

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

News Notes for the Week of August 6, 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 6!**

**INSTEAD...
JOIN WITH LUTHERANS AND FRIENDS
FROM OUR FOUR NEIGHBORING LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
FOR WORSHIP
AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
222 FARMINGTON AVE., PLAINVILLE
9:00 A.M.!**

Dear Friends,

It's not often you're told not to show up at church, but for this coming Sunday, August 6, and two other Sundays in August the "don't show up here at St. Andrew Church" warning rings true. Instead, we will be rotating from church to church, worshipping with our sisters and brothers from our neighboring Lutheran congregations in Bristol and Plainville over the next four weeks.

This Sunday our four Bristol/Plainville churches will gather for worship at Grace Church in Plainville. Please note the earlier than usual worship time: 9:00 a.m. (The rest of our shared worship services will begin at 9:30.) The people of Grace Church 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. Chris Dion, transition pastor of Grace Church, will preside and preach.

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

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 full list of shared August worship services see below. St Andrew Church will host on August 20. Also 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!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion at Grace Lutheran Church
222 Farmington Ave., Plainville, CT

Website: [GracePlainville.org](https://www.graceplainville.org)

Facebook (for viewing the service online):

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 10, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, August 13, 2023; 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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>

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](https://www.graceplainville.org)

Facebook (for viewing the service online):

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Sunday, August 13 at 9:30am

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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, Chuck Provenzano, 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.*

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