

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

News Notes for the Week of October 1, 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

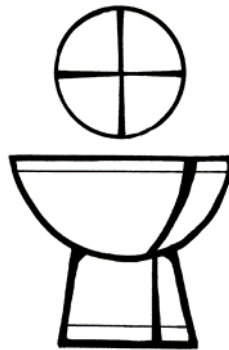
Nicole Gergler, Church Administrator

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

October 1, 2023 9:30 a.m.
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion



This Sunday, October 1,
we worship with our companions in the faith
from Zion, Gloria Dei and Grace Churches
at
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
222 Farmington Ave., Plainville
9:00 a.m. (note earlier time!)

Following our successful, well received summer worship together,
we continue to build community in Christ,
and discover new paths of collaborative ministry,
with our neighboring Lutheran congregations!

Worship will resume at St. Andrew Church
on October 8 and continue through the month
culminating in a festive Reformation Sunday
on October 29.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1, 2023; 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church

222 Farmington Avenue

Plainville, CT 860-747-5191

Website: GracePlainville.org

Facebook (for viewing the service online):

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

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Emily Gdovin and Matthew Girard

Monday, October 2, 2023

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Reformation Choir

8:00 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 5, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, October 8, 2023; 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Council Meeting following Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ANYONE FROM THE 4 CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Leviticus – a bird's eye view! The book where two of us got “stuck” when we made our first attempt to read the Bible cover to cover is deep in meaning and holiness. Not incidentally, it is the foundation for a New Testament book, *The Letter to the Hebrews*, which has been described as a New Testament commentary on *Leviticus*. Having some understanding of its accent on “sacrifice” is key to understanding Christ's “once and perfect” sacrifice for us. Come (on Zoom) to four sessions:

Monday, October 2 “Holiness;” October 9 “Heaven and Earth”; October 16 “Bird's Eye View of *Leviticus*”; and October 23, “Bird's Eye View of *Hebrews*.”

To participate, let pastor know (edwduffy75@gmail.com) that you are interested in coming (he will send you a Zoom invite); and have a Bible at your side for the sessions we will hold on Mondays in October.

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

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME HAS RETURNED !

Children's Bible Story Time has returned Sunday mornings! 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.

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!

PRAYER

Embrace in your prayers this week Matt Girard and Emily Gdovin as they prepare for their marriage service this Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. O God, enrich their life together and fill it with joy and abundant, enduring love!

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, Les Swenson, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, 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.*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2	Peggy Hoyt	18	Marianne Beaudoin
3	Joelle Stairs	19	Joelle Rindfleisch
4	Angela Provenzano	20	Matthew Girard
5	Maci Smith	21	Peter Mitchell
6	Bob Herold	21	Donna Ropp
6	Mark Shackford	22	Sharon Werner
7	Megan Beauregard	23	Laurence Beaulieu
9	Robert Deveau	25	Hilda Schauss
16	Joan Strecker	26	Carol Emond
16	Maverick Treacy	26	Jared Procko
17	Lori Calloway	26	Nancy Siecienski