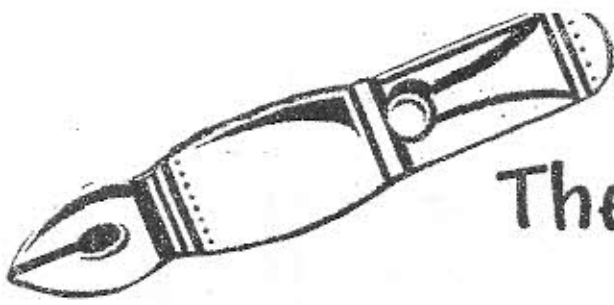




Saturday, November 26, 2011	Holy Communion Service	6:00 pm.	
Sunday, November 27, 2011	First Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion	8:15 and 10:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	Midweek Advent Services at St. Paul's Third Supper at 6:00 p.m., Worship at 7:00 p.m.		
Saturday, December 3, 2011	Holy Communion Service	6:00 p.m.	
Sunday, December 4, 2011	Second Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion	8:15 and 10:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 7, 2011	Midweek Advent Services at St. Andrew's Supper at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.		
Saturday, December 10, 2011	Live Nativity and Luminaria Holy Communion Service	5:00 – 8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	
Sunday, December 11, 2011	Third Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion	8:15 and 10:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 14, 2011	Midweek Advent Services at Arndt's Supper at 6:00 p.m., Worship at 7:00 p.m.		
Saturday, December 17, 2011	Holy Communion Service	6:00 p.m.	
Sunday, December 18, 2011	Fourth Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion Sunday School Program	8:15 and 10:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 24, 2011	Christmas Eve Services	Nativity of Our Lord	
	<b>5:30 p.m. – Family Service with Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>7:30 p.m. – Holy Communion and Candlelight Service with Choir</b>		
	<b>9:30 p.m. – Holy Communion and Candlelight Service with Special Music</b>		
Sunday, December 25, 2011	Christmas Day Service with Communion	9:30 a.m.	Special Time
Saturday, December 31, 2011	Lessons and Carols with Communion	5:00 p.m.	Special Time
Sunday, January 1, 2012	Lessons and Carols with Communion	9:30 a.m.	Special Time

**No 8:15 a.m. service or Sunday School on Sunday, December 25, 2011 and Sunday, January 1, 2012.  
Regular services and programs resume weekend of January 7/8, 2012.**



## The Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few months, we have observed many improvements, additions and changes to our church and our church property. Air conditioning has been installed, the wall in the sanctuary has been repaired, oil furnaces have been converted to gas furnaces and one of our Eagle Scouts has constructed a beautiful meditation garden for all to use and enjoy. Some improvements are not so clearly visible, like the new color laser printer for the office, the new projector to use for presentations during meetings and rehearsals and the new refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen, all things that help to make the church operate more efficiently. Other changes include YOU, like the new Praise and Worship service held when there is a fifth Sunday in the month and the Sunday School children participating in worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

We have recently completed our stewardship program and although participation was minimal, it gave us all an opportunity to assess our own individual giving to the church and how we might "grow" that giving. It also reminded us that good financial stewardship to the church requires diligence in giving on our part and that we need to make stewardship a way of life. As we look at the financial health of our church, we might say we are "holding our own". Although our church offerings have not increased, the church doors are always open and pastoral services are always available for anyone.

On Sunday, December 4th, we will once again meet as a congregation for our annual congregational meeting, during which time we will listen to the reports of the various committees and groups at the church, review and vote on a new budget for 2012 and elect new members to serve on church council. All of these things require YOU, and a willingness to participate, not only financially, but also by sharing your talents with other church members and by giving your time as we minister to each other and to the community through the many groups and programs that make us Arndt's Church.

