

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of April 9, 2023**

*If you have pastoral needs or concerns, please feel free to call our transition pastor  
The Rev. Les Swenson can be reached at 860.857.9362.*

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**Sunday, April 9, 2023; Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 ; Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday**

**Service of Holy Communion**

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

6:45 p.m. Bristol Chorale (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:45 Handbell Choir (Chapel)

7:30 Voice Choir (Chapel)

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (Youth Room)

**Sunday, April 16, 2023;**

9:30 Second Sunday of Easter

Transition Process - Articulating St. Andrew's WHY (after worship)

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**Worship Services and Special Events**

**We invite you to join into the rhythm of worship life at St Andrew Church!** Together, all who gather in the presence of God will find the gifts of godly grace and mercy, of community centered in Christ and encouragement to live faithfully in our daily lives.

We worship in person **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** Sunday's service is streamed on Facebook and YouTube: <https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/>;

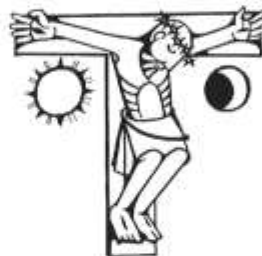
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti\\_WSwRJ\\_ySbMA3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q). Following the live stream, the video of worship will be posted so that you can worship as you are able any time after that.

Join the journey this week  
through the holiest days of our life together ...

Maundy Thursday

April 6. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

We bring to completion of the Lenten journey with the Confession of Sins and the invitation to receive individual forgiveness. Hearing Jesus' command to love one another as he loves us worshippers will be invited to participate in the ritual of washing one another's hands. Holy Communion. The stripping of the altar reminding us of Jesus emptying himself in love for us. We depart in silence.



Good Friday

April 7. Worship at 7:00.

The people of Zion Lutheran Church, Bristol, will join us for worship. Our focus turns toward the glory of the cross revealed in the reading of the Passion of our Lord from St. John. The ancient Bidding Prayers embracing the whole creation within the arms of the Crucified One. Adoration of the Cross. We depart in silence.



Easter Sunday. The Day of Resurrection

April 9. Worship at 9:30

Light breaks the darkness. The tomb is empty. Jesus appears. The news spreads to this day: "He is risen!" And we sing with full throat and heart: "Alleluia! He is risen indeed!" Children's Message. Choir. Holy Communion.

We depart rejoicing, in hope, with new life!

**This Sunday right after Easter Worship! Join the great St Andrew Easter Egg Hunt! Lots of eggs!**

**Lots of fun for everyone! Begin in the Hall.**

## **PRAYER**

We strive to keep the prayer lists updated both during worship and in our weekly announcements. If you have people or concerns that you would like to add to our communal prayer, please email [churchoffice@standrewct.org](mailto:churchoffice@standrewct.org), or leave a comment on our Sunday worship live feed. We will keep any requests made on for a month and then remove them.

### **We offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for:**

- those known to us in need of healing: Bill Murtha, Arthur Potz, Jim Prior, Callum Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, Trudi Wedler, Marge Pearson, Anna Zurell, Owen VanBrocklin, Nancy Denehy, Andrew Alling, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

## **Transition News**

*What is St. Andrew's purpose – our reason for existing?*

Is St. Andrew Lutheran Church a congregation that feels like it's going through the motions or are we a congregation that's SINGING because we know our WHY? We've begun the work of articulating our WHY, and now it's time to see how we'll come together around a common purpose.

Your Transition Team will meet next week to review all the comments and draft WHY statements from the "Finding Our WHY" workshop and from the WHY Small Group Conversations. From those notes we will draft three WHY statements that will be sent to the congregation for your consideration.

**In prayerful contemplation, please review those draft statements and then gather with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Andrew after worship on April 16 for a special Consensus Meeting.**

The outcome of that meeting will determine whether we still have more work to do or if we're ready to move to exploring the Options for Missional Sustainability on April 30.

Consensus cannot be achieved by a small group within the congregation. Your transition team and your elected leadership need and want everyone to be part of our discernment process. Finding our WHY is a vital step in that process. It will not only ground us as a faith community but will also reside at the core of our decision-making about our future. We look forward to your participation with us in this process!

Transition Consultant: *Deacon Natalie Bloomquist*

Transition Team: *Karen Biernat, Emily Gdovin, Roy Ouellette, Kristen Pratt, Owen VanBrocklin*

**Children's Bible Story Time Continues:** Attention parents, guardians, and grandparents of youth age 18 months through grade 6. Our caring and dedicated team of volunteers are delighted to continue holding Children's Bible Story Time (CBST) during the 9:30 am service in this new church year. Join us each Sunday as children and a rotation of two adult volunteers read from a children's bible, sing songs, and participate in activities that help children comprehend Sunday's gospel and connect it to their lives today. Children are invited to leave with our CBST leaders before the first lesson and return during the hymn of the day. There will be Children's Messages during worship on Palm/Passion Sunday (April 2 and on Easter Sunday (April 9). The children will be invited to join Pastor Swenson at the front of the church.

Children's Bible Story Time at St. Andrew is geared to children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our curriculum is built to accommodate a span of ages and development. If your child is 18 months to 2 years old (or simply shy), they can still attend with a parent. Got a teenager in the household? We'd love to welcome them as a helper.

Please contact Britt Lynch (860) 302-6538 ([ray.britt.2015@gmail.com](mailto:ray.britt.2015@gmail.com)) or see her in church if you have any questions.

**COZY COVER MINISTRY** A huge thank you to all who have left donations for the Cozy Cover Ministry and the Greeting Card Ministry. All will be used. Anyone interested in becoming part of these activities, please call Trudi @ 860-583-0554.

Also, will the crafter who created and donated the outstanding quilt with the pocket and cross , please call Trudi. May our Lord continuo to bless these generous friends.

You may not be able to donate anything. Your prayers for the success of these Ministries are the very best donations and bring glory to the God we serve.



# **Spring DIABETES SUPPORT-EDUCATION SERIES- 2023**

WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO DIABETES OR NOT, IF YOU WOULD LIKE UPDATED INFORMATION, TIPS, TRICKS, SUPPORT, THESE FREE SESSIONS MAY BE FOR YOU !!!

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Just show up**  
**6 SESSIONS 1.5 HOURS: April 10,17, 24,May 8,15,22**

Where: Bristol Public Library 5 High Street, Bristol CT

When: Afternoon session starts 1:00 pm, repeated session begins 7 pm- same topic at both sessions

By: Betsy Gaudian MSN, RN-BC, RDN, CDCES

Questions:

April 10- Diabetes, what, why, the basics

April 17- Nutrition- and the DIET !

April 24- Monitoring + CGMs

May 8- Medications- and all that jazz (BP & Chol)

May 15- How to cope, emotions, problem solving

May 22- Exercise, open forum, resources, show + tell

**The April 7, 2023 Good Friday Bulletin is found here**

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**The April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday Bulletin is found here:**

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