

# *The Messenger of Arndt's Church - September, 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 September*

### **Saturday, September 9th - Community Yard Sale - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Any member may participate in this Yard Sale to sell their "goods". We will charge a \$10 fee for a space and the selling area will be in the field. The church will keep the fee and the seller keeps all the money they earn. The yard sale will be advertised to the public. Donna Lewis is in charge of the event, direct questions to her at 610-330-0915.

### **Sunday, September 10th - "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday**

Our congregation will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday with a joint worship service with the Easton Cluster churches on Sunday, September 10th, at 9:30 a.m., at Meuser Park in Wilson Borough. Following worship, there will be a brunch.

As part of the day, one of the projects will be packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Each church in the cluster has been assigned items to collect for the project. Arndt's has been asked to provide 100 rulers and 50 single-subject spiral notebooks for the LWR project. There is a box in the narthex for these donations.

There is also a sign-up sheet for the brunch following the service at Meuser Park. We have been assigned various items to bring for the brunch. Please check out the sheet and sign up to donate one of the requested food items if you can.

**Note: Arndt's will still hold it's annual Road Rally on Sunday, September 10th, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the church.**

### **Saturday, September 16th - Four Seasons Event**

The next Four Seasons Event will be participation in a Pig Roast at Riverside Barr and Grill, 5801 South Delaware Drive, on Saturday, September 16th, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. (with food being served at 5:00). Cost is \$20 per ticket - all you can eat. For tickets, please contact Thom or Karen Beverly at 610-252-2338. This event supports Trout Unlimited's "Trout in the Classroom" program, which serves four local schools.

### **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.

## *The Pastor's Page*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Where has the summer gone? We probably say this each year, but for me personally, this year, the summer seems to have flown by very quickly. Here we are in September beginning a new year of church programs and activities. And we continue to be busy here at Arndt's.

Several weeks ago at a meeting of people new to our synod, I met a Moravian pastor who was serving as an interim pastor in a Lutheran congregation in Monroe County. He said he was so glad to finally meet me and put a face to the name. He said he and his wife live in Forks Township and they pass by Arndt's almost everyday.....and it seems like the church is busy and active and always doing something.

It was a good feeling that someone from the community noticed how active we are at Arndt's. A lot of what we have been doing this past year has been made possible thanks to the Thrivent Grants that have been written by members of the congregation who are Thrivent members.

Grant money has made it possible for us to support many ministries at Arndt's, in our community and beyond. We have been able to support Trunk or Treat, Open Arms Oktoberfest, Spaghetti Dinner and Pork and Sauerkraut dinners in the church building; we have provided support for haircuts for kids going back to school in the Easton area, a community yard sale, a meal for the Summer Nights program at the Easton Area Community Center and we have received grants which will help with the Mission District Oktoberfest in October.

All of these grants have been well received and gratefully appreciated and allow us to continue to share the love of God with others.

Although these grants provide wonderful opportunities for us to do ministry, we need to be mindful that we still have a responsibility as members of our congregation to support the day to day financial obligations of our church. The Thrivent grants cannot be used for our day-to-day expenses--we depend on the consistent giving of our members. This is accomplished through our weekly church offerings or by enrolling in Simply Giving (which automatically withdraws a designated amount from your checking or savings account).

The Finance Committee continues to be diligent in its effort to control spending, to keep the church operating efficiently and to enable us to serve God and the community faithfully.

Blessings,

*Pastor Jean*

## *September 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.**

September 01 - Marshall and Janie Brown, Emma, William and Gracie  
September 02 - Steve Bueker  
September 03 - Jon and Kerry Castro, Mia and Megan  
September 04 - Chuck and Karen Chapman, Kelsey and Connor  
September 05 - Jennifer and Michael Cleffi, Caitlin, Mackenzie and Madison  
September 06 - Kristie Smestad, Benjamin Courtright and Elin  
September 07 - Angela Coxe, Steven Berkowitz and Alessia  
September 08 - Lou and Carol Ann Coxe  
September 09 - Nancy Deutsch, Joe and Allison  
September 10 - Tim and Debbie Donbar  
September 11 - William Donbar  
September 12 - Sherry Exley  
September 13 - Heather and Joe Faust, Olivia and Alaina  
September 14 - Amanda and Jonas Feliciano, Jack and Nolan  
September 15 - Kurt and Bernice Flad, Katie and Jack  
September 16 - Randy and Kathy Fogel, Brandi and Krysta  
September 17 - Roland and Marjorie Frace  
September 18 - Peg Freeman  
September 19 - Andrew Frey, Andrew, Jr. and Amber  
September 20 - Decca Frey  
September 21- James and Elizabeth Frey, Annabella and James, Jr.  
September 22 - Mary Fritchman and Eddie  
September 23 - Karen and Bill Frye  
September 24 - Adam, Tiffany and Anna Gary,  
September 25 - Donald, Jr., and Debbie Gebhardt  
September 27 - Donald, Sr., and Dorothy Gebhardt  
September 29 - Marianne Gehris  
September 30 - Ruth Gehris

# Arndt's Administrative Items

## Interesting Items from Council

From the August Council Meeting:

Property committee reported that all the work has been completed by Kunsman Roofing.

