

All Around Arndt's - December 15, 2025

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Attendance and Offering:

December 14, 2025

Attendance – 35 (Zoom Only)

Offering - \$

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Genie, Gracie and Ellie Speidel; Emily Steuer and Family; Jim and Jane Styers; Doris Tarlowski; Phil and Leslie Teresi; Patrick, Josalyn, Penelope and Paxton VanFleet; Michael, Jessica, Lilianna, Jace, Grady, Evelyn, Gracelyn and Brooks Varju; Jill, Christopher, Connor and Charlotte Walker; Tom and Nancy Walters; Ken Weidner.

Thank You: Thank you to all who contributed to our winter coat drive. Volunteers delivered 95 coats to Safe Harbor. We are warming souls.

Announcements and Reminders

Arndt's Advent Bible Study: A "Christmas Carol" Advent Bible Study continues on Tuesday, December 16, 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

Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service: The final Midweek Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service will be held this Wednesday, December 17th, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 3900 Freemansburg Avenue, Palmer Township. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Christmas Party. The Women's Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 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 year's service project, we will be writing out Christmas cards for the residents and people who visit Safe Harbor.

Advent Food Drive Donations-Last Sunday: This Sunday, December 21st, is the final Sunday for food donations to be dropped off at the church. Please contact Gerry Burns, 610-349-8746, if you are unable to make this deadline so arrangements can be made.

On Tuesday, January 6th, at 9:00 a.m., we could use help loading the truck with the food collected for the Advent Food Drive. It will only take about 1/2 hour to load the truck. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you in advance.

Worship Minister Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve: There is a special sign-up sheet in the narthex asking for worship minister volunteers to assist with the Christmas Eve services. Services are at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please sign if you can help. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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.

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.

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Arndt's Weekly Calendar

<u>Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025:</u>	Open Arms Senior Connection. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025:</u>	Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025:</u>	Advent Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025:</u>	Country Line Dance Class, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Instructor Barbara Willett - 610-253-7382
<u>Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025:</u>	Final Midweek Advent Soup Supper (6:00 p.m.) and Worship Service (7:00 p.m.) at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Palmer Township
<u>Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025:</u>	Church Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
<u>Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025:</u>	Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
<u>Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025:</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Service of Holy Communion and Children's Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m.
	Last Sunday to drop off Food Donations for the Advent food Drive



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. **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.



Our Banner is up!!!!

Thank you to Denis Burns and Myk Shallock for hanging our Bicentennial Banner on the Bushkill Drive side of the church lawn. It's very visible from both directions and we hope it will generate community interest in our year-long celebration.



Food
Collection

ARNDT'S ADVENT FOOD DRIVE 2025

Our 6th 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 – HIGH NEED
December 1	Instant Oatmeal - HIGH NEED
December 2	Cereal - HIGH NEED
December 3	Disposable Diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6) - HIGH NEED
December 4	Baby Wipes - HIGH NEED
December 5	Pasta - HIGH NEED
December 6	Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham, Roast Beef) - HIGH NEED
December 7	Shelf Stable Milk – HIGH NEED
December 8	Canned Fruit Cocktail – HIGH NEED
December 9	Tuna – HIGH NEED
December 10	Feminine Products – HIGH NEED
December 11	Body Wash 3 in 1 – HIGH NEED
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****



Arndt's Lutheran Church
Schedule of Advent and Christmas Services and Activities

Sunday, November 30, 2025	First Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 30, 2025	Advent Workshop following worship (lunch provided)	11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	Midweek Advent Supper at St. Paul's Third	6:00 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service at St. Paul's Third	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 7, 2025	Second Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion Service, followed by Annual Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	Midweek Advent Supper at St. John's Historic Easton	6:00 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service at St. John's Historic Easton	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14, 2025	Third Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.
Monday, December 15, 2025	Women's Christmas Party (bring covered dish and \$5-\$10 gift exchange)	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17, 2025	Midweek Advent Supper at St. Andrew's	6:00 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service at St. Andrew's	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21, 2025	Fourth Sunday in Advent - Holy Communion Service, and Children's Christmas Program	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 21, 2025	Deadline for Advent Food Drive donations to church	
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve Services - Nativity of Our Lord	
	Candlelight Service with Holy Communion	3:30 p.m.
	Candlelight Service with Holy Communion	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 28, 2025	Service of Lessons and Carols. Note time change. No Sunday School.	9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and regular worship services resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026.