

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT
ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of May 7, 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 7, 2023; The Fifth Sunday of Easter

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7, 2023 ; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:45 Handbell Choir (chapel)

7:30 Voice Choir (chapel)

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Youth Room)

7:00 pm. Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

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

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spring Cleanup

Sunday, May 14, 2023;

9:30 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

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

In your prayers and in this congregation's prayer include and embrace the people of Eastford Congregational Church, Eastford, CT and Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA. May God provide them courage, strength, and vision for new paths ahead as they discern their future through the days ahead without their beloved buildings. We will stay alert for ways we might provide help for them.

Transition Team Updates

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, a gathering of St. Andrew people accepted, by consensus, the following statement stating WHY St. Andrew exists as a congregation:

To come together as a worshipping community, nourished by God's love so that we may+ reflect God's love to others.

Upcoming Dates for St. Andrew's Transition/Discernment Work

St. Andrew has important decisions to make about the congregation's future. The discernment work and the conversations cannot be done by a few people. This work will only be successful and productive if we have the thoughts, reflection, and engagement of all our members.

Please mark your calendars and commit to participating in the following discussions:

May 7 after worship – we continue our discussion on possible options for St. Andrew's future; we will have focused discussion with small groups sharing their thoughts with the large group.

May 21 after worship – we will meet to determine if there is consensus among the membership of St. Andrew as to which option St. Andrew will explore for its future. Associate to the Bishop Pastor Steven Wilco will be with us to share information and answer questions on behalf of the New England Synod.

If you have any questions prior to our next gathering, please feel free to contact:

Transition Consultant: *Deacon Natalie Bloomquist* at natalie.bloomquist61@gmail.com
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.

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.

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 BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO IS

my neighbor?



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor?..." "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:36-37).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

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

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



COME ONE, COME ALL

**SPRING CLEANUP – SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

On May 13, 2023, St. Andrew will be having a Spring Clean Up, inside and out!
The sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!



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 May 7, 2023 Bulletin is found here

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zQ0VqWmnBs7tk31GGDHYCba5jVgIEKpY/view?usp=share_link