

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

News Notes for the Week of October 22, 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 22, 2023 9:30 a.m.
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22, 2023; 21st 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.

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, October 23, 2023

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Reformation Choir

8:00 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 26, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, October 29, 2023; Reformation Sunday

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

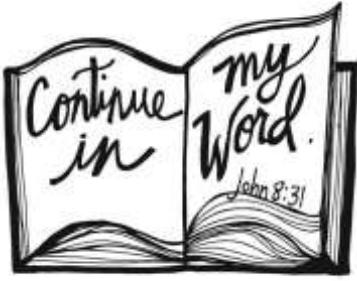
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

**LIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATION
ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH COLLABORATION PARTNERS!**



After worship this past Sunday, October 15, about 35 people gathered around tables to join in conversation about their hopes and expectations (and the possible roadblocks) for shared ministry with our neighboring Lutheran congregations in Bristol and Plainfield (Zion and Gloria Dei in Bristol and Grace in Plainfield). The conversation was very thoughtful and expectant. The energy level was high. Thanks to all who participated! A summary of the conversation will appear in next week's NewsNotes. (Responses recorded on the large sheets during the meeting are now being tabulated).

All four congregations are following the same outline of questions for conversation during the month of October. The Collaboration Committee composed of members from the four churches will review the results of the conversations to help chart further steps ahead at their November 1 meeting. Representatives from St. Andrew Church are Karen Biernat, Arlene Creswell and Owen VanBrocklin.



TWO BIBLE STUDIES - OPEN TO ANYONE FROM THE 4 COLLABORATING CONGREGATIONS AND MORE!

Monday Nights via Zoom...

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 23, “Bird's Eye View of *Hebrews*.”

To participate, let Pastor Ed Duffy 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.

Wednesday Nights at St. Andrew Church, Live from 7-8 p.m. ...

Come build 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.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

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.



FOUR CHURCHES TO CELEBRATE REFORMATION SUNDAY FESTIVAL

AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH, OCTOBER 29!

The four Lutheran Churches of Bristol and Plainville will join together at St. Andrew Church to celebrate the festival of Reformation on Sunday morning, October 29, 9:30 a.m. A 25+ member choir of folks from the four churches is already rehearsing robust music for the day. Instrumentalists will add to the full sound. The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod, ELCA, will preach.

Once again, the genuine hospitality of St. Andrew Church will be on full display. A special coffee hour will follow worship. And remember to wear something red, the color for the festival, to add to the vibrancy of the day!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP, NOVEMBER 5

As we approach All Saints Sunday, November 5, please let us know of beloved church and family members and dear friends who have died in the past year (since last November) that you would like included in the prayers of remembrance that day. Call the church office (860.583.5809) or send an email (churchoffice@standrewct.org) with names. Thank you.

All Saints Sunday is a wonderful time to remember and rejoice in the whole community of God's baptized people, those among us and those who have gone before us.



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE HOUR - On the 29th, we will be hosting the 4 Lutheran Churches for Coffee Hour.

We are anticipating around 125 people to participate in our service and coffee hour.

We are asking those who plan on attending to please help by contributing baked goods. To those of you that are willing to bake for this Sunday we really appreciate your help. We will be at St. Andrew on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. It would

help us if you could drop off your baked goods on Saturday as it will help us determine how to set up and arrange the food tables.

THANK YOU for always supporting our events!

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AND ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!

GROCERY CART CHALLENGE:

Do you have a favorite holiday food? Some canned cranberry or package of stuffing or cherry pie filling for that favorite dessert? You can't forget those canned green beans, crunchy onions and mushroom soup. Green bean casserole!

What about that cup of peppermint hot cocoa and cookie at Christmas.

When you are going shopping please remember your neighbors.

ST. PAULY SHED

The shed continues to help us and others. Clothes are being donated to other churches for clothing ministries, some clothes generate income for us to financially support food banks.

Your donations of clothes are vital to our outreach. Thank you



YES! THERE WILL BE A TAG SALE.

There will be a tag sale late March (date TBD). Please start going through items you may want to donate. No big items please.

Drop offs will begin early February.

Main contact is Dawn Stitham, dstitham@gmail.com or Robin Landrette at 860 582.7808.



BSA Troop 1425 is hosting a



Holiday Wreath Sale!

16" Double-Face Balsam Fir Wreath

Plain Wreath **\$25**

With Bow **\$27**

Taking orders until **November 16**

Local Delivery end of November
around Thanksgiving



**Local from Bethany Farm & Nursery
in Woodbridge, CT**



Payment options:

- *Cash
- *Check to BSA Troop 1425
- *Venmo



Please add order details to Venmo comments

How to Order:

Fill out an order form from your local scout or email
troop1425committee@gmail.com with order details

Thank You For Your Support!



PRAYERS

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, Susan Provenzano, Tracey Simpson, Donna Ouellette, Michael Positano, Les Swenson, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, Robert Gergler, Karen Schumann, Marilyn Cassareno, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Nancy Denehy, Marie Ouellette and Jean Wentland.

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.

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.

Dear Friends,

It appears as if someone has been hacking into my email accounts and a couple people from the congregation have falsely received emails from me requesting their help (e.g., to pick up gift cards for me) or for them to meet me at the church. If you receive a similar request it would be wise to give me a call. I am working on how to resolve the problem.

Thanks.

Pastor Swenson



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

The October 22, 2023 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aR8cc-H7SKGOnFZdTScgXxGJqs3AzpgU/view?usp=sharing>