All Around Arndt's - February 3, 2025

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Attendance and Offering:

February 2, 2025 Attendance - 48 Offering - \$3,968.12

Stewardship Snippets: February 9, 2025: (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

Simon answered Jesus, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **Luke 5:5, 6**

Jesus's instructions make no sense to Simon, but following them leads him to make an enormous catch of fish. Steward/disciples often find that God's guidance leads to greater abundance. When have you seen this in your life?

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Bennett, Rachael, Olivia and Bennett Rymon and Rebekka Fehnel; Bruce and Debbie Sandt; Vicky Schafer; Mike, Pattie, Henry and Charlie Schallock; Myk and Susie Schallock; Robert, Anne, Alexandra and Jacob; Adam, Ashley, Evan and Jacob Selmasska; Carl and Ellen Selmasska; Dan Selmasska.

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.

<u>Church Key Verification:</u> 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 for your help. This helps us keep track of the number of keys that are given out, lost keys, broken keys, etc., and prevents us from having to order new keys.

<u>Scout Sunday Breakfast</u>: A free breakfast prepared and served by Boy Scout Troop #29 in appreciation and as a thank you to the congregation of Arndt's Church for their continued support of the scouting programs will be held this Sunday, **February 9, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex up so they know how to prepare.

Reports for the Annual Meeting: Chairpersons of committees of the church or of organizations that are meeting at the church are asked to submit an annual informational report about their respective group to the church office by Sunday, February 16th, so it may be included in the annual report book presented at the Annual Meeting. The church email is arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com.

<u>Year-End Giving Statements:</u> 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.

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

<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.

<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 <u>www.wfmz.com</u> for the latest cancellations and postponements. You may also check the Arndt's website, <u>www.arndtslutheranchurch.org</u> 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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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. In addition, Tracie Burton, Arndt's Thrivent Investment representative, will present an explanation of the services offered by Thrivent as well as information on the Thrivent Action Team Program. We hope you will join us at this important meeting.

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

<u>Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025:</u> Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025:</u> Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025: Country Line Dance Class. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact Barbara Willett: 610-253-7382.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025: Open Arms Senior Connection 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025: Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 7, 2025: Finance Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025: Free Breakfast provided by Boy Scout Troop #29,

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025: Children's Sunday School, ages 3 through grade 6,

9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025: Service of the Word – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany,

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025: Cub Scout Den Meetings, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

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

Thrivent Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

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: How to Find Meaning in Suffering