God's presence in our lives is never-ending. We see it in the renovations that have occurred in the church, we see it in our stewardship program and we see it as we come together as the body of Christ at our annual meeting. Just as God is present in all of this, so must we be present in the life of the church. As we asked in our stewardship letter, "What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?" As we begin the new church year on the First Sunday in Advent, how will YOU make your presence known...seen...heard...felt.... at Arndt's Church? Where will YOU use your gifts at Arndt's Church? What will YOUR commitment be to Arndt's Church? What are YOU willing to do at Arndt's Church?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Jar*

# NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

Each day you are asked to say a prayer for the member listed on that day. All of the members of our church family will be prayed for many times throughout the year. Members are listed alphabetically. If someone is missed, please contact the secretary in the church office.

November 1 -	Donald and Donna Koch, Andrew and Kaitlyn
November 2 -	Joan and Kevin Kocher, Austin, Dalton and Logan
November 3 -	Stacy and Catherine Kocher, Charlene and Karl
November 4 -	Virginia Kocher
November 5 -	Charles and Jane Kohler
November 6 -	Carol Konetsky and Ryan
November 7 -	James and Maria Krome and Brittney
November 8 -	Robert and Vera Krome
November 9 -	Luke Daub and Family
November 10 -	Barbara Kutz
November 11 -	John and Kirsten Kutza, AJ and Jordan
November 12 -	Barbara Labar and Brandon
November 13 -	Scott and Robin Labar and Zechariah
November 14 -	Terry and Sharon Labar
November 15 -	Irma Lacey
November 16 -	Greg and Sue Laros and Nikole
November 17 -	Emily and Paul Lebaron and Paul
November 18 -	Alice Lefebvre
November 19 -	Bill and Jeri Leiendecker, Michael and David
November 20 -	Eric and Marj Leuschner, Zack and Jessica
November 21 -	Scott and Donna Lewis
November 22 -	Barry and Karen Lieberman, Joseph, Ryan, Christine, Cassandra
November 23 -	Elwood and Constance Lieberman
November 24 -	Freda Lieberman
November 25 -	Craig and Sue Limeberry, Craig, Jr., Tyler and Brooke
November 26 -	Charles and Muriel Lucas
November 27 -	Patricia Lucas
November 28 -	Andrea Markey, Victoria and Emily
November 29 -	Tammy and Matt McEwan, Austin, Holly, Kaitlyn, Matthew
November 30 -	Dave and Kathy Mellwig

# DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

Each day you are asked to say a prayer for the member listed on that day. All of the members of our church family will be prayed for many times throughout the year. Members are listed alphabetically. If someone is missed, please contact the secretary in the church office.

December 1 -	Betty Mellwig
December 2 -	Christopher Mertz
December 3 -	Arlene Merwarth
December 4 -	Charles and Mickey Miller
December 5 -	Logie Miller
December 6-	William and Lynda Miller, Liza and Jenna
December 7 -	Ralph and Dorothy Millheim
December 8 -	Stephanie and John Moll
December 9 -	Shirley Morris
December 10 -	Scott and Anne Bennett Morse, ZJ, London and Addison
December 11-	Helen Moskol
December 12-	Ken and Karen Muller
December 13-	Bonnie Nicholas and Colin Panovec
December 14-	Ed and Natalie Nicholas, Joseph and Valerie
December 15-	Carol Noe
December 16-	Mike and Yvonne Osmun
December 17-	Carl and Darlene Pagano, Carl and Cecilia
December 18-	Angela Pearly, Robert and Aiden
December 19-	Bob and Donna Pellen
December 20-	Bob Pellen, Sr.
December 21-	Grace Piperato, Amber and Charles Heimbach
December 22-	Mackie and Punia Rasul and Sahima
December 23-	Clayton Resh
December 24-	Joyce Resh
December 25-	George Ricca
December 26-	Bill and Melodie Ritter, Jenna and Joshua
December 27-	Dave Rose and Joseph
December 28-	Dale, Jean and Robert Ruschman
December 29-	Becky Ruschman
December 30-	Kevin and Tammy Russell, Samantha, Sarah and Stephanie
December 31-	Richard, Brita and Jennifer Sam

## Christmas Gifts for Northampton County Family & Youth

W.O.W. will participate in the Northampton County Division of Family and Youth Christmas gift program again this year. A Christmas tree will be set up in the lounge, adorned with gift tags. You may choose a tag from the tree, purchase the gift suggestion on the tag and return the wrapped gift to the church, tag attached. All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 11th. Please direct questions to Joanne Horton or any member of W.O.W. Thanks for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for others.

