

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

**News Notes for the Week of August 27, 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

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**PLEASE DON'T SHOW UP  
AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27!**

**INSTEAD...  
JOIN WITH LUTHERANS AND FRIENDS  
FROM OUR FOUR NEIGHBORING LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS  
FOR WORSHIP  
AT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
355 CAMP STREET, BRISTOL, CT  
9:30 A.M.!**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who contributed to making this past Sunday at St. Andrew Church such a splendid day as we welcomed our Lutheran companions from Bristol and Plainville for worship and community building.

The sun was shining, the hospitality was warm and welcoming, the worship spirited, the coffee hour lavish with abundant food and good cheer.

About 120 folks (the counts varied slightly) lifted one voice in worship. The choir and instrumentalists came out of their summer pause to enrich our singing. Over \$700 was given for our free will offering that was directed to Lutheran Disaster Response to support relief and restoration work in Maui. The coffee hour could not have been more delicious or delightful. The whole morning brought out the very best of St. Andrew Church! Thank you. Thank you!

The August round of worshipping together with the people of Zion and Gloria Dei Churches of Bristol and Grace Church of Plainville has been an exciting time of discovering the joys and benefits of life together. Representatives of our four congregations will continue to explore further paths of shared

and cooperative ministry in the days ahead. Watch for news on those meetings in the weekly NewsNotes and about another informal Congregational Meeting for St. Andrew folks in mid-September for an opportunity to discuss future ventures in ministry.

The fourth and final August shared worship service will be this Sunday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 355 Camp St., Bristol. Worship begins at 9:30. See you there!

We will resume Sunday worship at St. Andrew Church on September 3.

Keep the ministries of our four congregations in your prayers for the Spirit to guide us all boldly and faithfully!

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

#### **Sunday, August 27, 2023; 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

355 Camp Street

Bristol, CT 860-582-0629

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

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

#### **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

#### **Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

#### **Thursday, August 31, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

#### **Sunday, September 3, 2023; 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

3:00 p.m. Wedding of Victoria Trudel and Brett Dube

**DISCOVER THE JOY MUSIC CAN BRING** to your life, and the congregation's worship experience - as you sing/ring God's praises in one of St. Andrew's choirs.

This fall, the date of the first choir rehearsal is Tuesday evening, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Music Ministry opportunities in the choirs at St. Andrew are:

**VOICE CHOIR** - Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm. Current choir members can attest to you in their own words that:

**"I like choir, because..."**

*"of the opportunity to glorify God".*

*"of the fellowship and fun with dedicated and talented members of the choir."*

*"the music can touch the heart, the soul and the core of the singers and the congregation to inspire and transform."*

*"I'm using my talents in worship."*

**HANDBELL CHOIR** - Tuesdays, 6:45 - 7:30pm. Playing in the bell choir is a lot of fun and more ringers are welcome. (See Gwynne if you would first like the chance to *investigate* the bells.)

**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 PUMPKIN 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!

**WOMEN'S GUILD - COMING SOON**

Be on the lookout for information on the soon-to-be resurrected Women's Guild. We'll be checking on interest and convenient times for everyone to get together!

**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, 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.*

## 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