All Around Arndt's - January 21, 2025

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Attendance and Offering:

January 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Service on Zoom Attendance - 32

Stewardship Snippets: January 26, 2025: (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey. Psalm 19:9b, 10

Stewardship is all about priorities and values. What do we prize above all else? Generous steward/disciples value the teachings of God that guide us to fulfilled lives.

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Christopher Mertz; Charlie Miller; Dorothy Millheim; John, Cindy and John Navone; Andrea Odom; Yvonne and Mike Osmun; Bob and Donna Pellen; Becky, Brandon and Emma Pletcher; Rick and Becky Rader; Mackie and Punia Rasul.

Announcements and Reminders

Covid 19

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.

<u>Offering Envelopes for 2025:</u> Offering envelopes for 2025 are available to pick up at church in the narthex.

<u>Backpack Pals Program:</u> 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.

Thank you supporting the 2024 Advent Food Drive

On January 3, we delivered food and personal items to the ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry from our 5th Annual Advent Food Drive. We filled 15 extra large storage containers, many boxes and shopping bags with over 900 items. I'm so proud of the response from our congregation! Thank you all so much for your generosity.

We also received several cartons of food and money from my daughter and several of her coworkers and their families in Delaware. For the past 5 years, they have generously donated outside of their own communities to help us in our quest to fight hunger in Easton, PA.

With the help of a Thrivent Action Team grant, donated gift certificates from Giant and Weis and cash donations, I was able to purchase additional items to fulfill their wish list. Thank you to Joey Hall, Cathy Hall and Denis Burns, who helped sort and count the donations, and to Sue Wexler for getting the word out through our church newsletter. Thank you to Denis Burns, Scott Lewis, Jean Ruschman, Dale Ruschman and Jim Bialker who helped load and unload the truck, which was donated by the Mazzie family from Frick Transfer of Forks Township. Each year they have donated food and provide the truck and manpower to transport our donation.

Morgan McKay, Community Relations Manager of ProJeCt Easton and the volunteer staff at the food pantry were blown away by the number of items we donated. They also appreciated all of the reusable bags we collected as they are so much in need.

ProJeCt Easton is always looking for volunteers; if you are interested in volunteering at the food pantry, please contact Morgan McKay at mmckay@projecteaston.org

Again, thank you for your continued generosity and know that you have helped many families in our community.

Gerry Burns

*** More Photos have been posted on Arndt's Lutheran Church Facebook page.





<u>Winter Weather Policy:</u> In the event of inclement weather, in-person worship may have to be canceled. Please tune in to WFMZ Channel 69 or go to www.wfmz.com for the latest cancellations and postponements. You may also check the Arndt's website, www.arndtslutheranchurch.org for information.

If in-person worship is canceled, we will worship on Zoom. Below is the Zoom invitation that you should use to participate, either by computer or phone. **Reminder: Zoom will only be used when in-person worship is canceled.**

Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting (when in-person worship is canceled due to inclement weather) Topic and Time: Sunday Worship-Sundays until March 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. when In-person worship is canceled.

Join Zoom Meeting by Computer

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84198939201?pwd=2hbuJOfmPKJhzm9kmaAj7bstuLZpRG.1

Meeting ID: 841 9893 9201 Passcode: 423388

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone

1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 841 9893 9201 Passcode: 423388

Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon: Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025, in Fellowship Hall following worship. Lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Please sign the sheet in the narthex indicating the number in your family attending to help us in ordering the food. Please sign on or before Sunday, February 9th.

At this meeting you will receive a copy of the Annual Report of Arndt's Church for 2024. Tracie Burton, Arndt's Thrivent Investment representative, will present an explanation of the services offered by Thrivent as well as the Action Team Program.

We hope you will join us at this important meeting.

<u>Church Key Verification:</u> All members who have a church key are asked to call the church office and report the identifying letter and number imprinted on the key. Depending on the type of key you have been given, the letters will read "M", "SM" or "X". The number of the key will show in the upper right-hand corner. You may call the church office, 610-253-3732, at any time and leave a message with the key information. Thank you.

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

<u>Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025:</u> Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025:</u> Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025: Arndt's Book Club at Country Meadows Forks, 10:30 a.m.,

Book Choice: The Women by Kristin Hannah

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025: Country Line Dance Class resumes. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact Barbara Willett: 610-253-7382.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025: Open Arms Senior Connection 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025: Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025: Children's Sunday School, ages 3 through grade 6,

9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025: Service of the Word – Third Sunday after Epiphany,

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025: Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025: Midweek Worship Service, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025: Congregational Meeting (with review of reports) and

Thrivent Lunch, 11:30 a.m.