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### Donuts, Dialogue and Discussion (Our Older Youth Class)

We will continue to hold a 9:00 a.m. class meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month targeting youth that have been confirmed through college age. The setting for this new ministry will be really informal. Just friends, who haven't been together in a church for a while, coming to talk. Join us on Sunday, November 27th, for our next meeting time, 9:00 a.m., in the lounge.

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### Second Offering, Second Sunday

We will begin receiving a second offering on the second Sunday of each month that will benefit a mission project, either locally or through the ELCA. Our initial "Second Sunday" collection will take place on **Sunday, December 11th**, and will benefit World Hunger (in lieu of our annual World Hunger bake sale). Please come to church prepared for this "Second Offering on Second Sunday".



## Lighting of the Luminaria

### *LIVE NATIVITY and Lighting of the Luminaria*

Join us on Saturday evening, December 10th, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., as we continue the Christmas tradition of our Live Nativity presentation. Come and experience the true meaning of the holiday by visiting the stable with live animals and listening to the Christmas story, as our Sunday School children recreate that holy night in Bethlehem. Refreshments will be available. Please volunteer your time to make luminaries, set up luminaries, be a reader, make hot chocolate or cookies, and help with the children.

Over the past years, our community has widely attended this event and we are becoming known for this beautiful scene of peace during Advent.

**NOTE:** The luminaries will be lit by the confirmands on the night of the Live Nativity and also on the evenings of December 24th and December 25th.





## BOOK CLUB

November/December

### November – The Bride's House

The book club book for November is *The Bride's House* by Sandra Dallas.

A sweeping novel of family ties, long-held secrets, and the continuing search for love, *The Bride's House* tells of three women linked by blood, circumstance, and the large white Victorian house in Georgetown, Colorado, that becomes home for each in turn. Though very different personality-wise, all are plain-spoken, tenacious, and eager to please, and all struggle to find happiness.

While the characters, Nealie, Pearl, and Susan, are recognizable types, and sometimes behave in frustrating ways – the devoted family housekeeper despairs of Pearl's excessive timidity, too – they still have many surprises in store. The flowing style draws readers in, and the emotional shifts in the plot have a way of raising the spirits then filling them with sorrow moments later. The women's choices are driven not just by their temperament but also by their social and financial situations and the prevailing mores of the time.

As Dallas reveals in the acknowledgments, the novel's centerpiece is based on a house that she and her husband bought as a derelict and restored to its former glory. Her affection for it and for the region as a whole is ever-present; Georgetown, with its distinctive mountain charm, is not just a haven for fortune-seekers but also for dreamers and anyone looking to start anew.

With all three strands woven together, *The Bride's House* became a more complex story than I expected from such a straightforward telling. A comfortable

novel about women's lives, it will resonate strongly with female readers, who will take away from it the pervading theme of how we're all shaped by our circumstances but shouldn't be defined by them.

Please join us for discussion of the book on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm.

### December – The Piano Teacher

The book club selection for December is *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Y. K. Lee. A book review of the book follows:

*The Piano Teacher* is set in Hong Kong during and after World War II. In 1951, a newlywed Englishwoman named Claire comes to Hong Kong with her husband. It's already an unhappy marriage, but the new life is better than the boring one left back in England. Claire gets a job as a piano teacher for a wealthy family, and falls for the family's chauffeur, Will. Her affair opens her eyes to an exotic lifestyle and an island society obsessed with class and race. In 1941, Will was having an affair with a Eurasian woman when the Japanese invaded the island. He was forced into actions necessary to survive and their ramifications overflow into his relationship with Claire. Janice Y. K. Lee's debut novel has received positive reviews with the Chicago Tribune saying, "Evocative, poignant and skillfully crafted, *The Piano Teacher* is more than an epic tale of war and a tangled, tortured love story. It is the kind of novel one consumes in great, greedy gulps, pausing (grudgingly) only when absolutely necessary."

