

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT**  
**News Notes for the Week of July 16, 2023**

*If you have pastoral needs or concerns, please call our transition pastor,  
The Rev. Les Swenson, 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

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**July 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

9:30 a.m. Worship followed by Coffee Hour

**Monday – Friday, July 17 – July 21, 2023**

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Vacation Bible School

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

**Sunday, July 23, 2023;** 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

**We look forward to seeing you in person every Sunday at St. Andrew Church, but if you can't join worship in person 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, Nancy Denehy, Susan Provenzano, Tracey Simpson, Fred Morroco, Chuck Provenzano, Donna Ouellette, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

## **Coming Soon! Shared Worship Services in August!**

For the four Sundays in August, we will be joining the people of Grace Lutheran Church of Plainville, Zion and Gloria Dei Lutheran Churches of Bristol for shared worship providing us all with the opportunity to build community together as partners in ministry.

On Sunday, August 6, we will gather at Grace Lutheran for worship at 9:00 a.m. (Please note the earlier worship time for this Sunday only — on the remaining three Sundays, worship will begin at 9:30). Grace Church is located at 222 Farmington Ave. The Rev. Chris Dion, Pastor of Grace Church, will lead our shared worship that day.

Zion Lutheran Church of Bristol will host the worship service on August 13. St. Andrew will welcome our neighboring churches on August 20. Gloria Dei will host on August 27.

Special coffee hours will be held each of the four Sundays allowing worshippers to meet one another in a more informal setting.

If you will not be able to worship in person on any of these Sundays, we anticipate that all four worship services will be live streamed. Watch for more information as August approaches.

The idea for summer shared worship emerged from the energetic meeting held for people from these four congregations on May 14 which was convened by the Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod. We look forward to exploring more avenues of shared ministry in the months ahead.

## Transition News ... Informal Congregational Meeting, July 30

You are invited to participate in an informal Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, July 30, to hear the latest news as we move forward in conversations about collaborative ministry with our partner Bristol Lutheran congregations. An important time to receive information, ask questions and propose constructive and thoughtful ideas. Join the conversation as we shape future ministry!

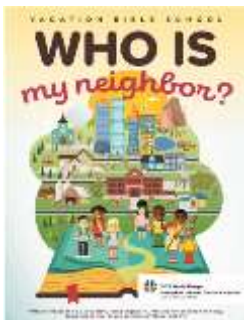
### WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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.



Coffee Fellowship

**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.



**COFFEE HOUR** – Coffee hour will continue in a reduced form over the summer, consisting of coffee and a snack or two. Please consider bringing in something to eat or to sign up to host.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 17 – July 21, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. Please visit the St. Andrew Website at [www.standrewct.org](http://www.standrewct.org).

**A gift was given, to the Glory of God, in memory of Eleanore Brandt, by:  
Joan & Bob Lagasse**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS



1 Wendy Cunningham	
2 Scott Nadeau	
3 Patricia Josephson	
3 Weller Simmons	
4 Pamela Murphy	
5 Jill Little	
5 Charles Simmons	
6 Dylan McMahon	
8 Donna McCarthy	
9 William Mackey	
9 Susan Phaneuf	
11 Jon Burkhardt	
11 Timothy Mckenna Jr.	
11 Janet Redman	
13 Hope Flaherty	
	14 Matthew Keane
	14 Grant Scherling
	18 Thea Griffin
	18 Azalea Nadeau
	21 Gary Dubnansky
	22 Chadd Vontell
	23 David Nelson III
	24 Cameron Ballash
	24 Brenda Dubnansky
	25 Richard Procko
	26 Nicholas Ropp
	31 Christine Mitchell
	31 Norman Schauss

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