

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

News Notes for the Week of October 8, 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 8, 2023 9:30 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8, 2023; 19th 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)

Council Meeting following Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, October 9, 2023

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Reformation Choir

8:00 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 12, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, October 15, 2023; 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Discussion regarding current work and future direction of collaborative ministry efforts with Grace Church of Plainville, Zion and Gloria Dei Churches of Bristol after worship.

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Where are we going with our efforts toward Collaborative Ministry?

You are invited and encouraged to participate in an important conversation about the current work and future direction of our collaborative ministry efforts with Grace Church, Plainville, and Zion and Gloria Dei Churches of Bristol, on Sunday, October 15, after worship. Much is happening. Much is Anticipated. And you are important to the path ahead. While we will share updates the most important part of the conversation will be to share our hopes and expectations for the possibilities ahead and to express concerns and fears.

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 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Join friends from our neighboring Lutheran congregations in Bristol/Plainville for a special **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** on the lawn of Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Ave., Plainville, on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2:00. All God's critters and their caretakers are invited to share in this special event that celebrates the place our animals have in our lives.

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!

Congratulations and best wishes to Emily Gdovin and Matt Girard who were married this past Sunday at St. Andrew Church! May God bless their life together with abundant joy!



PRAYER

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.

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, Michael Positano, Les Swenson, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, Robert Gergler, 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

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