#### All Around Arndt's - December 1, 2025

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

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## **Attendance and Offering:**

November 30, 2025 Attendance – 67 Offering - \$3,178.00

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

Bruce and Debbie Sandt; Vicky Schafer; Michael, Pattie, Henry and Charlie Schallock; Myk and Susie Schallock; Robert, Anne Klimke, Alexandra and Jacob Schallock; Adam, Ashley, Evan, and Jacob Selmasska; Carl and Ellen Selmasska; Dan Selmasska; Matt Selmasska and Steve Stellini; Edwin Shafer.

## **Announcements and Reminders**

<u>Arndt's Advent Bible Study:</u> 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: Poinsettia orders are due this Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$10 per plant (6-1/2 inch pot), and the plants are available in red, white or pink. Please call the church on or before Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to place your order. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.

<u>Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service:</u> The first Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service will be held this Wednesday at St. Paul's Third, 2561 Newburg Road, Palmer Township. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Game Night:** A Game Night will be held this Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m., at the church. Bring a covered dish to share for supper and your favorite board games to play.

<u>Winter Coat Collection:</u> 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.

Christmas Gift Card Reminder: The deadline to order gift cards for Christmas delivery is this Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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

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Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting to elect new council members and approve the budget for 2026 will be held this 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. Purchased 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. Oops! The sign-up sheet for the annual Women's Christmas Party has gone missing and we are asking everyone to re-sign the sheet again if you are planning to attend. The 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.

<u>Worship Minister Volunteers:</u> 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 <a href="www.arndtslutheranchurch.org">www.arndtslutheranchurch.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:dkburns@outlook.com">dkburns@outlook.com</a> Enjoy!

<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>.

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## **Arndt's Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025: Open Arms Senior Connection. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025:</u> Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025: Advent Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025: No Country Line Dancing Class.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025: Midweek Advent Soup Supper (6:00 p.m.) and Worship

Service (7:00 p.m.) at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church.

Friday, Dec. 5, 2025: Game Night and Covered Dish Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025: Parent Night Out, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Contact: Rita

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Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025: Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025:** Second Sunday of Advent, Service of Holy Communion,

10:30 a.m., followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2026 church budget and elect

council members.

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025:** Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



#### **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

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. <u>All photos will be returned</u>. 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**

### **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%	7	\$	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	8%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings®	8%		\$	\$100.00 Dick's Sporting Goods	8%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.6%		\$	\$50.00 Build-A-Bear	8%	-	\$	\$25.00	0%		Φ
Amazon \$25.00	1.6%		\$	Workshop® \$25.00	076		Φ	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Amazon \$250.00	1.6%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	6%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.6%		\$	Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$	DSW \$25.00	10.5%		\$
AMC Theatres \$50.00	8%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	9%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$100.00	5%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
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Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$		5%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		<b>\$</b>	Harry & David \$50.00	12%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$	Chewy \$100.00	5%		\$	Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Athleta \$100.00	14%		\$	Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Athleta \$25.00	14%	6:	\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Bahama Breeze \$100.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill	9%		\$	IKEA \$100.00	5%		\$
Bahama Breeze	8%		\$	\$25.00 Cinnabon \$25.00	7%		\$	Instacart \$100.00	5%		\$
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Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	9%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$100.00	8%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9%		\$	Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Kentucky Fried Chicken \$25.00	6%		\$
Bath & Body Works	12%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	7%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	7%		\$
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Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	14%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Darden Restaurants	8%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza	8%		\$
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Name	Customer #
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Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Logan's Roadhouse \$25.00	10%		\$	Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse	8%	-	\$	Seasons 52 \$100.00	8%		\$
\$100.00				Sephora \$25.00	6.5%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Shari's Berries \$50.00	12%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$50.00	10%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	6%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$	Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	7.5%		\$	ShopRite \$100.00	4%		\$
Nike \$25.00	11%		\$	ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$
NOOK by Barnes &	8%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Noble \$25.00 Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Smashburger \$10.00	10%		\$
Nordstrom Rack	4%	-	\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
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Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Staples \$100.00	5%		\$
Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
On The Border \$25.00	10%		\$	Subway Restaurants	6%		\$
Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$	\$10.00 Subway Restaurants	6%		\$
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Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	6%		\$
Petco \$25.00	9%		\$ .	T.J.Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	6%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Rite Aid \$100.00	4%		\$	Texas Roadhouse	8%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$	\$25.00			
Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$	The Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$
Ruth's Chris Steak	8%		\$	The Giant Co \$25.00	3.5%		\$
House \$100.00 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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Tractor Supply Company \$25.00	4.5%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walgreens \$100.00	5%		\$
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Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
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Wayfair \$100.00	. 6%		\$
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Weis Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
White Castle \$25.00	.8%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: Arndt's Lutheran Church

Total Due All Columns:

## **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. <u>Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, December 3rd.</u>

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

#### **Poinsettia Plant Order Form**

Given	Ву			
	none			
	nor 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.





Our <u>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive</u> begins on Sunday, November 30. We will collect for the Pro-JeCt 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!



## **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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 21 before noon ProJeCt Easton prefers regular sized items which are easier for clients to transport.</u>

November 30	Pancake Mix – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 1	Instant Oatmeal - HIGH NEED
December 2	Cereal - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 3	Disposable Diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6) - HIGH NEED
December 4	Baby Wipes - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 5	Pasta - <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 6	Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham, Roast Beef) - HIGH NEED
December 7	Shelf Stable Milk – <b>HIGH NEED</b>
December 8	Canned Fruit Cocktail – HIGH NEED
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

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

