

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

News Notes for the Week of September 24, 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



September 24, 2023 9:30 a.m.
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24, 2023; 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

(Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube:

[https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/;](https://www.facebook.com/Standrewct/)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q)

Monday, September 25, 2023

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Reformation Choir

8:00 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

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>

Dear Friends,

Once again, thanks for all your prayers during my recent hospital stay. What a relief it is to be home. I look forward to regaining new strength and energy day by day. In the meantime during this time of recovery I cherish your prayers. Please know you will be embraced in mine as we move through the days ahead listening and trusting in God's guiding.

God's peace,

Les Swenson

Transition Pastor

Worship in the weeks to come...

This Sunday, September 24.

We gather at St. Andrew, 9:30.

Sunday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. (note earlier time!)

As we continue to build healthy partnerships with our neighboring Lutheran congregations, we will gather with the folks from Zion and Gloria Dei Churches of Bristol at Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Avenue, Plainville, CT. Festive coffee hour follows worship. Blessed be the ties that bind us together!

Sundays October 8, 15, 22 and 29...back home at St. Andrew, 9:30!

And look forward to a very festive Reformation Sunday celebration on the 29th as we join voices with our Bristol/Plainville partners in ministry. Special music including a combined choir of voices from the four congregations. The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod will be our preacher.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Last week the Voice Choir returned to rehearsing with a JOYFUL reunion, with devotions, much singing and camaraderie. They will be heard offering beautiful anthems shortly. In a couple of weeks, rehearsals will begin with singers from the collaborating churches who will combine to sing in a Reformation Day Choir.

The Handbell Choir read through some NEW pieces, (which is always fun)! The choir numbers six, but another couple of ringers would be a welcome addition. See Gwynne if you'd like more information or to just take a closer look at the bells.

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 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, 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.*

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 24, 2023 Bulletin is found here:

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