Joan Kocher was appointed as the new church sexton.

The 2018 Budget was presented to council by the Finance Committee for their perusal and it was approved as presented.

Council approved Arndt's participation in the Easton Cluster worship for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday at Meuser Park on Sunday, September 10th.

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### July, 2017

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$20,324.15</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$13,579.94</u></b>
	<b>\$ 6,744.21</b>

**Note: The income of \$18,726.04 includes the transfer of \$10,000 made from the Fees & Fundraising Account on the request of the Treasurer. If this transfer had not been made, we would have shown a deficit of \$3,255.79 for July.**

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### Last Sunday, Second Offering

The Last Sunday, Second Offering collection will be received on **Sunday, September 24, 2017.**

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

You may sponsor our weekly, traditional altar flower vases or an altar food box for \$35. You may purchase your own \$35 worth of food for the food box and bring it in to place on the altar or you may write a check to the church and our volunteers will purchase the food for you. 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 Team Reminder

**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!

## *Regular Church Programs and Groups*

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

Children's Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 17th, at 9:00 a.m. There will be weekly classes for all children ages 3 through the sixth grade.

### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 17th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Supper will be provided for the students. Parents are asked to attend this meeting to discuss requirements and responsibilities for confirmation students this year.

### **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 - September News**

The summer went so fast - school resumes August 30th and August 31st. We have 9 seniors and 4 juniors and are still looking for more children to join us for a fun year. September is all about the color red . . .we will learn about apples, Little Red Riding Hood and lots of fun songs about making friends. Please help us to increase our enrollment by passing on information about our school.

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

Bible Study begins again on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m. with a study of Martin Luther called, "A Man Named Martin".

## *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

# 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, September 21st**.

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, September 3, 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion**

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

### **Sunday, September 10, 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Service at Meuser Park**

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

### **Sunday, September 17, 2017 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion**

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

### **Sunday, September 24, 2017 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Service of the Word**

*Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of god's mercy we are all beggars.*

## *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, June 10, 2017, we welcomed Paxton Thomas VanFleet, son of Patrick and Josalyn (Gebhart) VanFleet, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Paxton was born on November 14, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem.

On Saturday, July 15, 2017, we welcomed Joanna Shi Mack, daughter of James and Xiaohui Mack, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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

**The members who baked cupcakes** for Everybody's Birthday night at Summer Nights at the Easton Area Community Center.

**Steve Bueker and Jim and Barb Bialker** for cleaning the ceiling lights in the sanctuary.

### *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**

**Flu Shots offered:** On Tuesday, October 3rd – 2:45 p.m. (at the end of the Open Arms Senior Connection Day), flu shots will be available courtesy of Walgreens. This is open to all members of Open Arms, the congregation and friends of Arndt's Lutheran Church. **NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY** – just sign up so Walgreens will know the number of doses to prepare for. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. (Medicare – FREE, show card)

## A Man Named Martin

Nearly 500 years ago, an unknown monk from a little town in Germany set in motion a movement that would literally transform Western civilization. The impact Martin Luther had on the growth and development of Christianity is enormous. From his humble beginnings in Germany to his untiring work to understand Scripture and share the truth of the Bible, Martin Luther inspired a Reformation that reverberates throughout all of Christianity to this very day.



Please join us for bible study as we examine the life and times of this religious reformer beginning on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm.



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ■ 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion, Blessing of the Backpacks followed by End of Summer Picnic	28	29 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30 ■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class	31 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms	1	2 ■ 6:00 PM Communion Service
3 ■ 9:30 AM Communion Service	4 Labor Day	5 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6 ■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class	7 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms	8	9 ■ 8:00 AM Community Yard Sale ■ 9:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 8171 ■ 6:00 PM Communion Service
10 ■ 9:30 AM God's Work Our Hands Sunday Service at Meuser Park followed by Brunch ■ 2:00 PM Arndt's Road Rally	11 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study - A Man Named Martin	12 ■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class	13 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms	14	15	16 ■ 4:00 PM Four Seasons Pig Roast at Riverside Barr and Grill ■ 6:00 PM Communion Service
17 ■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School ■ 10:30 AM Communion Service ■ 3:00 PM Confirmation Class	18 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study	19 ■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class	20 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms	21	22	23 ■ 6:00 PM Communion
24 ■ 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School ■ 10:30 AM Worship Service	25 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study	26 ■ 6:00 PM Country Dance Class	27 ■ 10:00 AM Open Arms ■ 6:00 PM Safe Harbor Dinner	28	29	30 ■ 9:00 AM No Church Service Tonight ■ 4:00 PM Oktoberfest German Dinner