

All Around Arndt's - March 10, 2025

**Arndt's Lutheran Church
1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040
610-253-3732**

Website: www.arndtslutheranchurch.org.

Email: arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Anonymous

Attendance and Offering:

March 9, 2025 Attendance - 47 Offering - \$2,949.69

Winter Weather Policy: 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

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Stewardship Snippets: March 16, 2025: (Lent 2)

“Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” **Philippians 3:19**

St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things. For they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Jeremy, Sarah, Jameson and Ben Bialker; Tom Billiard; Bill and Ann Bogari; Jeff, Lisa, Ryan and Brendan Bowman; Joanne Boyer; Steve Bueker; Denis and Gerry Burns; Michael Capobianco; Sue Capobianco; Chuck and Karen Chapman; Kevin, Jessica, James and Helena Chu-Paul.

ANNUAL TAKE-OUT LASAGNA DINNER – Saturday, March 29

**DEADLINE TO ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
MARCH 16TH**

Enjoy a homemade Italian meal while raising funds for Arndt's. Dinner includes lasagna, Italian roll, salad, and dessert. All for only \$15 per person. Pick up time is from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Arndt's Church.

To reserve meals, please use the order form in this newsletter. Order forms are also on the counter in the narthex and on the church website, www.arndtslutheranchurch.org

Completed order forms with payment may be placed in the red box in the Narthex or mailed to the church, 1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040.

All meals must be pre-ordered and paid for no later than Sunday, March 16th.

Please make checks payable to *Arndt's Lutheran Church*.

Questions? Contact Gerry Burns at 610-349-8746 or gerib1968@gmail.com

Lasagna Dinner Committees – PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NATHEX

Lasagna Dinner Sous Chefs Needed!

If you enjoy cooking and can help prep for our lasagna dinner, please sign up in the Narthex. We will prep on Friday, March 28 beginning at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. All instructions and supplies will be provided. We will prep together as a team.

Lasagna Pans needed

If you have a 9x12" glass lasagna pan that we could borrow for the lasagna dinner, please sign up in the Narthex. Pans can be put in the kitchen beginning Sunday, March 2 and will be returned the week following the dinner. Thank you!

Desserts Needed

We are looking for donations of Brownies or Cookies for the lasagna dinner. If you can help with this, please sign up in the Narthex. Dessert items can be delivered to Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 28 at 10 a.m. or Saturday, March 29 at 11 a.m.

Meal packers and servers

If you can help pack meals and/or distribute them on Saturday, March 29, please sign up in the Narthex. Packers are needed at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and distribution will be from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Any questions, please contact Gerry Burns at 610-349-8746.

*Take Out
Only*



Lasagna Dinner

Individual Meals Ready for Pick-up
Homemade Lasagna, Italian Roll, Salad, Dessert

Saturday, March 29, 2025
\$15.00 per meal

To reserve meals, drop off or mail payment to
Arndt's Lutheran Church

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 16, 2025 *(Extended)*

Pick up time: 5-6:30 p.m.
Arndt's Lutheran Church
1851 Arndt Road, Easton

Please reserve ____ lasagna meals at \$15 each

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



*Take Out
by
Reservation
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Announcements and Reminders

Confirmed reports of winter viruses such as Covid, RSV, Flu, FLU A+ and Norovirus continue in the community. If you have symptoms or feel ill, please stay home until feeling better to prevent further spread of illness. Wearing a mask and proper handwashing may also help to prevent the spread of these viruses. Your consideration of others is appreciated.

Associate Memberships to Thrivent: Associate memberships to Thrivent are still available. For \$19.95, you may become an associate member for one year which entitles you to lead one Action Team project and secure a VISA gift card worth \$250 to help fund the project. We will need some associate members to carry out all that we hope to do this year. It is an easy process to complete online to become an associate member. Contact Janet Herr, 610-762-0359, for more information.

Easter Candy Donations: We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit inside a plastic for the annual Arndt's Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th. Please bring your candy donations to the church on or before Sunday, April 13th, and place them in the box marked for "Easter Candy". Thank you for your help.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Arndt's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. SHARP, for children ages 0-10. Please invite the children of your family, friends and neighbors to participate.

Year-End Giving Statements: Arndt's Church giving statements for 2024 are available if you would like a copy for income tax purposes. Please sign the "2024 Giving Statement" list in the narthex and your statement will be printed for you.

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

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 and thank you to Linda Kleppinger for delivering our donations each month.

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.

RaiseRight Gift Cards:



GIFT CARDS AREN'T ALWAYS FOR GIVING...

USE THEM FOR YOUR OWN PURCHASES AND HELP SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

RaiseRight offers gift cards for restaurants and businesses that most of us frequent. When you purchase a gift card, Arndt's receives a percentage of the sale and you have the convenience of paying with either an ecard (on your phone) or physical card. WIN! WIN! Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser at Arndt's.