We will discuss this book at our annual Christmas dinner at Detzi's on Monday, December 19 at 6:00 pm. Please join us.



In the event of inclement weather on a Saturday or Sunday, please tune to B104 FM on your radio or to WFMZ Channel 69 on the television for information on cancellation of services. Cancellations are also listed at [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com).



## Arndt's Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 27, 2011

Lunch at 12:00  
Workshop at 1:00

Our annual Advent Workshop will be held on the first Sunday in Advent. Join us after worship for a light lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by the workshop, which will begin at 1:00. A sample of this year's crafts and a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Everyone is welcome—this is an event for all ages.

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## Midweek Advent Services

During the Advent season we will gather with folks from St. Andrew's, St. Paul's Southside, St. Paul's Third and Christ for midweek Advent services. A light supper of soup, bread and dessert will be held at 6:00 p.m. and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. The schedule for this year is as follows:

- ✓ Wednesday, 11/30, at St. Paul's Third, with Pastor Lori Kochanski preaching
- ✓ Wednesday, 12/07, at St. Andrew's, with Pastor Nelson Quinones preaching
- ✓ Wednesday, 12/14, at Arndt's, with Vicar Chris Druckenmiller preaching

A sign-up sheet for volunteers who would like to make soup, bread and desserts will be in the narthex about two weeks prior to our hosting time.

## 2011 Christmas Ingathering

Arndt's has been asked to collect 35 dozen (420) e 3 diapers, Size 2 and/or Size 3. A container will be in the coat-room area to collect your donations. The 2011 Ingathering will take place on Wednesday, December 7, at St. Luke's (Old Williams) Lutheran Church in Williams Township. To date, we have collected almost 25 dozen (295) diapers. Thanks for supporting this annual Mission District project.

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## News from Open Arms

Check out the beautiful fabric wine bags made by Open Arms volunteers and created using a variety of fabrics. These bags are being offered by Open Arms just in time for the holidays and make beautiful hostess gifts. We are asking for a donation of \$4 for one bag or \$10 for 3 bags. All profits go directly to the Open Arms Senior Connection program.

Congratulations to Kathleen Shuman, winner of the iPad2 raffle held by Open Arms. Open Arms raised \$680 on this project.

Open Arms thanks you for all your support.

Copies of the Open Arms Newsletter  
are available in the church narthex.  
Please take one.



## 2012 Flower and Bulletin Charts

New Altar Flower and Worship Bulletin charts for 2012 will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the hallway. Sign your name on the chart on the week/weeks you would like to be a sponsor and complete a dedication form. Payment for flowers must be received two weeks in advance. Order forms are self-explanatory.

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On **Sunday, November 13th**, the Easton Cluster Youth Group will meet at the church at 1:00 for leaf raking. Watch for an email from Mr. Bialker for more details.

On **Sunday, December 11**, our youth will participate in the annual Christmas shopping project for needy children in our local area. Since the project is no longer totally funded by Thrivent, each church in the Easton Cluster is being asked to donate funds to help make this event successful. A collection can will be placed in the back of the church for donations from the congregation.

On the day of the shopping event, we will meet at Arndt's at 12:00 noon and travel to St. Andrew's. At 1:00 we will leave St. Andrew's to go to Walmart, where each youth member will be given a list from which to shop. Upon completion of all shopping, we will return to St. Andrew's to wrap the gifts and have refreshments. We will be back at Arndt's around 4:00 pm.

