

# *The Messenger of Arndt's Church - October, 2017*

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**Regular Worship Services (9/19/17 thru 5/20/18): Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

## *Activities for October*

### **Saturday, September 30th - Oktoberfest German Dinner - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Open Arms will hold an Oktoberfest German Dinner on Saturday, September 30th, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the church. The menu will include bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German and PA Dutch potato salad, spiced cabbage, homemade apple dumplings with ice cream and beverages. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. Tickets are available in the church office or at the door. All proceeds will benefit Open Arms Senior Connection, a community program for all older adults.

### **Friday, October 6th - Sunday, October 8th - Women's Christian Retreat at Trout Lake**

All women are invited to participate in this year's retreat, "Seaside Escape". Our retreat this year is beach-themed and includes worship, bible study (Sarah & Hagar) and a service project, time for laughter, quiet reflection, games, crafts and eating. Cost for the retreat is \$115 and includes meals, clean and comfortable facilities and the natural beauty along the lakeside. You will return home feeling empowered, refreshed and rejuvenated.

### **Sunday, October 15th - Blessing of the Animals Service - 1:00 p.m.**

There will be a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 15th, in the pavilion beginning at 1:00 p.m. Members and friends are invited to bring their pets (leashed, please), to receive a blessing at this casual service honoring St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. Any donations received will be donated to the Center for Animal Welfare (formerly the Northampton County SPCA).

### **Saturday, October 28th - "Trunk or Treat"**

Arndt's will host a "Trunk or Treat" Halloween activity on Saturday, October 28th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The event is open to children in the community and will feature activities, crafts and trick or treating from the trunks of cars parked in the parking lot. **We are looking for volunteers who are willing to decorate their cars and hand out treats from the trunk of their car.** Contact the church office if you want to be part of this Halloween fun.

### **Saturday, October 28th - Youth Event - Reformation S'Mores**

Youth from other churches in the cluster are invited to Arndt's on Saturday, October 28th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for games, snacks, a campfire and s'mores. Please let Marlene Werkheiser or Pastor know if you will be attending.

### **Sunday, October 29th - Reformation Sunday**

Today is Reformation Sunday! Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. In honor of the occasion, please wear something red to church.

## *The Pastor's Page*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;  
For we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.  
Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,  
One the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.

One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day;  
With one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov'nant way we tread.  
One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,  
One in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.

*[Christian Unity Liturgy from Moravian Book of Worship]*

On Sunday, October 1st, we join with many other congregations and denominations in celebrating World Communion Sunday. This is an annual observance, fixed on the first Sunday of October, to promote Christian unity. The original idea was to symbolize a desire for ecumenical cooperation by having many churches celebrate Holy Communion, each according to its own tradition, on the same day, even if differences in doctrine made it impossible to share the Lord's Supper across denominational divides. Although some barriers still exist to inter-communion today, Christian communities of faith have now drawn much closer to each other in worship, fellowship, and service. Lutherans for instance, are full communion partners with many other denominations. We remember Jesus's prayer: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:21)

Peace,

*Pastor Jean*

## *October Prayer Calendar*

**You are asked to pray for the member listed on each day of the month. All of the members of our church family will be lifted in prayer many times throughout the year. Members are listed alphabetically. If someone is missed, please contact the secretary in the church office.**

October 01 - Tom, Lori, Emily and Ryan Gerlach  
October 02 - Hope Greffe  
October 03 - Bob, Janet and Scott Gruninger  
October 04 - Mike and Becky Haffner, Aidan, Cathleen and Abby  
October 05 - Lorraine Hammerstone  
October 06 - Louise Hawk  
October 07 - Sandy Hayden  
October 08 - Janet Heller  
October 09 - Logie Heller  
October 10 - Holly, Melissa and Mallory Hernandez  
October 11 - Don and Janet Herr  
October 12 - Geoff and Maureen Hillary  
October 13 - Michael Horton  
October 14 - Nick and Natasha Horton  
October 15 - Ralph and Joanne Horton  
October 16 - Matthew, Rachel and Heidi Hosterman  
October 18 - Jon, Tammy and Abigail Hrichak  
October 19 - Pastor Jean and Doug Huber  
October 20 - Josh, Jacob and Landon Huber  
October 21 - Jim, Sally and Kyle Hutnik  
October 22 - Debbie Jacoby  
October 23 - Keith and Chris Johnsen  
October 24 - Laurie Kerr, Rosanne Diaz and Ernest  
October 25 - Gail and Liam Kleckner  
October 27 - Ed and Linda Kleppinger  
October 29 - Donald and Donna Koch, Andrew and Kaitlyn  
October 30 - Joan and Kevin Kocher, Austin, Dalton and Logan  
October 31 - Stacy and Catherine Kocher, Charlene and Karl

# Arndt's Administrative Items

## Interesting Items from Council

From the September Council Meeting:

Council has decided to hold Saturday evening worship on the first and third Saturdays of each month from November through March.

