

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

News Notes for the Week of January 28, 2024

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



**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgy of Holy Communion**

Gather around Word and Table as we hear St. Mark's story about Jesus' first acts of public ministry, teaching and casting out a troubling demon with unseen authority, leaving everyone astonished. Rejoice in Jesus' continuing life-giving power and mercy.

**Then after worship...
Coffee and Conversation
and our Annual Congregation Meeting
in the hall!**

After nearly a year of thoughtful conversation about the future of this congregation's ministry, and as we stand on the verge of making important decisions about moving forward into deeper relationships with our neighboring Lutheran congregations, the people of St. Andrew Church will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 28, 11:00 a.m.

We will review the year past and all the committed and fine ministry that has taken place and discuss and continue to imagine the year ahead. Financial reports will be presented, a budget for 2024's ministry will be adopted, Congregation Council members and Synod Assembly delegates will be elected.

If you took home an Annual Report book this past Sunday, please bring it with you to the meeting this Sunday. A small number of remaining copies will be available at the meeting. You may request a packet electronically or ask for a hard copy to be mailed to you, by calling the church office, 860.583.5809 or by emailing churchoffice@standrewct.org.

Please plan on participating in the meeting! Lots to be grateful for! Much to anticipate!

If inclement weather causes us to postpone the meeting, we will gather for the Congregation Meeting after worship on February 4, 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28, 2024; 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

(Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube:

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10:30 Coffee Hour

11:00 Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

7 p.m. –8:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, February 1, 2024

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, February 4, 2024; 5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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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 (this Sunday!), 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.

HOSPITALITY AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH...

In order to extend our ministry of hospitality at St. Andrew Church, we invite you to serve as a greeter in the area inside the doors from the parking lot (in the lobby outside the church offices). Many people use that entrance to the church, and if they arrive as guests it is always helpful for them to be greeted with a friendly welcome and to be offered directions to the worship space. Our thanks to Wendy Cunningham who has been serving as the greeter over the last few weeks. Offer to join her in this ministry of hospitality! Have a small stack of bulletins, wear your friendly smile and be your best welcoming self! Thanks much!

"Welcome one another...just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!" (Romans 15.7)

CONFIRMATION NEWS NOTES!

Our Four Church Collaborative Confirmation Class is up and running....and it looks like fun!



"Gods Work Our Hands" T-Shirts

If anyone has any of the "Gods Work Our Hands" T-Shirts at home, can you please return them... they can be left in the Parish Life room.

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

TAG SALE DROP OFF REMINDER



Drop off for the Tag Sale is now in progress. Weekly times are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you need a time other than those days, please contact Robin at mrland@comcast.net or Dawn @ dstitham@gmail.com or bring your items on Sundays!

Also, on February 4, 2024, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., we will be holding a mini tag sale. This is for members and friends and family of St. Andrew. The items will include clothing and accessories only (shoes, purses, etc.).

CAN YOU PROVIDE A RIDE?

A retired Lutheran clergyman has recently moved to the Holiday Village Gate on Rt. 6, Farmington, and needs a ride on Sunday mornings in order to attend worship. If you would be willing to pick him up and give him a return ride home on Sunday mornings, please call Nicole in the church office and she will provide his name and phone number for you to call. Thanks!

PRAYERS

We offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for:

- those known to us in need of healing: Bill Murtha, Arthur Potz, Callum Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, Marge Pearson, Anna Zurell, Susan Provenzano, Tracey Simpson, Donna Ouellette, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, Robert Gergler, Karen Schumann, Roy Zurell, Lou Usala, Lee Hardin, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound: Nancy Denehy, and Jean Wentland.

And to the wide circle of family and friends of Joan Usala who died in the sign of the faith on Monday morning, January 22. May God bring comfort and healing to them all as they mourn her death and give thanks for the blessings of her life.

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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 Linus Clark	24 Vonda Deveau
9 Erik Glidden	24 Dennis Rindfleisch
11 Andrew Alling	24 Laurie Rindfleisch
14 Alex Vertefeuille	25 Donna Ouellette
15 Aiden Trudel	27 Evelyn Lynch
20 Bobbie Scoville	30 Judi Ferro
21 Arthur Potz, Jr.	31 Ian Karp

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Holden Karp	12 Marlies Kolhossor
2 Parker Dayton	12 Zachary Shackford
3 Lucien Griffin	14 Kasey Simpson
3 Connor Pratt	14 Daniel Stitham
5 Grace Alling	17 Vera Herold
5 Joan Lagasse	17 Amanda Hintz
8 Mike Beaudoin	18 Timothy Treacy
8 Louis Usala, Jr.	20 Keith Hintz
10 Mona Rindfleisch	21 Linda Prior
11 Ursula Kaminsky	22 Eleanor Miller
	27 Rick Koonz

The January 28, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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