

**All Around Arndt's - November 24, 2025**

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*A Happy Thanksgiving to All!*



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*We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,  
Help us to show thanksgiving for all you freely give;  
To love you in our neighbor, and by the way we live.  
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.*

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## **Attendance and Offering:**

**November 23, 2025**

**Attendance – 46**

**Offering - \$1,461.00**

## **Let us pray for families of Arndt's:**

Kim Ravese; Joyce Resh; Vanessa and Fred Reynolds; Andrea and Tim Rogers; Larry Rondinelli; Lori Rowe; Roger and Pastor Sue Ruggles; Dale and Jean Ruschman; Robert Ruschman; Kevin and Tammy Russell.

## **Thank you.**

Many thanks to the confirmands who signed the Christmas cards that were mailed out to all Arndt's families.

## **Thank you.**

I want to thank all those who very generously donated to the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Christmas Ingathering. I am happy to report we collected \$320. Thank you for your continued support of this very important Mission District project.

Kathy Fogel, Mission District Representative

## **Announcements and Reminders**

**Thanksgiving Dinner at Safe Harbor, Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 Noon.** Thank you to everyone who has signed up to prepare side dishes for the special holiday meal at Safe Harbor on Thanksgiving Day. **Prepared food donations should be delivered to Safe Harbor NO LATER THAN 10:00 on Thursday morning, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please place a note on the item with heating or cooling instructions.** If you are delivering your food the day before Thanksgiving, make sure it is marked for the Thanksgiving Day meal and attach a note to the container with heating or cooling instructions. Thank you for sharing with others in our community.

**Advent Craft Workshop:** Join us this Sunday after church for the Advent craft workshop. We will create a Jesse Tree for our church plus there will be several other Christmas crafts available to work on. Lunch will be provided (compliments of a Thrivent grant). Crafts start around 12:30 p.m. This event is for all ages. It's a great way for your family to start off the Advent season.

**Arndt's Advent Bible Study:** A "Christmas Carol" Advent bible study will begin on Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. See Pastor for a study book. Use the following Zoom invitation to join the meeting.

Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Dec 2, 2025 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time and Every week on Tue, until Jan 13, 2026, 7 occurrence(s)

### **Join Zoom Meeting by computer:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89191176658?pwd=JhwnHPCALH2YXLJQPkkNpgTy5vdldp.1>

Meeting ID: 891 9117 6658. Passcode: 248385

### **Join Zoom Meeting by Phone:**

1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 891 9117 6658 Passcode: 248385

**Poinsettia Orders for Christmas:** Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring a poinsettia sale. By purchasing poinsettias, you can help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10 per plant (6-1/2 inch pot), and the plants are available in red, white or pink. Complete the order form included in AAA and place it in the offering plate with payment, checks made payable to "Arndt's Lutheran Church". **Orders are due by Wednesday, December 3rd.** Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.

**Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service:** On Wednesdays during Advent the churches in our Easton Cluster will once again join together for a meal and worship (Holden Evening Prayer) each week during Advent, with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The location will change each week.

December 3: St. Paul's III, 2561 Newburg Road, Palmer Township

December 10: St. John's, 330 Ferry Street, Easton

December 17: St. Andrew's, 3900 Freemansburg Avenue, Palmer Township

**Game Night:** Our next game night will be held on Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m., at the church. We will begin with a Potluck Supper, followed by game playing. Bring your favorite board games to play and snacks (if you like). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Winter Coat Collection:** We are collecting gently used winter coats, all sizes (children and adults) through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Coats will benefit Safe Harbor clients and residents. There is a collection bin in the narthex. Thank you to Larry and Patsy Shoudt for making our first delivery of 38 coats to Safe Harbor, which were gratefully received.

**Christmas Gift Card Reminder:** Need a gift for that someone special? Make your shopping easy by purchasing Gift Cards from RaiseRight and supporting our church at the same time. When you purchase gift cards from RaiseRight, Arndt's Lutheran Church receives a rebate. **The deadline to order gift cards for Christmas delivery is Sunday, December 7.** Gift Cards will be distributed to you at church on Sunday, December 14. You can order online (for online ordering click on the link "Gift Card Program Overview" on our web site) or use the order form at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser for our church. Questions? Contact Denis Burns at 610-216-9539.

GROCERY STORE FOOD CARDS (Giant, Weis and Shop Rite) ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK AND AT CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational Meeting to elect new council members and approve the budget for 2026 will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025, following the worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of the congregation.

