

All Around Arndt's - February 2, 2026

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Arndt's Bicentennial Year 2026

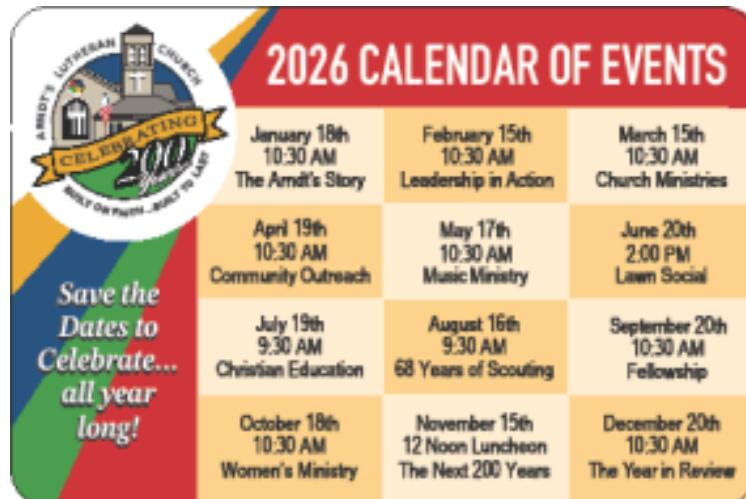
To commemorate this historic milestone of Arndt's Lutheran Church, we will host a year-round calendar of events on the 3rd Sunday of each month, with the exception in June when we host a Lawn Social on Saturday, June 20th.

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.

The next special "Third Sunday Worship" will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Former Arndt's Pastor Dennis Ritter will preside at worship. Plan to join us for this special Sunday service.

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



Attendance and Offering:

February 2, 2026

Attendance - 46

Offering – \$3,004.00

Let us pray for families of Arndt's:

Marianne Gehris; Robert and Janet Gruninger; Mike, Becky, Aidan, Cathleen and Abigail Haffner; Loraine Hammerstone; Louise Hawk; Janet Heller; Logie Heller; Don and Janet Herr; Donna Hess; Geoff Hillary.

Winter Weather Policy: In the event of inclement weather on a Sunday, we will make a decision to cancel in-person worship and move to Zoom. Below is the Zoom invitation that you should use to participate, either by computer or phone, when in-person worship is canceled. **Reminder: Zoom will only be used when in-person worship is canceled.**

Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship – Only when in-person worship is canceled due to weather.

Time: Jan 25, 2026 10:30 a.m. and every week on Sunday when in-person worship is canceled.

Join Zoom Meeting on Computer:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81853887110?pwd=78fJZ1kdDbwzodHYzxMnsgNOzuVeU.C.1>

Meeting ID: 818 5388 7110

Passcode: 202714

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone:

1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 818 5388-7110

Passcode: 202714

**Check for cancellations on WFMZ Channel 69 or on our church website,
arndtslutheranchurch.com**

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Announcements and Reminders

Reports for the Annual Meeting: Chairpersons of committees of the church and 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 15th, so it may be included in the annual report book presented at the Annual Meeting. The church email is arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com . The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd immediately following worship.

Year-End Giving Statements: Arndt's Church giving statements for 2025 are available if you would like a copy for income tax purposes. Please sign the "2025 Giving Statement" list in the narthex and your statement will be printed for you.

Special Shrove Tuesday Service: A special Shrove Tuesday Service will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m. during the Open Arms' program monthly worship time. Arndt's Church members are welcome to attend this special service. (This is the only Shrove Tuesday service that will be held). As part of the service, ashes will be offered to those unable to attend the Arndt's Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 18th.

Action Team Planning Meeting: The annual meeting to plan Thrivent Action Teams will be held after worship on Sunday, March 8th (postponed from February). Lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us plan for the food order.

All members are encouraged to attend, whether a present Thrivent member or someone who wants to learn more about the Action Team program. Associate memberships are available for \$19.95 and you can obtain one Action Team grant per year as an associate member to be part of the program.

Cold-Weather Ministry: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 330 Ferry Street in Easton, is accepting donations of coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves and gloves as part of an ongoing ministry to assist those persons in the Easton area community who are homeless and/or in need of these necessities. Every day, several items are hung on the fence outside the church for people to take as needed.

Arndt's will be collecting these requested items and delivering them to St. John's for them to use in this ministry. There is a collection bin in the coat room for your donations.

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.arndtislutheranchurch.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. Currently, the Backpack Pals program is distributing approximately 555 bags each month. Your willingness to donate to this program is appreciated

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Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, February 3, 2026: Open Arms Senior Connection. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 2026: Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 2026: Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Jean Huber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible study

Time: Beginning January 20, 2026 and every week thereafter on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting by Computer:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81797765558?pwd=q4Yi9crj6iYToAcCqW9bf9VbAtp7O4.1>

Meeting ID: 817 9776 5558. Passcode: 672799

Join Zoom Meeting by Telephone:

1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 817 9776 5558. Passcode: 672799

Saturday, February 7, 2026: Confirmation Retreat at church, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Lunch provided.

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Service of the Word, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Cub Scout Den Meetings, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 15, 2026: Holy Communion Service celebrating the Transfiguration of Our Lord, 10:30 a.m. Former Arndt's Pastor Dennis Ritter will preside over the service and speak as part of our special "Third Sunday Worship" anniversary presentations.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: Shrove Tuesday Service, 10:30 a.m. – Special Service during Open Arms.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday Service, with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, 2026: Annual Congregational Meeting with review of reports of committees and groups.

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.

Arndt's Lutheran Church

CELEBRATING

200 YEARS

1826 - 2026

