

All Around Arndt's - January 5, 2026

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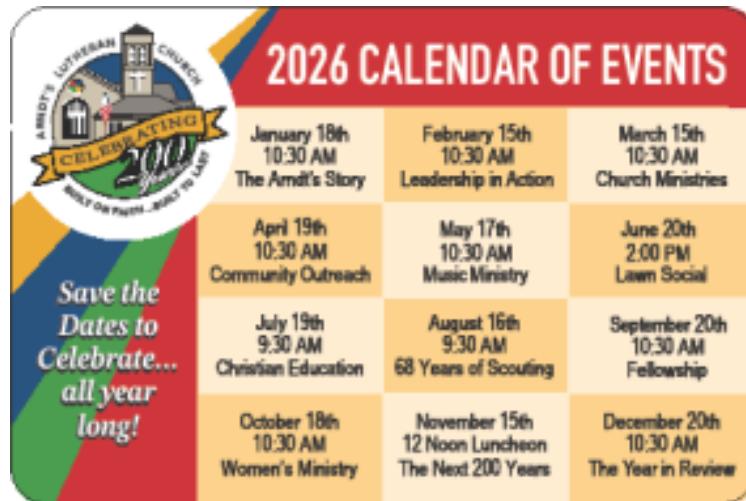
Arndt's Bicentennial Year 2026

To commemorate this historic milestone of Arndt's Lutheran Church, we will host a year-round calendar of events on the 3rd Sunday of each month, with the exception in June when we host a Lawn Social on Saturday, June 20.

We welcome you to join us each week at worship. Please share the dates with your family and friends. Our special 3rd Sunday worships will be dedicated to historical reflections, stories and missions that have been a part of Arndt's journey for the past 200 years.

Our first special worship service will be on Sunday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m. Jean Ruschman will share the history of Arndt's Lutheran Church. We look forward to seeing you at Arndt's each week as we celebrate the history of our beautiful church.

Arndt's Bicentennial Celebration Committee



The Winter edition of the Forks Focus Newsletter, which is mailed to our homes in January, will feature an historical article about Arndt's Bicentennial.

Attendance and Offering:

December 21, 2025	Attendance - 68	Offering - \$3,775.00
December 24, 2025	Attendance - 66 (3:30 p.m.)	
December 24, 2025	Attendance - 74 (6:30 p.m.)	Offering - \$4,345.00 (2 Services)
December 28, 2025	Attendance - 21	Offering - \$ 470.00
January 5, 2026	Attendance - 36	Offering - \$1,902.00

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Marlene Werkheiser; Melanie and Stuart Whiteleather; Kaitlyn and Tyler Williams; Doug, Sandy and Skyler Wilson; Shirley Wilson; Connie Witmer; Erik Wood; Rawlynn Wood; Kyle, Carly, Gabriella and Ryan Yanders; Bob and Barb Young.

Announcements and Reminders

Arndt's Advent Bible Study: We will finish our Advent Bible Study, "A Christmas Carol" on Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. Use the 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

Time to Un-Decorate the Church: We will remove the Christmas decorations this Saturday, January 10th, at 1:00 p.m. All helpers will be appreciated.

Game Night: The next Game Night and Covered Dish Supper will be on Friday, January 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share and your favorite games to play. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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

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.

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.

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 6, 2026:

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2026:

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2026:

Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 10, 2026:

Un-Decorating the church. Help is appreciated to remove the Christmas decorations from the church.

Sunday, January 11, 2026:

Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 11, 2026:

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

Sunday, January 11, 2026:

First Sunday after Epiphany celebrating Baptism of Our Lord, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 11, 2026:

Cub Scout Den Meetings, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2026:

Lawn Social Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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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.

