

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT  
1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

News Notes for the Week of July 23, 2023

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Church Phone: 860.583.5809

The Rev. Les Swenson, Transition Pastor

Nicole Gergler, Church Administrator

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 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

#### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

**Sunday, July 30, 2023;** 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)  
10:30 Congregational Meeting regarding Collaborative Ministry, 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.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.

### **Notes about this Sunday...**

- The **HYMN SING** will return this Sunday, replacing the Gathering Hymn. As you may recall from years past, several hymns will be chosen from within the congregation. So, arrive early, peruse the hymnal and be ready to request your favorite hymn.
- During the Announcement time the Pastor Perry and Sally Beaver Scholarship award will be presented to Kyle Galvin. (See below for more, including Kyle's excellent application letter.)

### **Informal Congregational Meeting, July 30, to Discuss Transitions, Collaborative Ministries**

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!

### **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, please participate via the live streaming possibilities posted below.

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.

## August Worship Church Locations, Websites and Facebook links for viewing online

### **Sunday, August 6 at 9:00am**

Grace Lutheran Church  
222 Farmington Avenue  
Plainville, CT 860-747-5191

Website: [GracePlainville.org](http://GracePlainville.org)

Facebook (for viewing the service online):

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceinPlainville>

### **Sunday, August 13 at 9:30am**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
27 Judd Street  
Bristol, CT 860-589-7744

Website: <https://bristolzion.org/>

Facebook (for viewing the service online):

<https://www.facebook.com/Zion-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-263980580955036>

### **Sunday, August 20 at 9:30am**

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1125 Stafford Avenue  
Bristol, CT 860-583-5809

Website: [StAndrewCT.org](http://StAndrewCT.org)

Facebook (for viewing the service online): <https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/>

### **Sunday, August 27 at 9:30am**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
355 Camp Street  
Bristol, CT 860-582-0629

Website: [gdechurch.org](http://gdechurch.org)

Facebook (for viewing the service online): <https://www.facebook.com/GloriaDeiBristol/>

**Coffee hour will follow each worship service - enjoy some coffee, snacks and fellowship!**

### **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.

**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. But join in this important time for lively conversation and community building.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD...**

At its July meeting the members of the Congregation Council heartily endorsed the application for the Pastor Perry and Sally Beaver Scholarship Award written by Kyle Galvin. He will receive the award during the Announcement time near the conclusion of worship this Sunday, July 23. Please read his fine application letter below and cheer Kyle on as he travels exciting new paths in the months ahead!

Kyle L. Gavin  
June 6, 2023

I've been a part of the St. Andrew community since I was an infant. In that time, I've grown to see St. Andrew was more than a house of worship, but a fellowship of people united by Christ. Growing up and making my way through Sunday School and Confirmation Class, my appreciation for this church has matured as I have. As a child, I participated in almost every church community event, from the Spring and Fall clean-ups to Trunk or Treat, and even went up to Calumet in New Hampshire for the annual confirmation class retreat. However, it wasn't until after I was confirmed in Christ that I feel I truly began to understand the concept of stewardship. Since then, I've joined the St. Andrew Technology Team, where I've been streaming services online for more than two years, as well as serving two terms as the Under-18 Youth Representative on the Church Council. My commitment to the youth of the church hasn't stopped there -I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as a teacher at our annual Vacation Bible School for two years in a row. These post-confirmation experiences have done the most for my stewardship – they've taught me how to unite a community after a pandemic that forced almost all of us out the building and continue to support it through a church transition and beyond. It's my interest in communities and everything that goes into them that has me so excited to pursue a career in journalism. As a journalist, I aim to delve into communities all across the country and bring the complicated world of American politics to the headlines in a way that looks at the people of the country, not just what happens in the White House. I want to bring truth and honesty to a media that is currently very embittered and divided. My lessons I've learned at church about community and how I can bring people together have become a large part of who I am as a person and have inspired me in thinking about the kind of journalist I want to be. In college, I hope to gain more of an understanding about how I take the lessons I've learned and use them to become an expert on media, communications, journalistic ethics, and more.

## 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, Chuck Provenzano, Donna Ouellette, Dan Stitham, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**



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| 1 Wendy Cunningham     |                       |
| 2 Scott Nadeau         |                       |
| 3 Patricia Josephson   |                       |
| 3 Weller Simmons       |                       |
| 4 Pamela Murphy        |                       |
| 5 Jill Little          |                       |
| 5 Charles Simmons      |                       |
| 6 Dylan McMahan        |                       |
| 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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