

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT
ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of May 28, 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.



Sunday, May 28, 2023; The Day of Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28, 2023 ; The Day of Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

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

Celebration of First Communion and the Rite of Confirmation

10:30 Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

7:00 pm. Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, June 1, 2023

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

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

Sunday, June 4, 2023;

9:30 The Holy Trinity

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. Following the live stream, the video of worship will be posted so that you can worship as you are able any time after that.



Celebrate the Day of Pentecost This Sunday!

This Sunday as we rejoice in the gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower the Church to proclaim and live the Gospel, we will at the same time rejoice with Michael Lynch and Nikolas Shackford who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time, and with AJ Trudel and Connor Pratt who will be affirming their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation. A wonderful day of celebration and thanksgiving indeed!

A couple more notes about this Sunday...

- There is **still time to volunteer to help read the Pentecost story from Acts in a language other than English.** You don't have to be a master of another language. You'll be among others speaking at the same time to help make the wonderful noise of the diversity of languages heard on that first Pentecost day. The more the better! Let Pastor Swenson know if you'd like to help and he'll send you what you need (pastorlr@comcast.net). Thanks!
- And **wear something red** to bring color to our gathering! Red is the color for Pentecost reminding us of the fire that aroused the followers of Jesus into the streets of Jerusalem and beyond to tell the story of the risen Jesus.

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, 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, Nancy Denehy, Susan Provenzano, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

Transition Updates

Dear Bristol area congregations,

In fall of 2022, a number of transitions in the ELCA churches of Bristol and Plainville caused us to enter a time of parallel discernment, giving each congregation an opportunity to assess its own energy, purpose, and hopes for what comes next. The hope was for each individual congregation to discern their path and to identify any opportunities for collaboration and deepening relationships around our shared mission across congregations. Thank you for engaging this challenging work in each of your own contexts.

In consultation with your transition pastors and consultants, we would like to host an evening of conversation with me, Pr. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop, to lift up some of the good discernment work that has taken place in each congregation and talk together about hopes for what comes next individually and together. This conversation is one of information sharing, not one of decision making. We come with no preconceived assumptions about formal or informal partnerships that could emerge in the future but with the recognition that relationship building and open communication across our congregations is always a fruitful endeavor.

You are invited for conversation:

**First Congregational Church, UCC
31 Maple St.
Bristol, CT**

on June 14 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided. We hope that members of the church councils and transition teams will make an effort to attend if possible, but consider the invitation open to anyone from the congregations.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your transition pastor/coach or reach out to me directly at swilco@nesynod.org.

Peace,
Steven

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.

Children's Bible Story Time at St. Andrew is geared to children in preschool through 6th 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) or see her in church if you have any questions.

Scholarship Applications: There is a link at the bottom of this email for the Pastor Perry and Sally Beaver Scholarship of St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a post-secondary program are welcome to apply for this scholarship, which awards up to \$500 in scholarship(s) to eligible members annually. Applications are due in the church office (churchoffice@standrewct.org) by **June 30, 2023**.

GROCERY CART CHALLENGE: "Tuna, turkey, chicken and ham, Vienna sausages and even SPAM"! Confirmation students AJ and Connor are collecting canned meats for this month's challenge. The food items will be donated to Gloria Dei's food drive and will be delivered by the students and their families at the end of the month. Please grab an extra can or two when you're shopping to help AJ and Connor end their confirmation year serving others!

