

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT
ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of June 11, 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.

St. Andrew Church's "Why" Statement...

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

Adopted April 2023



**June 11, 2023
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion**

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 11, 2023; 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:00 pm. Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. VBS

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

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

Sunday, June 18, 2023;

9:30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Invitation to Participate in Conversation
With Bristol/Plainville Congregations
During this Season of Discernment**

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

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please consider building community at our weekly Bible study on the parables of Jesus. Come in person Wednesday night 7-8 pm in the fellowship hall or phone in. No questions are out of bounds and snacks are provided. The Prodigal Son, Great Banquet, Pearl of Great Price, and Vineyard and Laborers are all discussed soon to be met by others. Please invite your friends. Questions, call Matt Stojanov for more information (203) 768-7194.

Scholarship Applications: 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**.

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

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16OpPurAOT4aOM9uIVJd-zlim9P9u3Wy4/view?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16OpPurAOT4aOM9uIVJd-zlim9P9u3Wy4/view?usp=share_link)

GROCERY CART CHALLENGE: "HUNGER IS NOT ON SUMMER VACATION" - please continue to support our shopping cart throughout the summer by picking up a few things while grocery shopping. Food insecurity continues to be high in our town, so anything you can give is welcome.

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.

Pentecost Sunday, May 28, was a day of great celebration. The Spirit was alive! We rejoiced with Nikolas Shackford and Michael Lynch as they received Holy Communion for the first time, and with AJ Trudel and Connor Pratt as they affirmed their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation.



VACATION
SCHOOL 2023

BIBLE

July 17-21, 2023

5:30pm to 8:00pm

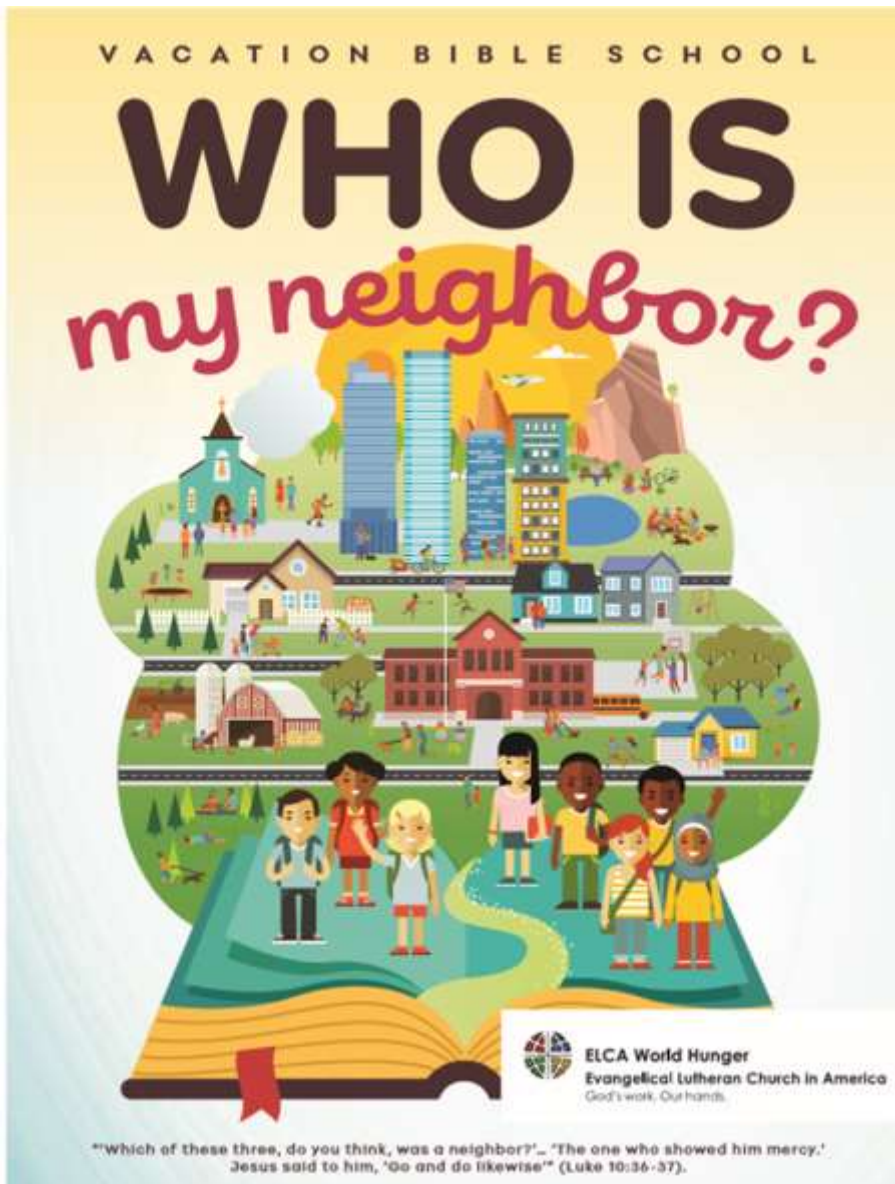
Includes dinner for your child

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 June 11, 2023 Bulletin is found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ph6BM2BkjsQXx7UfRCyKUzPWHf4WXMQM/view?usp=sharing>