Regarding the problem with the birds on the outside of the church, council will be obtaining quotes to have the stucco on the outside of the building removed and replaced.

Amato Brothers is working on the walls in the sanctuary in October.

A new, outdoor mat has been placed at the back door of Fellowship Hall to help collect the stones and dirt that gathers on the sidewalk.

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### August, 2017

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$8,281.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$9,714.49</u></b>
	<b>(\$1,433.49)</b>

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### Last Sunday, Second Offering

The next Last Sunday, Second Offering collection will be received on **Sunday, October 15, 2017**, (a make up date from September's LSSO) and will support the Easton CROP Walk, which is being held on Sunday, October 15th, and begins at 1:00 p.m., at the ProJeCT Food Pantry at St. John's. The route will pass by 7 Easton area locations serving emergency food needs. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. One-fourth of the funds raised stays in the local community.

### Altar Flowers/Altar Food Box/Worship Bulletin Sponsorships

You may sponsor our weekly, traditional altar flower vases or an altar food box for \$35 and worship bulletins may be sponsored for \$15. All sponsorships include your personal dedication message. Place completed forms in the offering plate or mail them to the church office--forms are on the bulletin board in the coatroom area.

### Thrivent Action Teams/CHOICE Program

**Thrivent Action Teams - Earn \$250 to put towards a ministry project of your choosing.** Go to Thrivent.com and search for Action Teams. If you are a Thrivent member, proceed to Action Team Application. If you are not a Thrivent member, become an associate member for \$20 and then fill out the Action Team application. Receiving \$250 and doing a great ministry project with friends...what a DEAL!

**ALSO**, Thrivent policy holders and account holders. Now is a good time to call the Thrivent CHOICE program to direct your annual contribution to your favorite charity. It takes only minutes to call 800 847 4836 to direct your money. Several families did so this past week and directed over \$600 to ALC. What an easy way to support your church.

## *Regular Church Programs and Groups*

### **Children's Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. There are weekly classes for all children ages 3 through the sixth grade.

### **Confirmation Class**

Our next confirmation class will be on Sunday, October 15th, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at St. Paul's III Lutheran Church in Palmer Township.

### **Open Arms Senior Connection**

Open Arms meets at the church on Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pick up an Open Arms newsletter in the narthex or ask to be put on our newsletter mailing list and have one delivered to your home.

### **Arndt's Preschool - October News**

October is here already and we have 12 children in our Senior class and 5 children in our Junior class. This month the shape is a circle and the color is orange. We will do art projects geared to Halloween, the Fall and Fire safety. A firefighter will visit our school {Firefighter Andy Spatig}. The Senior class will visit the Forks Fire Station. The school has field trips to a Pumpkin Patch {Klein's Farm}. The children will have a special Pumpkin Carving with Dad night on October 26th.

### **Arndt's Bible Study - October Schedule**

Bible Study continues on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. with a study called, "A Man Named Martin". Join us as we continue to examine the life and times of this religious reformer.

## *Ongoing Fundraising Programs at Arndt's*

### **Gift Card Program from Great Lake Scrips**

**Scrip Gift Card Program:** Plan ahead for your shopping needs and order gift cards to make those purchases. You may purchase shopping cards, dining cards and gas cards to name a few from our Scrip Gift Card Program. Carole Brown places gift card orders on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. If you would like to order cards, please call her at 484-505-0647 before those days so she may include your purchases in the order.

### **RADA Cutlery**

RADA Cutlery products are reasonably priced, well constructed--and made in America! We have many items in stock (please see the poster in the narthex) and there are many other knives and items available in the RADA catalog. This is a great fundraiser for Arndt's because it is something that everyone can use and it gives the church a return of 40% profit. Contact Joan Kocher at 610-515-0908 or Karen Beverly 610-252-2338 for purchasing information

### **Hurricane Relief Effort**

There is a basket at the back of the church for donations to the Hurricane Relief effort. All money collected will be sent to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund.

# Community Service and Activities

## Safe Harbor Meals Provided by Arndt's

**Safe Harbor Dinner** - The next date for the Safe Harbor dinner meal is **Thursday, October 26th**.

Thank you to everyone who participates in this community ministry.