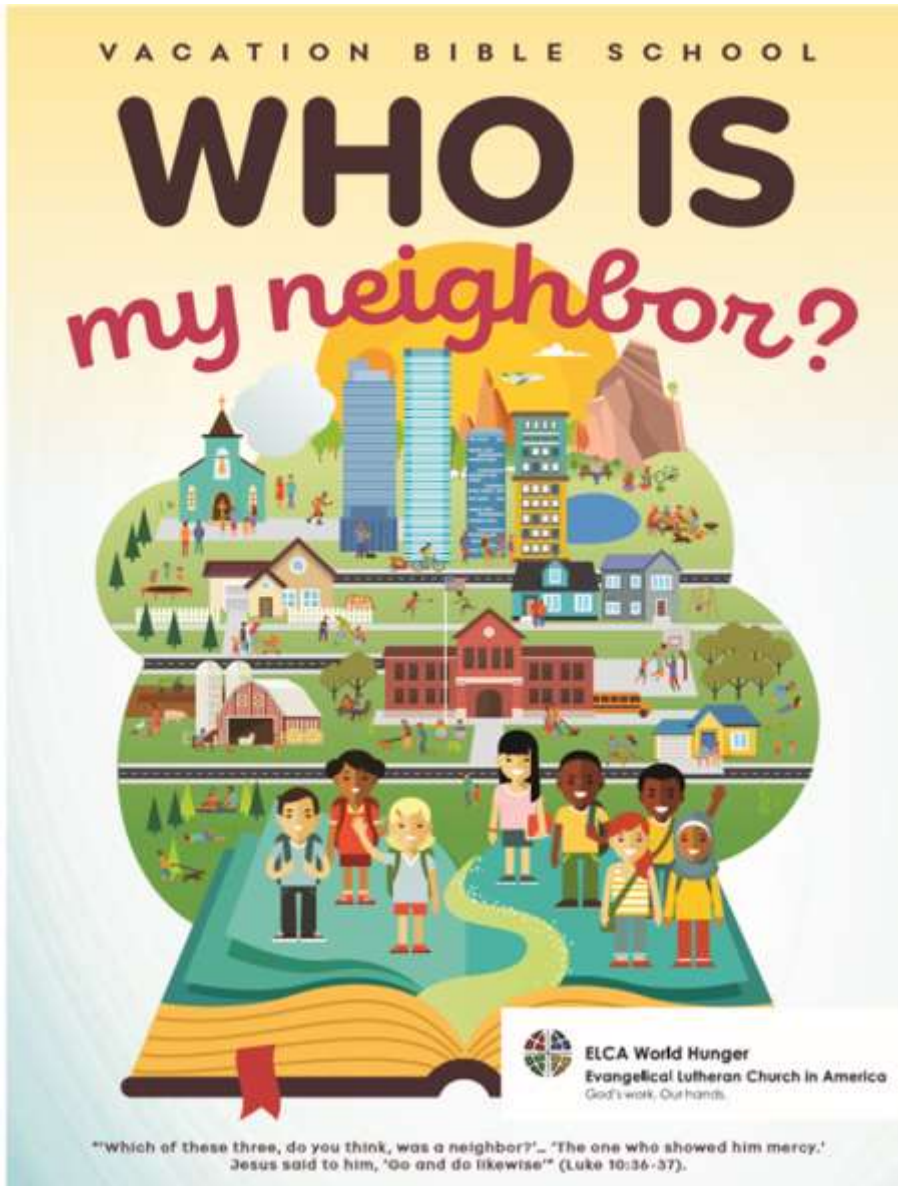
St Pauly Shed: **TIME TO SWAP OUT YOUR SWEATERS AND BOOTS FOR SHORTS AND SANDALS**
Tired of packing away those same old fall clothes? donate them to the St Pauly shed at St Andrew. Clean out your closets of clothes, shoes and linens and help the church and people around the world. Time for some new fall/winter clothes this year anyway, right? Are your snow boots old enough to vote? Is your fall wardrobe bordering on being "vintage"? Out with old, in with the new! ...every item will help someone. Please donate!

Stuffies: Our Soothing Stuffies team is back to making blankets for Stuffies for the Bristol PD. We need anyone who is willing, to sew/edge some blankets to wrap the stuffies in. The material is supplied along with a simple pattern. All that is needed is to stitch the outside edge of the material. This can be done by crochet, knitting or any way you want to finish it. If you would be interested in becoming part of this ministry please contact Robin at 860-582-7807 or email mrland@comcast.net

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.



**VACATION
SCHOOL 2023**

BIBLE

July 17-21, 2023

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Includes dinner for your child

FREE

**For kids entering Pre-K* to kids
entering 6th grade**

***must be potty-trained**

Registration begins May 1, 2023

VBS is in need of a games person and fulltime 1st and 2nd grade teachers.

Please contact Arlene Creswell if interested at aswellone@comcast.net

For more information see the St. Andrew Website at www.standrewct.org

The May 28, 2023 Bulletin is found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ugl4solaLeNoqgl3ile0YabU_RLk-oVG/view?usp=share_link

The Pastor Perry and Sally Beaver Scholarship Application can be found here:

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