You can **create an account at RaiseRight.com to order e-cards or physical cards easily online** or use the printed order form found in the Narthex and on our church website. If you choose to use the printed form, submit it to Denis Burns, along with your check made payable to Arndt's Lutheran Church. Questions? Contact Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Our joint midweek Lenten soup suppers and services begin this week. Each Wednesday during Lent we will join together at 6:00 for a supper of soup, bread and dessert, followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

March 12

St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church
2561 Newburg Road, Palmer Township

March 19

St. John's Lutheran Church
330 Ferry Street, Easton

March 26

Arndt's Lutheran Church
1851 Arndt Road, Forks Township

April 2

United Fellowship Lutheran Church
2115 Washington Boulevard, Wilson Borough

April 9

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
3900 Freemansburg Avenue, Palmer Township

Please join us as we journey together through Lent to Holy Week

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, March 11 2025: Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025: Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: Country Line Dancing Class, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Barbara Willett, Instructor – 610-253-7382

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: Midweek Lent Soup Supper (6:00 p.m.) and Worship Service (7:00 p.m.) at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church, 2561 Newburg Road, Palmer Township

Thursday, March 13, 2025: Open Arms Senior Connection 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2025: Bible Study on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study

Time: Feb 20, 2025 7:00 p.m. and every week on Thu, until Apr 3, 2025, 7 occurrences

Join Zoom Meeting by Computer:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85093012852?pwd=jTRm8gpzIKNE0hEaCmhBBkzualiMki.1>

Meeting ID: 850 9301 2852 - Passcode: 760450

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone:

+1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 850 9301 2852 - Passcode: 760450

Friday, March 14, 2025: Boy Scouts, Iron Chef Weekend, 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 1:00 p.m., Scoutcraft Area and Pavilion

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Children's Sunday School, ages 3 through grade 6, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Service of Holy Communion – Second Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Private Party, 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Saturday, March 22, 2025: Women's Lenten Retreat to be held at Country Meadows Forks, 175 Newlins Road West, Forks Township. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Registration fee is \$10. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Micah Sadigh, Professor of Psychology at Cedar Crest College
Topic: "The Cry of the Soul: On Suffering, Compassion and Healing"

Saturday, April 5, 2025: First Holy Communion Instruction, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



In Christ We Are...



GROWING YOUNG

Becoming a Jesus-centered community that equips diverse leaders, so that faithful young people can change our world.

- *SowSessions: Community gatherings to embrace core commitments*
- *Partnership with Bear Creek Camp*
- *Teaming up with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (LAMPa)*
- *Sponsoring and participating at local Pride events*



GAINING STRENGTH

Helping and encouraging every leader and every congregation to find partners that can share resources and combine strengths.

- *Gaining Strength cohorts for NEPA Pastors & Deacons*
- *6261 Ministry Communities*
- *Witness & Service ministry grants*
- *Licensed Lay Ministry*



GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE

Participating in transformational ministry inside or outside the Church walls, bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ by encouraging congregations to embrace their purpose and place in God's mission.

- *Legacy & purpose*
- *Endowment giving*
- *Faithful closure and seed money for new starts*

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So we can...

LOVE • HEAL • ENGAGE



LOVE

LOVE like Jesus

God is love, extending unconditionally to all creation and humanity. His love encompasses the entire universe and resides within us, enabling us to love God and others. Jesus, God's love incarnate, calls us to love God and our neighbors as the greatest commandments (Mark 12:28-31). Understanding God's love empowers us to engage with others compassionately.

Scriptures relating to LOVE:

Genesis 1:31, Genesis 1:26, Leviticus 25:23-24, John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, Romans 8:38-39, Romans 12:9-10, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 3:3, 1 John 3:16, 18, 1 John 4:16, 1 John 4:19



HEAL

HEAL like Jesus

We all need healing, with God as our great healer. Jesus showed that part of being human involves being wounded, but through God's love and transformation, we can live without letting our wounds harm others. The world and its communities need healing, and we can honor others and creation. By recognizing our brokenness and seeking healing, we can support others on their journeys. Responding to others' wounds with grace, forgiveness, and compassion, while holding them accountable through love, is vital. Healing is crucial in ministry, and we can trust God's promise to be with us and tend to us.

Scriptures relating to HEAL:

Psalm 6:2, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 9:36, Matthew 10:7-8, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Romans 8:22-26, 1 Timothy 2:4, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 21:4, Revelation 22:2



ENGAGE

ENGAGE like Jesus

Engagement, defined as "to occupy the attention or efforts of another," helps us build deeper relationships within our churches and the greater community, allowing us to understand and respond to those who are hurting. It invites us to participate in God's ongoing work and respond to the Spirit's call. To effectively engage, we must remain rooted in God's love and tend to our own wounds, using contemplative practices to notice God's movement and the Spirit's guidance.

Scriptures relating to ENGAGE:

Psalm 6:2, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 9:36, Matthew 10:7-8, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Romans 8:22-26, 1 Timothy 2:4, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 21:4, Revelation 22:2