## Backpack Project

Arndt's continues to collect individual packs of applesauce to support the backpack project. Our goal is to provide the best nutrition that we can, so we ask for the no added sugar applesauce. You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the box marked for the "Backpack Project". Thank you for your support of this project.

## Worship at Arndt's

### **Sunday, October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion**

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't go what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

### **Sunday, October 8, 2017 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Service of the Word**

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

### **Sunday, October 15, 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion**

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

### **Sunday, October 22, 2017 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Service of the Word**

*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

### **Sunday, October 29, 2017 - Reformation Sunday - Holy Communion**

*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ--the good news--that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the water of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*

## *Arndt's Announcements*

Please submit any special information you may want to share with the rest of the congregation to the "Arndt's Announcements" page of The Messenger.

### *Baptisms*

On Saturday, September 16 2017, we welcomed Emmett James Mazzie, infant son of David and Kelli (Holota) Mazzie, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Emmett was born on April 11, 2017, at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown.

### *Births*

Congratulations to Craig and Catherine Limeberry, Jr. on the birth of their son, Craig Allen Limeberry, III on June 26, 2017, in Austin, Texas. He weighed 9lbs., 5oz. Grandparents are Craig and Sue Limeberry.

Congratulations to Michael and Jessica Varju on the birth of their son, Grady Burton Varju, on September 18, 2017. He weighted 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Great-grandmother is Shirley Wilson.

### *Thank you to . . . .*

#### **All Oktoberfest Dinner Helpers.**

Thanks for your help! Wow! Our Oktoberfest Dinner is over for 2017! In the past, our Oktoberfest was an outdoor event with a car show, but its success was totally dependent on the weather. This year we made the decision to make it an Oktoberfest Dinner. What a great move and a resounding success! With generous donations from Thrivent, Weis Markets, Wegmans and Giant for the purchase of food and supplies, our profits totaled \$1,551.00!

There are so many folks that helped make this Oktoberfest Dinner happen. Thanks to all of you who helped with the pre-event organization, made sure paid ads and free ads were put in the papers and posted online, applied for action team money from Thrivent, helped make those wonderful apple dumplings, made the potato salad and spiced cabbage, pickled beets, set up and decorated the Oktoberfest area, worked in the kitchen, grilled food, served food, bused tables, donated items or money, helped clean-up...whew! I couldn't have done it without all that help! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The proceeds will go to such a good cause – Open Arms Senior Connection. In appreciation to Arndt's Lutheran Church for all their support the past 7-½ years, Open Arms will tithe 10% of our profits to the church general fund. Oktoberfest 2018? To be continued... Thank you so much!

**Karen Beverly**

### *Thank you from . . . .*

#### **ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.'s Board of Directors, staff and all the people who benefit from our programs.**

Thank you for your donation of various food items to the Interfaith Food Pantry. It is only through the generous support of our community that we are able to offer the services we provide to the public through the Interfaith Food Pantry and the ASSIST program at no cost. Your support makes a difference to those in need.

**Janice D. Komisor, Executive Director**

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Communion</li> <li>■ 2:30 PM Unity conversation and brainstorming</li> </ul>	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders Meeting</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Women's Retreat at Trout Lake</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Girl Scouts</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Communion Service</li> </ul>
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 8:15 AM Communion Service</li> <li>■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> </ul>	9 Columbus Day	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Council Meeting</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Communion Service</li> </ul>
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 8:15 AM Communion Service</li> <li>■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Communion Service</li> <li>■ 1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals</li> <li>■ 1:00 PM Easton CROP Walk</li> <li>■ 3:00 PM Confirmation Class at St. Paul's III</li> </ul>	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 5:00 PM Cub Scouts - Flag Retirement Ceremony</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Girl Scouts</li> <li>■ 11:00 AM Memorial Service followed by Reception in Fellowship Hall</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Communion Service</li> </ul>
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 8:15 AM Communion Service</li> <li>■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Worship Service</li> </ul>	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class</li> </ul>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Safe Harbor Dinner</li> <li>■ 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>■ 6:30 PM Preschool - Pumpkin Carving</li> </ul>	27	28 No Service Tonight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2:00 PM Trunk or Treat</li> <li>■ 5:00 PM Youth Event - Reformation S'Mores</li> </ul>
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Reformation Sunday - Communion Service</li> </ul>	30	31 Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Open Arms</li> </ul>	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 6:00 PM Communion Service</li> </ul>