

All Around Arndt's - May 13, 2024

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

I assisted with a funeral at my home congregation at St. Peter's in Plainfield Township yesterday, and once again I saw close up the beautiful resurrection window in the church. The window depicts Jesus in a white robe standing outside the tomb with the guards/angels almost cowering at the sight. This stunning stained glass window reflects a milestone in biblical history... Easter morning. Each of the four gospel writers tells the Resurrection story, each foretelling what's to come: the church.

On Sunday May 19, we will celebrate the end of the Easter season with Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. The date of Pentecost shifts because Easter is a movable feast without a fixed date, so Pentecost can fall anywhere between the dates of May 10 and June 13.

Last week we heard the Ascension story and how before Jesus ascended, he promised to send his disciples an advocate, the Holy Spirit, to give them understanding and direction. The celebration of Pentecost is the fulfillment of that promise, making it one of the most important feast days of the year as it celebrates the beginning of the church and its mission to the world.

At Sunday's worship service we will hold the Rite of Confirmation and 5 teenagers will be welcomed into the faith community at Arndt's. The five confirmands are : Jackson Hunsicker, Lilly Hunsicker, Rebekka Rymon, Emma Spatig and Gabby Yanders. Join us for worship as we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit".

Blessings,

Pastor Jean

Attendance and Offering: May 12, 2024: Attendance - 43 Offering - \$1,687

Stewardship Snippets: May 19, 2024: (Pentecost Sunday)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Psalm 104:24, 25

We sometimes forget that animals, fish, birds, insects and reptiles are also creations of God that need to live. As stewards of creation, we honor all living things and work to ensure that they, like us, have safe, clean, abundant habitat.

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; Sue Capobianco.

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Announcements and Reminders

Worship Minister Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer as a lector, an usher or greeter, or an assistant minister during a Sunday Service, 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. Also, youth volunteers are needed to serve as an acolyte during the service and adult volunteers are needed to set up communion on communion Sundays (altar guild). Training (or refresher training) for all responsibilities is available upon request, just ask Pastor or call the church office.

Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Event: Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, July 12th. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Cost for tickets is \$12 each (includes \$2 loaded for use at concession stands). Tickets are in Sections 118 and 119 (third base side).

If you would like to order tickets, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Deadline for ordering (including payment), is Sunday, June 9th. Place your payment in the offering plate.

Checks must be made out to "Bethlehem/Easton Mission District".

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 collecting 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.

Gift Card Program: Support the church by purchasing gift cards through the RaiseRight Gift Card Program (formerly SCRIP). This fundraiser helps support our church financially and also helps provide services to our community. Questions: Call Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, May 14, 2024:

Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024:

Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024:

Country Line Dancing, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Contact: Barb Willett, 610-253-7382

Thursday, May 16, 2024:

Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16, 2024:

No Bible Study this week.

Saturday, May 18, 2024:

Arndt's Craft and Vendor Sale, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(set up begins at 7:00 a.m.). This is advertised as a rain or shine event. However, if the weather looks to be a complete rainout (and not just intermittent showers), a decision will be made to postpone the sale until the fall. Selling spaces are still available (space for church members is only \$10)--contact Linda Kleppinger at 610-349-9619, for information. Volunteers are always welcome to help.

Sunday, May 19, 2024:

Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2024:

Pentecost Sunday celebrating the Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2024:

Boy Scouts Red & White Banquet, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m., in the pavilion

Sunday, May 19, 2024:

Piano Recital, 4:00 p.m., in the sanctuary

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 26, 2024:

Summer Worship Hours Begin at 9:30 a.m. Following the service, there will be a Memorial Day Remembrance Service outside around the flagpole.

Saturday, June 1, 2024:

Women's Mini Retreat to be held at Country Meadows, Forks Township. Speaker will be Norm Hanna from Valor, an organization for veterans. We are collecting new or gently used jeans as a service project. There is a bin in the narthex for your donations. **Information and registration form is included in All Around Arndt's.**

Arndt's 3rd Annual Craft & Vendor Show

Spaces are now Available for Saturday, May 18, 2024

The congregation of Arndt's Lutheran Church is seeking vendors for its 3rd Annual Craft and Vendor Show to be held on SATURDAY, May 18, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the church grounds, located at Arndt Road and Bushkill Drive, Forks Township, Easton. **NOTE: This is a rain or shine event.**

Vendors may reserve a 10'w x 15'l selling space for \$20. There will be room to park one vehicle behind the space. Vendors should bring their own tables and tents. Set-up begins at 7:00 a.m.

The church will advertise the event to the public and sell refreshments during the sale – coffee/tea/baked goods in the morning and hot dogs/sauerkraut/drinks at lunchtime. There is plenty of free parking.

To Reserve a Space(s):

Mail completed reservation form and registration fee to: Arndt's Lutheran Church, 1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040. Please make checks payable to "Arndt's Lutheran Church", Memo Line: "Yard Sale".

NOTE: No unsold items may be left at the church property. Vendors must remove/take home all merchandise they do not sell. Thank You!

For Information and Registration form,
Contact: Linda Kleppinger
(610) 349-9619
Email: linklep67@gmail.com

VALOR: *noun* great



in the face of danger, especially in battle.

Women's Mini Retreat

June 1, 2024

Country Meadows (Forks Township)

8:30-12:30

\$10.00 full breakfast provided

*Guest speaker Norm Hanna from **VALOR**, an organization for veterans.*

VALOR

Donations needed

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Donation list on separate paper.

Register For Retreat

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E-mail:

Phone:

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Items needed:

Jeans

Women, all sizes

Men, 30-40

Sneakers, hiking and walking boots (NO dress shoes)

For children, women & men

Underwear, bras, socks

Men or Women's, all sized, NEW and must be in package

Hoodies, light jackets

Men & Women's, all sizes ; *will accept children's sizes*

Sweatpants

Men & Women's, all sizes ; *will accept children's sizes*

Personal Care Items

Deodorant (men & women)

Toothpaste

Men & Women's Body soap (regular size) & Body washes

Q-tips

Food

Peanut butter

Canned fruit with pop lids

V-8 juice