

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

News Notes for the Week of August 13, 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

**PLEASE DON'T SHOW UP
AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13!**

**INSTEAD...
JOIN WITH LUTHERANS AND FRIENDS
FROM OUR FOUR NEIGHBORING LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
FOR WORSHIP
AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
27 JUDD STREET, BRISTOL, CT
9:30 A.M.!
THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Dear Friends,

Our month of worshipping with our neighboring Lutheran congregations will continue this Sunday, August 13, as we gather at Zion Church at 9:30 a.m.

The people of Zion are eager to welcome all of us as we gather to join our voices as one in praise of the God who calls us together to be a living, lively witness to unity in Jesus' name.

The Rev. Edward Duffy, pastor of Zion Church, will preside and preach.

A coffee hour for renewing and building community among worshippers will follow the service. Come and enjoy the company!

This month of shared worship got off to a great start this past Sunday at Grace Church in Plainville. 40 or so folks from St. Andrew Church were part of the full house of 110+ worshippers. Worship was lively and the hospitality warm and welcoming.

These shared August worship services are meant to be an important step toward building a stronger sense of partnership in ministry among Lutherans in our community.

For the list of shared August worship services for the remainder of the month see below. St Andrew Church will host on August 20. Get ready to open your arms wide as we welcome our neighbors to worship in our house!

Please note that if you can't join in person, you can worship online.

Also, please bring your weekly offering with you each Sunday and place it in the offering plates. We will see to it that each congregation will receive the offerings from their members. Any free will offering will remain in the host congregation.

Join in this exciting time as we build community in Christ and move boldly into a new day of ministry!

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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>

Monday, August 14, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

6:30 p.m. – Congregation Council Meeting via zoom

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, August 20, 2023; 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 Coffee Hour

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

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Sunday, August 20 at 9:30am

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

Website: 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: gdeichurch.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.

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

*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.*

Roy Ouellette is asking that those who have keys, and use the church, to be please sure that you lock the doors, and check them, when you leave. We have found them unlocked on a few occasions. Thank you!

Christmas Market Trip

I just marked Christmas in July by booking a Christmas Market trip this December. The trip departs for Nürnberg on December 14th and the cruise ends with a return to the US on December 22 from Vienna. I'll be staying on for a few more days spending Christmas in Dresden on my own.

This was my first experience with a European river cruise and have never been disappointed on subsequent trips. This tour is operated by Grand Circle Travel, a company I have used many times (this will be my 10th trip), this will be my 3rd time on this particular itinerary.

Right now the price is being offered with a substantial discount, from \$995 (plus airfare). Reservations must be made by August 17 for this offer.

If you are interested in more information, you can find out about it at gct.com or send me an email and I'll send you a link [jimkrauser@aol.com]. The discount code is RIIA 101. If you book, mention my name to make sure you're on the correct departure.

The Rev James G. Krauser

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1 Robert Lagasse	17 Vincent Phaneuf, Jr.
1 George Matulis, Jr.	18 Marilyn Wentland
4 Arlene Schissler	20 Jonathan Harrison
6 Joseph Boisvert	22 Edie Narvesen
6 Daniel Ropp	22 Roy Ouellette
7 Cathy Doty	23 Emily Pratt
8 Martha Burkhardt	26 June Beaulieu
8 Heather Tampellini	26 Daniel Golden
9 Riley Ballash	27 Kathryn Simpson
9 Lynn Pelow	28 Carol Brunelle
14 Kristofer Culin	28 Kevin Smith
14 Kaysie Procko	30 Laurie Straceski
	31 Jordyn Procko