleppinger for coordinating the meal.

## **Announcements and Reminders**

### **Covid 19**

**Recommended actions from the CDC:** Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if you have symptoms. **Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.** When worshipping in the Arndt's sanctuary masks are optional. Your consideration of others is appreciated.

**Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service:** On Wednesdays during Advent the churches in our Easton Cluster will once again join together for a meal and worship (Holden Evening Prayer) each week during Advent, with soup being offered at 6:00 p.m. and worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The location will change each week.

December 4: Arndt's, 1851 Arndt Road, Easton

December 11: St. Paul's III, 2561 Newburg Road, Easton

December 18: St. Andrew's, 3900 Freemansburg Avenue, Easton

Offerings received during these services will be forwarded to Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter. In addition, we will be collecting canned goods (with pop-top lids) for the Safe Harbor Food Bank, which helps to supplement the homeless who utilize their warming center over the winter months

**Women's Christmas Party.** The annual Women's Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share and a gift in the \$5 to \$10 range for the gift exchange. For this year's service project we will be filling the purses we collected this fall with women's items. The purses will then be distributed to women in our community through our local agencies.

**Poinsettia Orders for Christmas:** Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring a poinsettia sale. By purchasing poinsettias, you can help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost this year will be \$10 per plant (6-1/2 inch pot), and the plants are available in red, white or pink. Complete the order form included in AAA and place it in the offering plate with payment, checks made payable to "Arndt's Lutheran Church". Orders are due by Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.

**Advent Food Drive:** The Arndt's 2024 Advent Food Drive began on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will benefit the ProJeCt of Easton Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Easton. The Food Pantry has been a community cornerstone in the Easton area for more than 30 years, helping families and individuals reduce food insecurity and increase their knowledge and understanding of quality, nutritious food. The "Reverse" Advent Calendar is attached. Each day, a different suggested pantry item is collected and placed in a box or bag pending delivery back to the church for sorting and distribution. All items should be brought to the church on or before Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collection bins will be in the coat room. Thank you for your generosity and support of this community project.

**Giving Tree for Northampton County Family, Children and Youth:** The Christmas tree is set up in the lounge and decorated with tags for you to select and purchase gifts for families in our community. **NEW THIS YEAR. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church in a gift bag with the original tag attached to the gift bag.** Gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. A representative from the county will pick them up the following week for distribution to the families. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Horton at 610-258-4584. Thank you for generosity and support of this annual project.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting to elect new council members and approve the budget for 2025 will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of the church.

**Worship Minister Volunteers:** We are always looking for new people to help as worship ministers: lectors, ushers or greeter, assistant ministers, acolytes, and altar guild personnel. Please take time to look over the signup sheet on the clipboard in the narthex and add your name where you would like to help. Training is available, if needed.

**Backpack Pals Program:** Arndt's Church continues to collect applesauce packs for the Backpack Pals program—either the 4-cup or 6-cup packages, unsweetened preferred. There is a bin in the narthex for donations. We thank you for your continued support of this community project.

**Church Calendar on Arndt's Website:** For up-to-date information on dates and times of services and activities at the church, check out the 'Calendar' tab on the Arndt's website, [www.arndtslutheranchurch.org](http://www.arndtslutheranchurch.org).

**Christmas Gift Card Reminder:** Need a gift for that someone special? Make your shopping easy by purchasing Gift Cards from RaiseRight and supporting our church at the same time. When you purchase gift cards from RaiseRight, Arndt's Lutheran Church receives a rebate. **The deadline to order gift cards for Christmas delivery is this Sunday, December 8.** Gift Cards will be distributed to you at church on Sunday, December 15. You can order online or use the order form at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser for our church. Questions? Contact Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

### **Arndt's Weekly Calendar**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024:** Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024:** Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024:** Midweek Advent Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Midweek Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m., at Arndt's  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024:** No Country Line Dancing Class this week.  
**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024:** Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024:** Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m. Zoom information below:

**Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: Bible study  
Time: Nov 21, 2024 7:00 p.m. and  
Every week on Thursday, (110 occurrence(s))

**Join Zoom Meeting by Computer:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87611770947?pwd=M2D177lQZiWngwfoybP3vJaaodLpEZ.1>

Meeting ID: 876 1177 0947. Passcode: 965156

**Join Zoom Meeting by Telephone:**

1 253 215 8782. Meeting ID: 876 1177 0947. Passcode: 965156

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024:** Piano Recital, Sanctuary, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024:** Children's Sunday School, ages 3 through grade 6, 9:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024:** Holy Communion Service – Second Sunday in Advent - 10:30 a.m., followed by luncheon in celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of Pastor Jean's Ordination. (reservations required).  
**Monday, Dec. 9, 2024:** Women's Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share and a gift in the \$5 to \$10 range for a gift exchange  
**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024:** **Annual Congregational Meeting following morning worship with election of new council members and approval of 2025 budget.**



## **ARNDT'S ADVENT FOOD DRIVE 2024**

Once again, we will collect for the ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry located at St. John's Lutheran Church in Easton. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for our Advent Food Drive. Thanks to the generosity of the families and friends of Arndt's Lutheran Church, last year we donated 907 items weighing 1,060 lbs. for a total value of \$2,035.

