

All Around Arndt's - December 9, 2024

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Thank You

Such a wonderful, blessed day of joy and celebration yesterday as we gathered together, remembering the twentieth anniversary of my ordination. From the morning worship service to the beautiful party afterwards, I was surrounded by my family, friends, colleagues, church family and God's presence.

My sincerest thanks and gratitude for the delicious food, the generous gift, the kind words and special memories, and most of all, your love and friendship.

Pastor Jean

Attendance and Offering:

December 8, 2024

Attendance – 71

Offering - \$1,357.00

Stewardship Snippets: December 15, 2024: (Third Sunday of Advent)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **Philippians 4:4**

Joy is the theme for the third Sunday of Advent. Philippians reminds us to rejoice – find the joy – in God. Always! Though we live in a world that has many troubles, we can always find joy, in God's love. Joy is a way of life for steward/disciples.

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Chuck and Karen Chapman; Kevin Chu, Jessica Paul, James and Helena Chu-Paul; Angela Coxe and Steven Berkowitz, Alessia and Nico; Lou and Carol Ann Coxe; Julie, Rob and Russell Crum; Rosanne and Laurie Kerr-Diaz, Ernest and Devin; Tim and Debbie Donbar; Mary Ferer; Victoria Fitch, Mason Benner and Charlotte Herzog; Brandi Fogel; Randy and Kathy Fogel.

Thank you. We want to thank our Celebration Committee, Peg Freeman, Denice Adams, Joanne Horton, Andrea Odom and Barb Bialker for all you did to help make Pastor's 20th Anniversary Party a huge success! Over 70 people attended to celebrate our wonderful Pastor Jean! We appreciate your hard work!

Janet Herr & Gerry Burns

Many of you asked for information about the caterer. Food was provided by Casa di Franco Pizzeria, 506 Northampton Street, Easton, 610-258-3268 (ask for Eric).
website: www.casadifrancopizzeriamenu.com

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

Poinsettia Orders for Christmas – Due this Wednesday, December 11th: 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 Wednesday, December 11th. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.

Advent Food Drive: The Arndt’s 2024 Advent Food Drive began on Sunday, December 1st and continues through Sunday, December 22nd, 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 22nd. 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 – Return gifts by Sunday, December 15th: 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.** A representative from the county will be picking them up 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 this Sunday, December 15, 2024. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of the church.

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.arndtslugeranchurch.org.

Gift Card Reminder: Gift Card orders placed on or before December 8th will be distributed to you at church this Sunday, December 15th. You can always order gift cards online or use a printed order form. Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser for our church. Questions? Contact Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

- 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
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024:** Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024:** Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024:** Midweek Advent Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Midweek Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church, Newburg Road, Palmer Township
- Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024:** Country Line Dancing Class, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Last class in 2024.
- Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024:** Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 12, 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:**
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- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024:** Children's Sunday School, ages 3 through grade 6, 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024:** Holy Communion Service – Third Sunday in Advent - 10:30 a.m., followed by **Annual Congregational Meeting after morning worship with election of new council members and approval of 2025 budget.**
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024:** Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



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 5th 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.


