

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

News Notes for the Week of August 20, 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

Gwynne Hopko, Deacon, Minister of Music

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



August 20, 2023 9:30 a.m.
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Dear Friends,

After two weeks of encouraging you not to show up at St. Andrew Church for worship, this week is the week to show up with great energy and wide open arms of hospitality!

For this Sunday, August 20, is St. Andrew Church's opportunity to welcome our neighboring Lutheran congregations to worship and build community together in our beloved house.

The past two Sundays of our August shared worship services with Grace Church, Plainville, and Zion and Gloria Dei Churches of Bristol, have been marked by high attendance and enthusiastic participation. We hope to build on those first two weeks.

As we welcome our friends:

- Please wear your name tags (or put on one of those sticky backed ones that will be available at the entrances to the worship space).
- Bring something to share for the coffee hour (see note re. coffee hour below). And heed Karen Biernat's suggestions for mixing with new folks during the coffee hour that she will share Sunday morning!
- Offer to show people around the building if they haven't been to St. Andrew Church before;
- And be your usual and wonderful cheerful selves!

You are invited to contribute generously to the free-will offering that will be received this Sunday. It will be directed to support the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief on the island of Maui in the wake of the devastating wildfires the island experienced more than a week ago. This note of information from the ELCA web page: *Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the world fires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.* Thanks.

Our August shared worship services will conclude at Gloria Dei Church on the 27th.

A special committee composed of representatives from the four congregations will be meeting next Tuesday evening, August 22, to explore further avenues of shared ministry.

As we lean into the days ahead continue to pray and be open for the Spirit's leading.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, YouTube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube: <https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/>;
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q.

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 24, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, August 27, 2023; 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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/>

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: PUMPKIN SPICE SEASON IS HERE!

When you're planning those memorable family meals, please remember the food insecure in Bristol. Please donate canned veggies, pumpkin, gravy or boxed potato mixes and mac n cheese as examples, all things that fill our stomachs and warm our hearts. put your donations in the grocery cart at worship and we'll get them to local food drives.

ST. PAULY SHED: IF IT'S PUMPKINS SPICE TIME IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS

The weather will start getting cooler and it's time to bring the sweaters and boots and pants out of storage. Tired of that old sweater? pants a little too tight/loose? donate them to the shed in our parking lot!

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, Gary Dubnansky, Michael Positano, Pat DiMaria, 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.*

COFFEE HOUR - On the 20th, we will be hosting the 4 Lutheran Churches. Dawn and Robin have volunteered for coffee hour.

There were around 130 people that attended services at Grace Lutheran. We are anticipating the same amount to participate in our service and coffee hour.

Dawn and Robin would appreciate any food donations for this event. You may contact Robin at (860) 582-7807 or at Rnrland@comcast.net with any questions.



To those of you that are willing to bake for this Sunday we really appreciate your help. We will be at St. Andrew on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. It would help us if you could drop off your baked goods on Saturday as it will help us determine how to set up and arrange the food tables. THANK YOU for always supporting our events!

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AND ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!

Robin & Dawn

Thank you

Roy Ouellette is asking that those who have keys, and use the church, to please 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



A gift was given, to the Glory of God, in memory of Eleanore Brandt, by:

Joan Strecker

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

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