

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

News Notes for the Week of September 3, 2023

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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



September 3, 2023 9:30 a.m.
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Dear Friends,

After four weeks of spirited worship shared with our Lutheran companions in Bristol and Plainville, we will all return to our home places this Sunday. Thanks to all of you who worshipped in our neighboring churches in August. St. Andrew Church was well represented when folks gathered at Grace in Plainville and at Zion and Gloria Dei in Bristol. Your faithful commitment to be a part of a larger worshipping community is a reason for celebration.

Where will our efforts toward collaborative ministry among these four congregations take us in the days ahead? Conversations are now underway. Opportunities abound. Arlene Creswell, Karen Biernat, and Owen VanBrocklin are representing us at these meetings. Watch for news about another informal, informational congregational meeting after a Sunday worship service in mid-September in order to keep you up to date and to provide opportunity for questions and conversation. And in the meantime, keep the ministries of St. Andrew and our companion congregations in your prayers. Thanks!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3, 2023; 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

(Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/>;

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q.

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Bells

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, September 10, 2023; 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

CAR NEEDED

Perhaps you were in a situation where you are trying to get rid of an extra car. A member of our congregation needs a vehicle for his work as a professional landscaper. If you think you can help, please contact David Soden on his cell at 860-673-4320

GWYNNE'S NOTES

The Lutheran Church is known for and has a tradition of being an especially musical church. Here is insight into why the choir exists and how the choir functions to enliven the church's song.

We continue this Lutheran tradition of a strong music ministry at St. Andrew with leadership from our Voice Choir. One of the choir's most important functions is to lead the congregation's song. When the congregation will be singing a new hymn or liturgical song in the worship service, the choir begins preparing this new music weeks ahead so they will be supportive of the congregation's singing. This is important to us as members in the Lutheran church, that we remain a "singing congregation".

The choir spends the majority of its rehearsal time singing their challenging anthems, because singing music beautifully is difficult to do and takes lots of practice. Their motivation (as presented in last week's "News") is to glorify God and help people to experience a spiritual moment.

As the choirs resume their music ministry on Tuesday, **September 12th**, keep this schedule in mind:

HANDBELL CHOIR - 6:45 - 7:30pm

VOICE CHOIR - 7:30 - 9:00pm.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME RETURNS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10!

Children's Bible Story Time returns to Sunday Service on September 10! Children ages 2-12 are invited to join adult leaders in our Sunday School room from the first lesson through the sermon to learn about the day's lessons and gospel and enjoy related activities and song. In lieu of CBST on the fourth Sundays of the month, children will remain in the sanctuary and hear a Children's Message from Pastor Swenson.

Please contact Britt Elise Lynch if you have questions, wish to participate as a helper or leader, or would like more information.

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!

CONNECTICUT HANDBELL CONCERT – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

The Connecticut Handbell Musicians would like to show our appreciation to your congregation for allowing us to rehearse in your space all summer by offering a free concert in your sanctuary.

It will be held on September 17th at 3pm and will feature our full bell choir as well as a small ensemble named FaLiSaD (pronounced Felicity).

The Connecticut Handbell Musicians are a group of orphaned ringers from all over the state of CT whose home choirs have taken a break for the summer. One key tenet of this group is that we are focused on the process. We are learning skills, styles, and positions that we would not be able to try out with our home groups in an effort to continue grow in skill and musicianship over the summer.

We welcome all of you to attend this free concert as well as your sister churches. All are 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, 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.*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 Nancy Denehy	16 Raymond Glidden
2 Jean Gustafson	20 Kaylee Hall
4 Linda Mackey	21 Kyle Galvin
4 Madison Phaneuf	21 Ethan Hoyt
5 Nathaniel Simmons	21 Amanda Kalat
7 Kyle Cruz	23 Alan Fournier
7 Kevin Kalat	24 Anna Vertefeuille
8 Roger Brunelle	25 Kari Karp
8 Cindy Tessman	25 Noreen Zurell
12 Douglas Beaudoin	26 Rachel Hahn
12 Sandra Werner	27 Victoria Trudel
15 Timothy Hein	30 Tricia Galvin
15 Roy Tessman	

The September 3, 2023 Bulletin is found here:

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