

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, CT
News Notes for the Week of July 9, 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



July 9, 2023
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9, 2023; 6th 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, July 11, 2023

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

7:00 pm. Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, July 13, 2023

10:00 a.m. Calling hours for Eleanor Brandt

11:00 a.m. Funeral Services – Eleanor Brandt

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

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

Sunday, July 16, 2023; 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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.

Again this week, we will welcome the Rev. James Krauser as our guest worship leader. Pastor Krauser has been a frequent worshipper at St. Andrew Church over the past few months since his move to Bristol from Long Island.

He recently marked the 37th anniversary of his ordination into ministry. He began his ministry in Easton, PA and then served as pastor of three congregations in the Metropolitan New York Synod — St. Paul, Richmond Hill (Queens); St. Paul, Port Jefferson Station; and most recently Grace, N. Bellmore.

He also directed the choir in each of his first three congregations. He is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Cooking, baking, attending concerts and theater are some of his interests.

Welcome and thanks to Pastor Krauser!

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord...

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our sister in the faith, Eleanor Brandt on June 28. Family and friends will gather to give God thanks for Eleanor's life and the hope of resurrection on Thursday, July 13, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Church. Calling hours will precede the service from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Condolences may be sent to Eleanor's family via Peter Talmadge, Eleanor's nephew, 546 Burlington Ave., Bristol, 06010. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

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, Tracey Simpson, Fred Morroco, Chuck Provenzano, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

Anticipate 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.

Watch for more information about these special opportunities for worship 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.

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

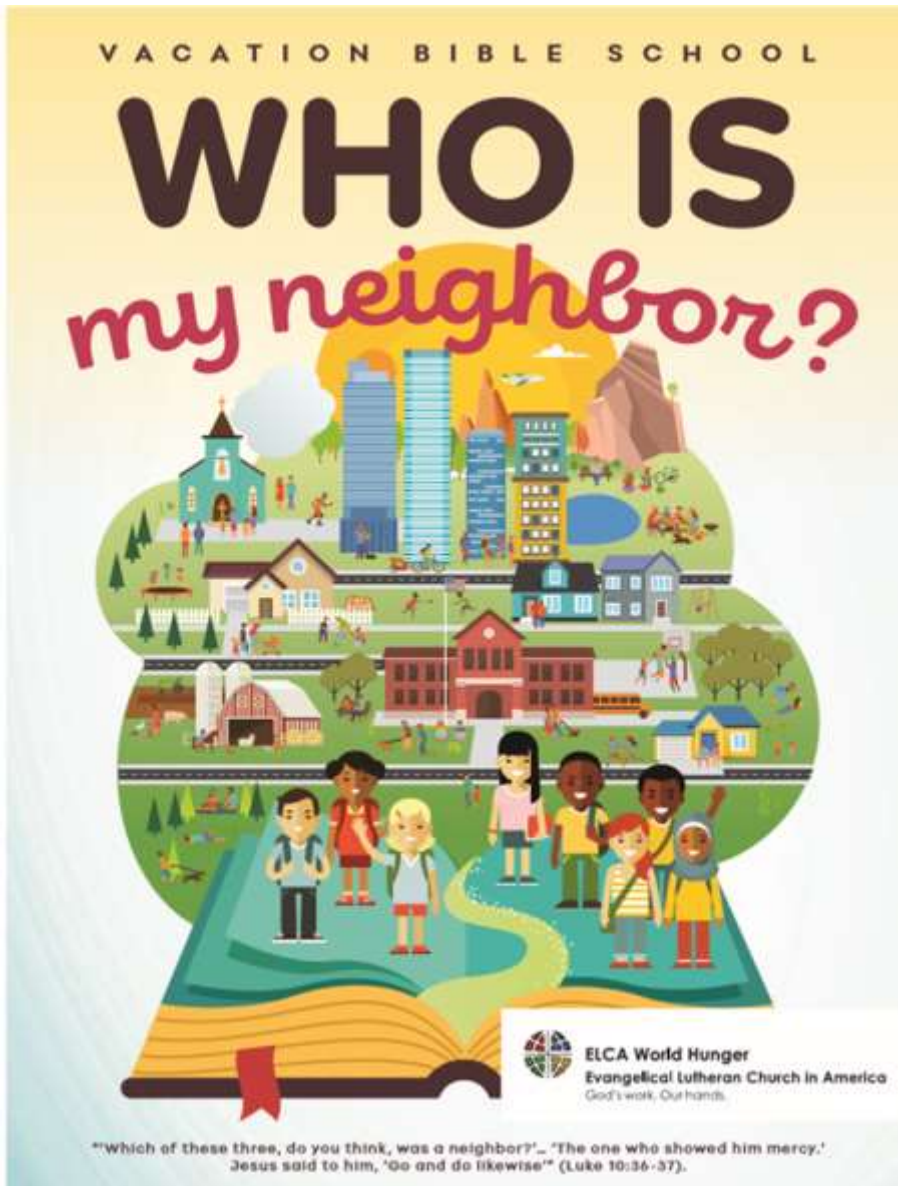
Please consider building community at our weekly Bible study on the parables of Jesus. Come in person Wednesday night 7-8 pm in the fellowship hall or phone in. No questions are out of bounds and snacks are provided. The Prodigal Son, Great Banquet, Pearl of Great Price, and Vineyard and Laborers are 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 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

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

The July 9, 2023 Bulletin is found here:

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