Labor Day

Yesterday was Labor Day, and I found a few things about the holiday that I found interesting. Apart from the fact that we celebrate it on the first Monday in September and most of us get a day off work on Labor Day, what else do we know about this public holiday? According to the US Department of Labor, the holiday “constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.”

Two men are credited with creating Labor Day. Matthew Maguire, and Peter McGuire are said to have been equally important in establishing the day.

The first Labor Day Parade occurred on September 5, 1882 with approximately 10,000 New Yorkers participating. Each took unpaid leave to support the event, which began at City Hall, went past Union Square then along 42nd Street and finally ended at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue in Wendel’s Elm Park, where the participants stopped for a picnic and a concert.

Labor Day is thought to be the end of the summer because school is starting again, although for many students around us, school has already started.

I read, and certainly didn’t know it, that Labor Day is also a time in which retailers make a lot of money. The day has become so popular with shoppers that it’s the second biggest day for retailers after Black Friday.

And, of course, we already know that Labor Day is also considered the last day on which it’s acceptable to wear white. There goes what I planned to wear today!

Pastor Jean
Reminders and Announcements

**Weekly Offering:** $2529.95

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021:** Wednesday Evening Prayer on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 9, 2021:** Book Club on Zoom at 3:30 p.m. Invitation has been emailed to participants by Pastor Jean.

**Sunday, September 12, 2021:** Rally Day--Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. and Worship time returns to Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This week, Worship will be outside in the pavilion. Following worship, there will be a potluck lunch--please bring a dish to share. After lunch, our traditional Rally Day ROAD RALLY returns. This is always a fun event as we drive over "hill and dale" looking for clues and finally returning to the church. If you didn’t have a chance to sign the sign-up sheet for the covered dish, you can call the office (610-253-3732) and we will add your name.

**Sunday, September 26, 2021:** We will celebrate Founder’s Day and Harvest Home at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. To assist with decorating the sanctuary, we are offering "Mums" for sale. These beautiful fall flowers come in a 10-inch pot with three plants in the pot. Cost is $9 per pot. There is an assortment of colors to choose from. The plants will be used to decorate the church sanctuary on September 26th and then can be taken home after the service to decorate your home. Mums will generally bloom outside throughout the fall season and just need to be kept moist. If planted in the ground they may come up again in the spring.

If you would like to order mums, please fill out the attached order form and return it to the church with your payment (checks should be made payable to Arndt’s Lutheran Church).

**Open Arms:** Open Arms is making apple dumplings this week as a fundraiser for the program. They will be individually frozen with directions how to pop them in your oven to bake. The cost is $4 each. Contact Alice Lefebvre, 610-438-5520, or Pattie Corcoran, 610-533-7842, to purchase these delicious fall treats.

Open Arms will also be offering seasonal Flu Shots on Tuesday, September 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You do not have to make an appointment--just sign up so Walgreens will know the number of doses to prepare. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign when you come to church or call the office and we will mark your name on the list. Shots are free--just show your Medicare card.

**Boscov’s "Friends Helping Friends" Event:** The 25th Anniversary of the Boscov’s "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising event for non-profit organizations will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Arndt’s Lutheran Church has registered as a participating organization for the event. For a $5 donation, you will receive a 25% off discount Shopping Pass (some exclusions apply) to use in-store only on purchases at any Boscov’s store during this one-day event.

This is a great way to make a donation to Arndt’s Church and receive special discounts on all your purchases.
You can pick up your shopping passes at the church office or from Donna Lewis on a Sunday morning. If you can't make it to the church, call the church office and arrangements can be made to get you your passes.

You will receive one shopping pass for every $5 donation you make so you might want to consider donating $10 or $20 and give a shopping pass to a friend or neighbor as a special "thinking of you" gift to them. Or, you might want to ask your family members if they would like to make their own $5 donation to the church in exchange for a Shopping Pass. The "Friends Helping Friends" event will be here before you know it so don't delay--make your donations today.

**Arndt's Scrip Gift Card Program:** Call Rich Siegfried at 610-252-0586 to place an order when you need gift cards. This gift card program is an excellent way to help raise money for the church.

**Giant and Weis Gift Cards:** Arndt's continues to sell Weis and Giant gift cards. Please contact Joan Kocher at 610-515-0908 or Ruthann Siegfried at 610-252-0586 if you need any cards.

**Let us pray for Families of Arndts:**
Hans Smestad; John and Kim Smestad; John Smestad; Kristian Smestad; Laura Smestad-Berry and Toyae, Markus and Landen Berry; Allen and Christine Snook; Andy, Jordan and Emma Spatig; Genie, Gracie and Ellie Speidel; Trudy Sporman; Emily Steuer, Robert and Aurora Edelen.

**Stewardship Snippets: September 12, 2021:** (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)
Jesus taught, "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"  **Mark 8:35**  

*Jesus debunks the prevalent lie that the more we accumulate, the happier and more secure we will be. Steward/disciples learn that when we give ourselves fully to God, we save our lives and find true joy.*


**2021 Arndt's Council Members**

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# ARNDT'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FALL "MUM" SALE

$9.00 each

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