**Giving Tree for Northampton County Family, Children and Youth:** The Christmas tree is set up in the lounge and decorated with tags for you to select and purchase gifts for families in our community. **Gifts should be unwrapped but may be placed in a gift bag. Please return gifts to the church with the original tag attached to the gift bag,** on or before Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Caseworkers from the county will pick them up the following week for distribution to the families. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Horton at 610-258-4584. Thank you for generosity and support of this annual project.

**Women's Christmas Party.** The annual Women's Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share and a gift in the \$5 to \$10 range for the gift exchange. For this years' service project we will be writing out Christmas cards for the residents and people who frequent Safe Harbor.

**Worship Minister Volunteers:** Worship Minister volunteers are always needed to assist during worship on a Sunday morning. If you would like to volunteer to be a lector, assistant minister or usher, please sign the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the coat room area. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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

*New* **Arndt's Website now has photos!** I am now posting pictures of Arndt's events. Please take time to view our updated website [www.arndtislutheranchurch.org](http://www.arndtislutheranchurch.org). If trying to view photos from your smartphone click on the menu button with 3 lines in the upper left corner of the home page. Photos may be sent to Denis Burns at [dkburns@outlook.com](mailto:dkburns@outlook.com) Enjoy!

**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.arndtislutheranchurch.org](http://www.arndtislutheranchurch.org).

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### **Arndt's Weekly Calendar**

<b><u>Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025:</u></b>	Open Arms Senior Connection. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b><u>Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025:</u></b>	Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b><u>Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025:</u></b>	No Country Line Dancing Class.
<b><u>Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025:</u></b>	Church Office Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!
<b><u>Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025:</u></b>	Eagle Scout Court of Honor, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
<b><u>Sunday, Nov 30, 2025:</u></b>	Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
<b><u>Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025:</u></b>	First Sunday of Advent, Service of Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m., followed by the Advent Craft Workshop. Lunch will be provided courtesy of a Thrivent grant. Crafts begin at 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.



## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Arndt's Lutheran Church has so much to offer our community. In an effort to spread the word about our church, worship and activities, we have created a new Facebook page:

### **Arndt's Lutheran Church of Forks Township, PA.**

If you use social media, please go into our page and click on "follow." The more people that "follow" the page, the more likely it will appear on Facebook feeds and hopefully generate interest in Arndt's church. Our goal is to provide church information, special announcements, important dates, photos and more.

The first post that now appears on our Facebook page reads:

*Arndt's Lutheran Church history dates back to 1731, when the Hans Arndt family emigrated from Germany to America. His second son, Major Jacob Arndt acquired land along Bushkill Creek in 1760 where he and his wife would raise their family. J. Henry Messinger one the largest landowners in Forks Township, would deed land adjacent to the Arndt property that would be the beginning of a Christian community in Forks Township. In August 1826, Arndt's Church, named after Jacob's oldest son, John, became a reality. In 2026, we will celebrate our Bicentennial with special monthly events and services. All are welcome at Arndt's church and we hope you visit this new page often.*

If you would like to post an announcement or photos, please contact Gerry Burns at [gerib1968@gmail.com](mailto:gerib1968@gmail.com)

Let's show the Lehigh Valley that the small church on the hill in Forks Township is a great place to be!

## PHOTOS NEEDED

In preparation for the Bicentennial Celebration of Arndt's, we are looking for photographs and other memorabilia about Arndt's Lutheran Church and our church community. If you can lend us photos from years gone by (worship services, special events, fundraisers, etc.) we would appreciate it. **All photos will be returned.** Please put your name, address, and phone number on the back of each photo. Photos may be placed in the labeled box on the counter in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a special year for our Arndt's community.

**Family Order Form**

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**Arndt's Lutheran Church**

*Please return this Gift Card Order Form and your check payable to Arndt's Lutheran Church by second Sunday of the month. Gift cards will typically distributed on the third Sunday. If you have questions all Denis at 610-216-9539.*

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
1-800-Baskets \$50.00	12%		\$	Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$
1-800-Flowers \$50.00	12%		\$	BP \$100.00	1.5%		\$	Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$
Ace Hardware \$100.00	6%		\$	BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	6%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings® \$50.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.6%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.6%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	6%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Amazon \$250.00	1.6%		\$	Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.6%		\$	Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$	DSW \$25.00	10.5%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	9%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$
AMC Theatres \$50.00	8%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$100.00	5%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$15.00	5%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	Champs Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	Chewy \$100.00	5%		\$	Harry & David \$50.00	12%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$	Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Athleta \$100.00	14%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Athleta \$25.00	14%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Bahama Breeze \$100.00	8%		\$	Cinnabon \$25.00	7%		\$	IKEA \$100.00	5%		\$
Bahama Breeze \$25.00	8%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Instacart \$100.00	5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$100.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	7%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	9%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$100.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	7%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	7%		\$	Kentucky Fried Chicken \$25.00	6%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	7%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	14%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$100.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	14%		\$
								Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$
								Loews Cineplex \$25.00	8%		\$

