

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

News Notes for the Week of March 3, 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, March 3, 9:30 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent
Liturgy of Holy Communion

Join the Lenten journey of remembering, returning and baptismal renewal as we gather around Word and Table to hear St. Paul's words proclaiming Christ crucified — a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others. And then in the Gospel reading we hear of Jesus' anger at the commercialization of the temple and his hinting of a new temple that will be destroyed but then raised in three days.

With the Psalmist we sing and pray this week: *Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer!*

Look around you this week as we gather — greet and welcome those you know and those you don't yet know with Christ-like hospitality and warmth.

Build community with one another during the coffee hour following worship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3, 2024; Third Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 4, 2024

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:45 Handbell Choir

7:30 Voice Choir

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 Four Lutheran Congregation Lenten Gathering at St. Andrew

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, March 10, 2024; Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. Four Congregation Open Collaboration Meeting at
St. Andrew



MIDWEEK GATHERINGS FOR SOUP, REFLECTION, EVENING PRAYER NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH....

The second of four Wednesday night Lenten gatherings for our four Bristol/Plainville Lutheran congregations will be held at St. Andrew Church next Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The gathering will begin with a light supper of soup and breads to be followed by a brief study and

conversation on a biblical reading that will heard during our evening worship.

If you would like to help with the supper by making soup, bring bread, or assisting with clean-up, please volunteer your help to Karen Biernat or by signing the poster in the Hall. Thanks.

For worship next Wednesday evening we will turn to the beautiful liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer, originally written for the community gathered at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state.

The schedule for the following two weeks:

March 13, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 355 Camp Ave., Bristol.

March 20, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Bristol.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER...

From Hallelujahs to Sorrow to Hymns of Joy

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

St. Andrew Church

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Four Church Worship at Gloria Dei

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Four Church Worship at St. Andrew

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord, 9:30 a.m.

St. Andrew Church

FOUR CHURCH COLLABORATION MEETING, MARCH 10, AT ST. ANDREW TO HEAR PROPOSAL FOR NEW MINISTRY

Please plan on attending the next very important Four Church Collaboration meeting on Sunday, March 10, at St. Andrew Church, when the Collaboration Committee will present its proposal for moving ahead in forming a new community of faith from our four Lutheran congregations in Bristol and Plainville. Included in the proposal will be the Committee's suggestion for where the new ministry will be located, as well as a vision for the new ministry and an outline for how the new ministry will unfold in the coming months.

Because we are expecting a large turnout for this important meeting it will be held in the nave of the church.

The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod, will facilitate the meeting. He has been working with the Collaboration Committee since last summer.

Prepare for the meeting by reading the working document "Join Us for More Input" that was distributed twice via special emails/mailings over the last three weeks. It contains much important information regarding the collaboration process. If you need a copy, printed copies are available in the narthex of the church, or call the church office to have a copy sent to you.

Questions about the process? Please speak to our congregational representatives on the Collaboration Committee: Karen Biernat, Arlene Creswell, Owen VanBrocklin, Bob Herold and Pastor Swenson.

In the meantime, keep our four congregations in your prayers that the Spirit will guide us with wisdom and courage into the future.

Copies of a fine sermon regarding change and the transitions we are all facing offered by Valerie Holcomb, President of Gloria Dei Church, are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to read her thoughtful words.

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

Confirmation class learned about SERVICE last week by helping Gloria Dei's food ministry.



Confirmation Jeopardy!

This week the class had a mid-year review and the "quiz" was 3 rounds of questions. See how you'd do.....

OLD TESTAMENT FOR 200:

What is the Old Testament book of poems and songs that we use during worship each week?

NEW TESTAMENT FOR 400:

Name one of the other sections of the New Testament that is NOT the Gospels

10 COMMANDMENTS FOR 200:

How old are the 10 Commandments?

APOSTLE'S CREED FOR 500:

From what book in the New Testament do we get the Apostle's Creed?

LUTHERANISM FOR 400:

This is the primary thing the Reformation wanted to stop.

(scroll down for answers)

Old Testament for 200 - *Psalms*

New Testament for 400 - *Epistles, Church History, Revelation/Vision*

10 Commandments for 200 - *3,000-3,500 years*

Apostle's Creed for 500 - *NONE* (it is in Luther's Small Catechism)

Lutheranism for 400 - *Sale of indulgences*

HOW'D YOU DO??

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)

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

SPRING TAG SALE!

**Saint Andrew Ev.
Lutheran Church
1125 Stafford Ave
Bristol, CT**

Friday March 22nd

5 - 8 pm

Saturday March 23rd

8 - 2 pm

Over 500 pieces of Jewelry!

*Furniture *Clothing –most new with tags *Shoes

*Toys *Holiday Items *Antiques *Appliances

And MUCH, MUCH MORE!

*Snacks & Drinks
will be available
for purchase.*



Try Roy's
famous Hot Dogs!

Requested Entry Fee:

1 non-perishable food item per person

(to be donated to local food kitchens)



God's Work. Our Hands.

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, Callum Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, Marge Pearson, Anna Zurell, Tracey Simpson, Donna Ouellette, Larry Holyst, Denise Holyst, Robert Gergler, Roy Zurell, Lee Hardin, Sandy Bidwell, Charlie Caston, Todd Wish, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound, including Nancy Denehy.

Embrace in your prayers the family and friends of Arthur Potz who died last Thursday at home. His funeral was held on Thursday, February 29, at the Funk Funeral Home, Bristol. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

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.*



**A gift was given, to the Glory of God,
In memory of:**

**Jean Wentland
Jean Wentland**

By:

**Judith Ferro
Joan Strecker**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Peter Martin	18 Robin Landrette
3 Noah Galvin	21 William Wagner
4 Louis Dube	22 Terry Gustafson
5 Paul Caron	22 Nicole Treacy
5 Laurie Harrison	23 David Creswell
7 Harrison Dayton	24 Molly Kalat
7 Randy Levine	24 Kelly Simpson
8 Luke Clark	25 Amber Marie Cruz
9 Sydney Adam	25 Denise Martin
11 Calvin Cruz	26 Peyton Beaudoin
11 Nancy Shaw	26 Irek Biernat
11 Melissa Vertefeuille	27 James Hahn
13 Greg Vontell	27 Tamera Procko
16 John Galvin	27 Zoey Rupert
16 Rosemarie Tessman	28 Nancy Glidden
17 Alan Rindfleisch	29 Robert Hopko
18 Kathy Dayton	30 Ryleigh Hall
	31 San Martin

The March 3, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Qk8a46aKjAFwx5kEF1cGDDv6ITS1v7/view?usp=sharing>