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship & Music Committee is sponsoring a poinsettia sale to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You may help by purchasing poinsettia plants. The cost will be \$7.00 per plant

Complete the order form below, include payment, and place everything in the offering plate. **Please make checks payable to "Jeri Leiendecker"**. Orders **must** be received no later than Sunday, December 11th<sup>th</sup>.

You may pick up your plants **after** the Christmas Eve services

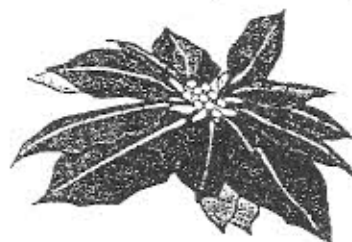
### Poinsettia Plant Order Form

Given  
By \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of / In Loving Memory of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# of red	_____ @ \$7.00 ea	\$ _____
# of white	_____ @ \$7.00 ea	\$ _____
# of pink	_____ @ \$7.00 ea	\$ _____
# of marble	_____ @ \$7.00 ea	\$ _____
Total Payment Enclosed		\$ _____



## Arndt's Announcements

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

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### Weddings

Joseph Margelot and Amanda Kennedy  
October 29, 2011

### Funerals

Sylvia Wesley  
Raised to Eternal Life September 6, 2011

Barbara Shimer  
Raised to Eternal Life October 10, 2011

Melvin Bortz  
Raised to Eternal Life October 26, 2011

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## Thank you . . . .

On behalf of the children, families and volunteers we serve, I sincerely thank you and Arndt's Lutheran Church for the \$82 contribution. We are honored that you chose Big Brothers Big Sisters Lehigh Valley as a designee for the funds raised by the Father's Day Bulletin. The contribution is a generous gesture that will greatly support our efforts to make 250 mentoring relationships in 2011.  
Maryjean deSandes, CEO, Big Brothers, Big Sisters LV

Thank you so much to our church family for the prayers, sympathy and caring on the death of my mother. We were comforted by your outpouring of support.

Janet and Don Herr

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers of Open Arms who assemble the church bulletin on a weekly basis and the newsletter on a monthly basis. Your help is truly appreciated.  
Sue Wexler, Church Secretary

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 6 - Spaghetti Dinner  
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Service  
7:00 p.m.
- November 27 - Advent Workshop/Lunch  
12:00 p.m.
- November 30 - Midweek Advent - St. Paul's Third  
6:00 supper/7:00 worship
- December 4 - Annual Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m.
- December 7 - Midweek Advent - St. Andrew's  
6:00 supper/7:00 worship
- December 10 - Live Nativity and Luminaria  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- December 11 - Cluster Youth Group Christmas Shopping  
Meet at Arndt's at 12:00 noon
- December 14 - Midweek Advent - Arndt's  
6:00 supper/7:00 worship
- December 18 - Sunday School Christmas program during 10:30 service
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Services  
Family/Communion, 5:30 p.m.  
Candlelight/Communion, 7:30 p.m.  
Candlelight/Communion, 9:30 p.m.
- December 25 - Christmas Day Service with Communion  
9:30 a.m. **Note Special Time**
- December 31 - Lessons and Carols with Communion  
5:00 p.m. **Note Special Time**
- January 1, 2012 - Lessons and Carols with Communion  
9:30 a.m. **Note Special Time**

2011 Congregational Council Representatives

Karen Beverly, 2011 - President  
Charlie Miller, 2011 - Vice President  
Yvonne Osmun, 2011 - Secretary  
Tom Walters, 2012  
Scott Lewis, 2012  
Alecia Coates, 2012  
Steve Bueker, 2013  
Kathy Fogel, 2013  
Bruce Sandt, 2013



**Women Of the Word**  
[Second Monday of the Month]

Join us on Monday, November 14th, for our regular W.O.W. meeting at the church. Our December meeting will be a special Christmas gathering held on Monday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m., at Mivajos in Nazareth. All are welcome.

