

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 19, 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, March 19, 2023; The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023; The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Service of Holy Communion**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:50 Lenten Bible Study and prayer

**Monday, March 20, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:45 Handbell Choir (Chapel)

7:30 Voice Choir (Chapel)

**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting (Chapel)

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

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

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

4:00 p.m. Thomas Boisvert & Kimberly Sprague Wedding

**Sunday, March 26, 2023;**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Transition #3 – Finding Our Way Event (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.

**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, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

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***A change in plans...***

***We're moving Lenten Wednesday Nights  
to Sunday Mornings!***

*That's right! We've moved our Lenten Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer gatherings to Sunday mornings!*

*In order to meet in person rather on Zoom (by popular demand), and to accommodate busy schedules, we are consolidating Lenten Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.*

*Here's how it will go ... Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. as always, brief time for coffee and conversation in the hall, then at 10:50, gathering in the chapel for our Lenten Bible Study focused on the challenging, life giving Gospel readings we will be hearing during the season. Each Bible Study session will conclude with prayer and song by 11:55.*

*Our final gathering will be this Sunday, March 19. On March 26 we will all be participating in the very important Transition Event exploring and helping define the WHY? Of this congregation's ministry. Join the journey!*

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**Update from the Transition Team**

**Our Next Transition Event – Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after worship: “Finding Our WHY”**

We've heard the results of St. Andrew's Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), and now it's time to use that information to get to work. This event is the first step.

Where are you sitting?

You heard in the CAT results that 60% are sitting “on the fence” in Overall Satisfaction and 56% are sitting “on the fence” in Overall Energy. Perhaps you are one of the members on that fence or you are someone who is struggling to understand why anyone would be on the fence. Well, St. Andrew, here is your opportunity to take a good look at that fence and decide if you want to leave folks sitting there or engage them in conversation and action that moves them off the fence. We can't do the work of discernment if so many remain on the fence.

Often, we're on the fence because we have no sense of direction or purpose. We need to know our WHY. The “Finding Our WHY” event is the first step in articulating St. Andrew's WHY statement. This statement expressing our purpose will be the foundation for any decisions we make about our future. We need everyone to be a part of this important work.

In preparation for this event, please make time to reflect on the question: *Why are you a part of St. Andrew's?* And then engage others in conversation about their thoughts during coffee hour this Sunday.

Your Transition Team:

Karen Biernat, Emily Gdovin, Roy Ouellette, Kristen Pratt, Owen VanBrocklin

Your Transition Consultant,

Deacon Natalie Bloomquist [natalie.bloomquist61@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.bloomquist61@gmail.com)

**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. On the fourth Sunday of the month, Pastor Les gives a Children's Sermon in lieu of CBST.

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.

# SPRING TAG SALE!

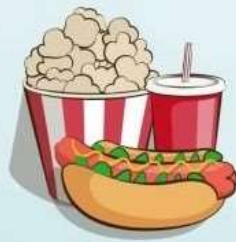
**Saint Andrew Ev.  
Lutheran Church  
1125 Stafford Ave  
Bristol, CT**

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 8 pm  
Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>  
8 - 2 pm**

Over 500 pieces of Jewelry!

\*Furniture   \*Clothing –most new with tags   \*Shoes  
\*Toys   \*Holiday Items   \*Antiques   \*Appliances  
And MUCH, MUCH MORE!

*Snacks & Drinks  
will be available  
for purchase.*



**Try Roy's  
famous Hot Dogs!**

Requested Entry Fee:

1 non-perishable food item per person  
(to be donated to local food kitchens)



**God's Work. Our Hands.**

## **GWYNNE'S NOTES**



We are "*Instruments of Peace*" is the theme for this Choir Festival Concert at St. Rose of Lima Church in Meriden, Sunday, March 19, 5:00 pm.

The Saint Andrew choir will be singing in this multi-choir concert along with singers from other churches of the Waterbury Area Chapter of the AGO. Talented students from Avon High School will join in as well with their conductor Andrew Brochu who is conducting the concert. This is the third time our St Andrew choir has participated in the choir festival; and as always, it promises to be a wonderful program. Hope to see some of you there.

Details- The address is 35 Center St, Meriden, CT  
A free will offering will be taken for Catholic Relief Services to benefit people in Ukraine and other places in need.

**HELP NEEDED - LOOKING FOR COFFEE HOUR LEAD – See Roy Ouellette during coffee hour. Roy will train his replacement.**

### **" The Easter Bunny will be spreading eggs on Easter!!"**

Thanks to the Galvin family for stepping in to coordinate the Easter Egg hunt. We will be passing out bags of empty eggs, won't you take some home and fill them with individually wrapped treats?  
They can be returned to church by April 2nd.  
Thank you!

### **COZY COVER MINISTRY**

Be sure to stop at the Cozy Cover Basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall at the door to the office lobby. See the sample recycled Easter cards hanging above the basket. Please consider donating Easter cards you may receive that you would not usually keep. Names are covered and given to nursing home residents next year. Your card may be the only one that lonely person receives. You are doing God's will. Call Trudi 860-583-0554 with questions. Thank you.

**The March 19, 2023 Bulletin is found here**

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