ProJeCt Easton's Food Pantry has been a community cornerstone for more than 30 years. The goal of the food pantry is to reduce food insecurity and increase food knowledge by providing high quality nutrient food to low-income, at-risk adults, children, and seniors. Participants may choose the food they can use. Trained volunteers and the Food Pantry Coordinator work with clients to help them choose food that is right for their families.

***The food pantry is servicing so many more families and there are certain items that are in HIGH NEED this year as indicated on our list.***

This is a "reverse" Advent Calendar. Instead of opening a daily surprise on an Advent Calendar, you will collect a different pantry item at home, place it in a bag or box, and deliver your collection to church by the end of Advent. The flyer details the items needed this year.

**If you have questions, please contact Gerry Burns at 610-349-8746.**

Please bring your advent collection of items to  
Arndt's Church  
on or before  
**Sunday, December 22**

**Collection Bins are in the Coat Room**

***Your generosity is so appreciated!***

**WE HOPE YOU WILL HELP US GIVE A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**



# Food Collection

## ADVENT FOOD DRIVE 2024

To benefit ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry

Each day during Advent, put an item in a box or bag at home

**Final Drop-off at Arndt's Lutheran Church is Sunday, December 22**

**Anything on this list that you can provide will be most appreciated.**

December 1	Pancake Mix – HIGH NEED
December 2	Ranch Salad Dressing – HIGH NEED
December 3	Body Wash – HIGH NEED
December 4	Shampoo – HIGH NEED
December 5	Deodorant – HIGH NEED
December 6	Dry Spaghetti or Pasta
December 7	Spaghetti Sauce - (NO GLASS JARS)
December 8	Mayonnaise – (NO GLASS JARS)
December 9	Cereal
December 10	Shelf Stable Milk
December 11	Peanut Butter – regular size jars
December 12	Canned Fruit
December 13	Macaroni & Cheese
December 14	Tuna-canned or pouch
December 15	Graham Crackers
December 16	Canned Vegetables
December 17	Jelly – Squeeze bottles
December 18	Catsup, Mustard (small squeeze bottles)
December 19	Pork & Beans or any canned beans
December 20	Chicken Noodle Soup
December 21	Rice
December 22	Disposable Diapers (sizes 4,5,6) and Baby Wipes Toilet Paper – HIGH NEED

**\*\*REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED\*\***



## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship & Music Committee is sponsoring a poinsettia sale. You may help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing poinsettias. The cost will be \$10.00 per plant (6-1/2-inch pot). **Please make checks payable to "Arndt's Lutheran Church".**

Complete the order form below, include payment, and place it in the offering plate. **Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, December 11th.**

You may pick up your plants **after** the Christmas Eve Services.

### Poinsettia Plant Order Form

Given By \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of / In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Red Poinsettia	_____ @	\$10.00 ea.	\$ _____
White Poinsettia	_____ @	\$10.00 ea.	\$ _____
Pink Poinsettia	_____ @	\$10.00 ea.	\$ _____
Total Payment Enclosed			\$ _____

Availability of pink and white poinsettias may be limited. In the event they are not available, red will be substituted.



**Family Order Form**

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Please return this Gift Card Order Form and your check payable to Arndt's Lutheran Church by second Sunday of the month. Gift cards will typically distributed on the third Sunday. If you have questions all Denis at 610-216-9539.

Name	Phone #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$100.00	4%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Giant \$100.00	4%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	Giant \$25.00	4%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Champs Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant \$50.00	4%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.7%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Chill's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Gulf Oil \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Amazon \$250.00	1.7%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Gymboree \$25.00	12%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Instacart \$100.00	4%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$100.00	8%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$100.00	5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$100.00	8%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$25.00	5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	6%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$100.00	8%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	JOANN \$25.00	6%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Lane Bryant® \$25.00	8%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Loews Cineplex \$25.00	8%		\$
BP \$100.00	1.5%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$	Logan's Roadhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3.5%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	6%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Maggiano's Little Italy \$50.00	11%		\$
Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$	Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	2%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$	McDonald's \$25.00	2%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
								Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$

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Moe's Southwest Grill \$25.00	6%		\$	Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Wawa \$100.00	1%		\$
Nike \$25.00	12%		\$	ShopRite \$100.00	4%		\$	Wawa \$25.00	1%		\$
NOOK by Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$	Weis Markets \$100.00	5%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$	Weis Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Smashburger \$10.00	10%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$	Zappos.com \$100.00	8%		\$
On The Border \$25.00	11%		\$	Speedway \$50.00	4%		\$	Zappos.com \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$100.00	5%		\$				
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Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$				
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$				
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$50.00	4.5%		\$				
Panera Bread \$50.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$				
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$50.00	4.5%		\$				
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$100.00	7%		\$				
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$				
Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	7%		\$				
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$				
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$				
Regal \$10.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$				
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$				
Rite Aid \$100.00	4%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$				
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$				
Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$	Tim Hortons \$10.00	5%		\$				
Ruth's Chris Steak House \$100.00	10%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$				
Sally Beauty \$25.00	12%		\$	Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$				
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$				
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$				
Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$				
Seasons 52 \$100.00	8%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$				
Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$				
Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$				
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$				
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$								

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