All Around Arndt's - December 23, 2024

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The Message of the Christmas Tree

If you look closely you will see, a message in the Christmas tree The tree points up into the sky. The message: Jesus reigns on high!

The tree top has a shining star. The message: Come from near and far To worship Christ, the newborn King of earth and heav'n and everything.

The tree is lit with candles bright. The message: Jesus is the Light! The tree stays green throughout the year. The message: Christ is always here!

The tree is where our gifts are shared. The message: God so loved the world He gave his Son—a gift so we may live in heav'n eternally.

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Attendance and Offering: December 22, 2024 Attendance – 71 Offering - \$2,631.68

Stewardship Snippets: December 29, 2024: (1st Sunday after Christmas)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Above all, cloth yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Colossians 3:12, 14**

Stewardship is about living and loving God thoroughly and our neighbor as ourselves. This remarkable passage gives us a vivid image to get us there. Wake each day and clothe ourselves in Christian character and love.

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Louise Hawk; Janet Heller; Logie Heller; Don and Janet Herr; Donna Hess; Geoff Hillary; Michael Horton; Nick, Natasha and Wyatt Horton; Ralph and Joanne Horton; Matt, Rachel, Heidi and Teddy Hosterman.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Announcements and Reminders

<u>Covid 19</u>

Recommended actions from the CDC: Stay <u>up to date</u> 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 worshiping in the Arndt's sanctuary masks are optional. Your consideration of others is appreciated.

Advent Food Drive: Thank you for your generosity and support of this community project.

<u>Christmas Eve Services:</u> We will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at two services on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th.

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 3:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to share in these special services. All are welcome.

<u>Offering Envelopes for 2025</u>: Offering envelopes for 2025 will be available to pick up at church beginning Sunday, December 29th. Some envelope numbers may be changed so please do not use the 2025 envelopes until the first Sunday in 2025.

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.

<u>Church Calendar on Arndt's Website</u>: 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, <u>www.arndtslutheranchurch.org</u>.

<u>RaiseRight Gift Cards</u>: Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser at Arndt's. Use a printed order form and submit it to Denis Burns, along with payment, or you can also order gift cards online. Questions? Contact Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

	Arndt's Weekly Calendar
Tuesday, December 24, 2024:	Christmas Eve Services – Nativity of Our Lord
	Candlelight Service with Holy Communion – 3:30 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25, 2024:	Merry Christmas!
Sunday, December 29, 2024:	No Children's Sunday School.
Sunday, December 29, 2024:	Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:30 a.m. Note Special Time!