

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

News Notes for the Week of November 12, 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

WORSHIP WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS THIS SUNDAY!
November 12, 2023 9:30 a.m.
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion

After worship this Sunday...

Join the conversation during an informal congregational meeting to discuss the next step in our ventures in collaborative ministry with our neighboring Lutheran congregations.

We will focus on the question each congregation will be discussing in November:

"Are you willing to commit to an intentional process to discern the possibility of all four congregations coming together as a single ministry to be served by a pastor we would call together?"

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12, 2023; 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

(Sanctuary, YouTube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube:

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

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, November 19, 2023; 25th Sunday after Pentecost

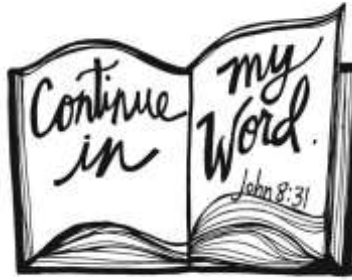
9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour



As we move toward “We Are Called” Sunday, November 19

- **Read carefully** the letter from Arlene Creswell that will arrive in your mailbox this week (if it hasn't already arrived). It is filled with thoughtful invitation, information and inspiration about this time of celebrating how the people of this congregation are living out their calling to bear witness to God's life-giving love.
- **Consider again and again** how God has called you and continues to call you to be a living witness to God's love in your family, your daily work, your community and the church. Be grateful for the opportunity to share your God-given gifts to enrich the lives of others.
- **Give thanks** for the ministry of others in this beloved St. Andrew Church community by writing a note on one of the two “You Are Called” posters (one in the narthex, the other in the parish hall). Name the ways you see people using their gifts to serve others, bring beauty to the world, share kindness — anything that reveals how they are shaping our common life in positive ways.
- **Sing with vibrant voice** (while paying close attention to the words) the Offertory Song chosen for these November Sundays, “We are all one in mission.” And notice how it reminds us our calling to share our varied and rich gifts for a common purpose. Bring your bulletins home and daily sing silently or aloud this wonderful hymn reminding you of just how “we are called.”
- **Prayerfully consider** your estimate of financial giving to support and grow the ministries of St. Andrew Church in 2024. As we continue to lean into the future together — a future filled with hope and expectation and the possibility of exciting Spirit-led renewal and change — your generous giving will allow this congregation to move forward with robust strength. Your estimate of giving cards will be received on Sunday, November 19, as we worship in the spirit of gratefulness for all God's abundant blessings in our lives and upon this congregation.



BIBLE STUDY

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.

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 860 582.7807.



Join Us for the Annual Bristol Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

We will come together as a community of many faiths, joined in our gratitude for each other and for the blessings we share. Our 2023 theme is **GRATITUDE.**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Saint Joseph's Church,

33 Queen Street, Bristol, CT

(also live streamed on our Facebook page)

Organized by Bristol Interfaith Coalition

For more information, visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BristolInterfaithCoalition/> or email

BristolInterfaith@gmail.com

A collection will be taken for Prudence Crandall Center. The Center is a leader in reducing the devastating impacts of domestic violence in the lives of survivors, their children, and our communities.

Services include: emergency shelter, 24/7 crisis hotline, supportive housing and more.

For information on how to make a monetary or supply donation, visit prudencecrandall.org/donate

or see the Bristol Interfaith Coalition Facebook page.



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, Marge Pearson, Anna Zurell, Susan Provenzano, Tracey Simpson, Donna Ouellette, Michael Positano, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, Robert Gergler, Karen Schumann, 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.*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Noreen Simmons	22 Timothy Beauregard
4 Matthew Stojanov	23 Gerald Beaudoin
5 Krista Rescsanski	23 Mark Voight
9 Sierra Narvesen	24 Ruth Vontell
9 Julieanne Voight	25 Tessa Segreve
13 Ashley Provenzano	25 Steven Siecienski
13 Barbara Soden	26 Jenny Culin
18 Jennifer Alling	27 Gabriel Ricciardella
18 Gwynne Hopko	27 Joan Usala
19 Donna Stockman	28 Kathy Golden
20 Eric Neuman	

The November 12, 2023 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wzj1syWhgZkzt7WQYmFS4aDlqTvtgSYI/view?usp=sharing>