All women are invited to join with us for discussion topics and to participate in church projects and events.

**Interesting Items from  
October**

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- ✓ Council formed a Nominating Committee to present names for people to serve on council.
- ✓ Council approved funds for Safe Harbor and Open Arms from the 10 percent mission allocation from the Fragassi Estate.
- ✓ Council directed that letters be sent to Cody Hergenrother and Chris Stepansky to thank them for the completion of their Eagle Scout projects at Arndt's.
- ✓ Policy will be drafted regarding fundraisers at the church. One-half of all money raised will go to our Fees and Fundraising Account and one-half to a designated Outreach Ministry.

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**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Join us on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., as we give thanks for our many blessings. Holy Communion will also be celebrated at this traditional Thanksgiving Eve service.

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The annual Congregational Meeting of Arndt's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, following the 10:30 am worship service (meeting will start at approximately 11:30). At this meeting we will elect new church council members, present and vote on the budget for 2012 and review the annual reports from the various committees and organizations of the church. Mark your calendars for this important church meeting. **NOTE: All groups and committees are asked to submit a report to the church office by Monday, November 14th so it may be included in the annual report booklet for the congregational meeting. Reports should cover the time period beginning November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011.**

# Community Outreach ministry

## SAFE HARBOR NEEDS OUR HELP! New LUNCH MISSION

You may have read about the challenges faced by our local shelter, Safe Harbor, which is in Easton. For many years we have participated in providing a dinner each month (Fourth Thursday) for 30-35 people. With the funding losses that have hit all non-profits, but especially Safe Harbor, they are looking to expand their "giving" base to stay open and serve the population. Their volunteer coordinator has asked local churches to also consider giving a lunch once a month, and our Church Council has voted to support this not only with effort and communication but with funding. From the \$14,000 mission gift fund the Council voted to support the Safe Harbor meals with up to \$200 per month in ingredients towards the lunch, which serves 50-60 people. We have chosen the second Monday each month, and we will serve a meal of macaroni and cheese, with a seasonal side such as fruit, raw vegetables, applesauce, etc., and cookies for dessert. We know that not everyone can afford to buy the ingredients for such a large meal, so the \$200 will go towards stocking a pantry at Arndt's (in Fellowship Hall) with ingredients that we will buy on sale and with coupons. When you sign up to make the lunch, if you need ingredients you can "shop" in the Safe Harbor Pantry, which we will get stocked as soon as we can.

We may need a few months to smooth out all the kinks in this new mission, but it is exciting to be a part of helping those in need in our own community. The staff and volunteers at Safe Harbor are extremely grateful for our gift of another meal. **Our first lunch will be Monday, November 14th. December's lunch will be Monday, December 12th.** We are invited to stay and help serve the lunch. Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board, and contact Nancy Walters with any questions or needs.

## EVENING MEAL FOR RESIDENTS OF SAFE HARBOR (Continues)

Thanks to Arndt's members for donating food for the September and October meal. Our monthly format has changed somewhat in that we are posting a sheet with a pre-planned entrée menu. **The November meal will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner served at 12:00 noon at Safe Harbor.** Since we will be serving 125 people+, we are asking the whole congregation to consider preparing a food item for Safe Harbor. An expanded sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for you to indicate your donations. Food must be at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd in order to be transported to Safe Harbor. You may also drop off your food donations directly at Safe Harbor—just tell them it is for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

**The December meal will be on Thursday, December 22nd and we will be trying a new, EASY menu item entrée of Baked Rigatoni. (Call the church office for details on how to make this easy dish).** Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway to let us know what you will be providing. Please consider participating in this community ministry,

## FOOD PANTRY DONATION REQUESTS for NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

peanut butter  
jelly  
juice  
soup  
cereal

All items may be placed in the shopping cart in the coat room area.

Thank you to everyone who supports this ongoing community project.

Arndt's Lutheran Church continues to be a local drop off location for area residents who wish to donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Food donated will be transported to Safe Harbor.