

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

News Notes for the Week of March 10, 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 10, 9:30 a.m.
Fourth 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 the ringing words of the letter to the church in Ephesus (and in Bristol too!): *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..."*

With the Psalmist we sing this week: *"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

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.

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!
SPRING AHEAD TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

And then this Sunday afternoon, a quick return to church for...

FOUR CHURCH COLLABORATION MEETING, 1:00 P.M., AT ST. ANDREW TO HEAR PROPOSAL FOR NEW MINISTRY

Please plan on attending this very important Four Church Collaboration meeting this Sunday, March 10, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., 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.

The Proposal will include a vision for how the new ministry might unfold in the coming months as well the Committee's carefully considered proposal for where the new ministry will be located.

Each of our four congregations will take this Proposal back for congregational consideration and conversation over the coming weeks. No votes regarding the proposal will be taken this Sunday. On April 7 each congregation participating in this collaboration process will be holding formally called Congregational Meetings for the purpose of acting on the proposal and deciding to move ahead in the process of the four congregations forming a new ministry.

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.

The Proposal will be forwarded via email or land mail to all our members next week after its distribution at the meeting.

At St. Andrew we will be having an informal congregational meeting during the coffee hour after worship on Sunday, March 17, in order for people to further discuss the proposal and its implications. This will be to help us prepare for the formal Congregational Meeting on April 7 when we will vote on the proposal.

Please stay informed as we move closer to making very important decisions about ministry in the weeks ahead. Ask questions. And keep our four congregations in your prayers that we may all listen to the Spirit's guiding us into a new day.

Our thanks to Arlene Crenshaw, Karen Biernat, Owen VanBrocklin, and Bob Herold who have faithfully served on the Four Church Collaboration Committee along with representatives from Zion, Grace and Gloria Dei Churches.

If you cannot be present for this Sunday's meeting but would like to participate via a Zoom set-up, please join Zoom meeting <https://daypitney.zoom.us/j/92226281313?pwd=T0dER2NtR242eVdKLOhVN0kzZkZwZz09>

Meeting ID: 922 2628 1313

Passcode: 752973

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10, 2024; Fourth 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

1:00 p.m. – 3p.m. Open Collaboration Meeting of the Four Congregations at St. Andrew.

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:45 Handbell Choir

7:30 Voice Choir

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00 Four Lutheran Congregation Lenten Gathering at Gloria Dei

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sunday, March 17, 2024; Fifth 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 a.m. Coffee Hour/Informal Congregation Meeting to discuss Four Church Proposal.



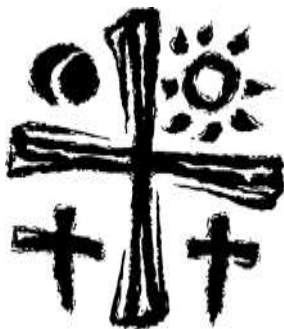
MIDWEEK GATHERINGS FOR SOUP, REFLECTION, EVENING PRAYER CONTINUE NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, AT GLORIA DEI CHURCH....

The third of four Wednesday night Lenten gatherings for our four Bristol/Plainville Lutheran congregations will be held at Gloria Dei Church, 355 Camp St., Bristol, 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 table conversation

and reflection focused on a selected reading, and will conclude with the liturgy of Compline/Night Prayer.

The four Midweek gatherings will return to St. Andrew Church on March 20. 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.



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 Church

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Four Church Worship at St. Andrew

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord, March 31, 9:30 a.m.



EASTER FLOWERS



We are accepting donations for Easter flowers. If you wish to honor a loved one or have a special thanksgiving, please complete the form attached in the Bulletin. Please submit your form and check by March 24th – either by mailing it to the church, placing the form in the offering plate or dropping it in the slot of the church office door. Suggested donations are \$20

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

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT!



Thank you to all who have donated to our upcoming sale. We will stop accepting donations on FRIDAY, March 15th. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall for anyone who wishes to help out on Friday or Saturday. PLEASE take the time to look at it and hopefully sign up to help.

There are still many ways for each of us to help. One way is social media. We have a flier that we would be happy to email to you so you can share it with your contacts. Please contact Robin at rnrland@comcast.net. You can volunteer for a few hours or more, whatever works for you.

How about some homemade cookies (2 or 3 cookies in a Zip lock bag to sell for a dollar each). It is a very popular item with a cup of coffee!



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.

BSA Troop 1425 presents

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER

WAKE UP TO A YARD FILLED WITH
EASTER EGGS PLUS A NOTE FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY!

PRICING
Eggs includes 1 small toy or 1 piece of candy

24 Eggs = \$25
48 Eggs = \$45
72 Eggs = \$65
100 Eggs = \$80

Delivery Saturday Night
March 30th after 8 pm

Orders due by Friday March 22nd
Email troop1425committee@gmail.com
or call/text Whitney (860) 941-7895
to schedule delivery or more info

Delivery available for Bristol area

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TROOP 1425'S FUNDRAISER
TO ATTEND HIGH ADVENTURE AT THE SUMMIT WV 2025

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, Patricia Castro, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound, including Nancy Denehy.

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:**

By:

**Joan Usala
Patti-Jane Plourde**

**Joan Strecker
Barbara and Ken Soden**



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 10, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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