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Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Logan's Roadhouse \$25.00	10%		\$	Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$	Tractor Supply Company \$25.00	4.5%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$100.00	8%		\$	Seasons 52 \$100.00	8%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Shari's Berries \$50.00	12%		\$	Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$50.00	10%		\$	Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	6%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Nike \$25.00	11%		\$	ShopRite \$100.00	4%		\$	Walgreens \$100.00	5%		\$
NOOK by Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Nordstrom Rack \$100.00	4%		\$	Smashburger \$10.00	10%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$	Speedway \$50.00	4%		\$	Wayfair \$100.00	6%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Staples \$100.00	5%		\$	Weis Markets \$100.00	5%		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$	Weis Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
On The Border \$25.00	10%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$	White Castle \$25.00	8%		\$
Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$				
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$				
Panera Bread \$50.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$				
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$100.00	6%		\$				
Petco \$25.00	9%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	6%		\$				
PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$	T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	6%		\$				
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$				
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$				
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$				
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$				
Rite Aid \$100.00	4%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$				
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$				
Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$	The Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$				
Ruth's Chris Steak House \$100.00	8%		\$	The Giant Co \$25.00	3.5%		\$				
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$	The Giant Co \$50.00	3.5%		\$				
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Tractor Supply Company \$100.00	4.5%		\$				

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## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship & Music Committee is sponsoring a poinsettia sale. You may help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing poinsettias. The cost will be \$10.00 per plant (6-1/2-inch pot). **Please make checks payable to "Arndt's Lutheran Church".**

Complete the order form below, include payment, and place it in the offering plate. **Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, December 3rd.**

You may pick up your plants **after** the Christmas Eve Services.

### Poinsettia Plant Order Form

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of / In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Red Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

White Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pink Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Availability of pink and white poinsettias may be limited. In the event they are not available, red will be substituted.







Food  
Collection

## **ARNDT'S ADVENT FOOD DRIVE 2025**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive begins on Sunday, November 30. We will collect for the ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry located at St. John's Lutheran Church in Easton.

ProJeCt Easton's Food Pantry has been a community cornerstone for more than 30 years. The goal of the food pantry is to reduce food insecurity and increase food knowledge by providing high quality nutrient food to low-income, at-risk adults, children, and seniors. Participants may choose the food they can use. Trained volunteers and the Food Pantry Coordinator work with clients to help them choose food that is right for their families.

***The food pantry is servicing so many more families this year.  
Certain items that are in HIGH NEED are indicated on the list.***

This is a "reverse" Advent Calendar. Instead of opening a daily surprise on an Advent Calendar, you will collect a different pantry item at home, place it in a bag or box, and deliver your collection to church by the end of Advent. The flyer details the items needed this year.

**If you have questions, please contact Gerry Burns at 610-349-8746.**

Please bring your advent collection of items to  
Arndt's Church  
on or before  
**Sunday, December 21**

**Collection Bins are in the Coat Room**

***Your generosity is so appreciated!***



# Food Collection

## ADVENT FOOD DRIVE 2025

To benefit ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry

Each day during Advent, put an item in a box or bag at home

Final Drop-off at Arndt's Lutheran Church is Sunday, December 21 before noon

ProJeCt Easton prefers regular sized items which are easier for clients to transport.

November 30	Pancake Mix – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 1	Instant Oatmeal - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 2	Cereal - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 3	Disposable Diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6) - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 4	Baby Wipes - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 5	Pasta - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 6	Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham, Roast Beef) - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 7	Shelf Stable Milk – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 8	Canned Fruit Cocktail – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 9	Tuna – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 10	Feminine Products – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 11	Body Wash 3 in 1 – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 12	Spaghetti Sauce (NO GLASS JARS)
December 13	Catsup, Mustard, or Mayonnaise (NO GLASS JARS)
December 14	Peanut Butter – regular size
December 15	Jelly – Squeeze bottles
December 16	Canned Vegetables
December 17	Pork & Beans or any canned beans
December 18	Soup
December 19	Rice
December 20	Pancake Syrup
December 21	Crackers

Anything on this list that you can provide will be most appreciated

**\*\*REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED\*\***

