

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

**News Notes for the Week of February 4, 2024**

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**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, FEBRUARY 4, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Liturgy of Holy Communion**

Gather around Word and Table as we hear of the important rhythm of Jesus' life and ministry,  
a rhythm of active serving and quiet prayer.

Come sing with one voice with the Psalmist and the whole Church:

*"Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!"*

Join in Coffee and Conversation  
following worship, a time for hospitality  
and building community.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

9:30 a.m. 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)

10:30 Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members, Friends & Family Mini Tag Sale

### **Monday, February 5, 2024**

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

### **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

### **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

7 p.m. –8:00 p.m. Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 8, 2024**

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

### **Sunday, February 11, 2024; Transfiguration of Our Lord**

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Council Meeting

## **NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 28...**

Despite the heavy, wet snow that quickly blanketed Bristol on Sunday morning, 38 voting members participated in the Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday morning. Reports from congregational leaders and committees were heard. Gratitude was expressed for the many healthy ministries of the congregation and for the faithful folks who contribute to their work. The continuing work of the Four Church Collaboration Committee with representatives from St. Andrew, Zion, Grace and Gloria Dei Lutheran Churches was a focus of much conversation. The Committee continues to make progress toward its goal of building a strong partnership among the four churches that will lead to the formation of a new congregation.



A 2024 Ministry Budget totaling \$167,075.00 was approved. Bob Herold (President), Britt Lynch (Vice-President), and Abigail Griffin were re-elected to serve on the Congregation Council. Connor Pratt was elected to a three year as youth representative to the Council. Arlene Creswell, Britt Lynch and Connor Pratt were elected to serve as our representatives to the New England Synod Assembly in June.

Copies of the Annual Report books are available in the church office.



### LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT...

It seems early, but yet the season of Lent, the time of returning to and renewal in the very roots of our faith lives, begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**. This year we will be joining with our partner Lutheran congregations to mark the significant days of Lent and Holy Week.

There will be two Ash Wednesday services, at Zion Lutheran Church at noon (with a lunch to follow) and at Grace Lutheran Church in Plainville at 7:00 p.m.

During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday (March 28) worship will be at Gloria Dei Church, and Good Friday worship (March 29) will be hosted by St. Andrew.

And yes, Easter Sunday is early, very early! March 31.

Watch for more about these worship services and for information about Midweek Lenten services in upcoming NewsNotes.

### **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.

### **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)*

### **"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](mailto:mrland@comcast.net) or Dawn @ [dstitham@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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.*



### **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 February 4, 2024 bulletin can be found here:**

**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jdlciyBTYVbjhq0A4ewmIVTDiz6nVsJq/view?usp=sharing>**