

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

News Notes for the Week of March 24, 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

JOIN THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY...

From Hosannas to the Table, the Cross and to Endless Alleluias



This Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

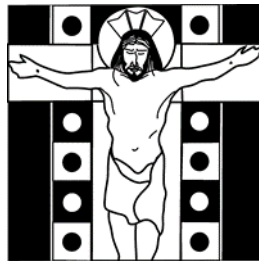
We will gather outside the front doors (weather permitting)
for the blessing of the palms
and the procession into church singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."
We then turn to the hearing of the Passion Story according to Mark.
Children's message. Holy Communion.



Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Four Church Worship at Gloria Dei Church, 355 Camp Ave., Bristol.

On this night we witness and experience the servant love of Jesus as he kneels to wash the feet of his disciples on the night of his betrayal.



Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Four Church Worship at St. Andrew.

Gather at the foot of the cross to hear the Passion according to St. John and hear the proclamation that "Christ reigns from the wood of the cross."

Hear anew the ancient Bidding Prayers that gather the whole creation within the embrace of the cross.



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

Festive song and rejoicing! Alleluias abound.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

A new creation breaks out!

Invite family members, friends and neighbors to share the joy!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24, 2024; Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

(Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

Facebook and YouTube:

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

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

10:30 Coffee Hour

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Gloria Dei

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

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (Youth Room)

Friday, March 29, 2024

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

Coming up: The students and chaperones are heading to Camp Calumet in NH on Apr 12-14 for "Confirmation Camp".....if you'd like to make a donation to keep their snack supply full for the weekend, please see Arlene C.

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.

On both Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday children will remain in church for worship. There will be a Children's Message each Sunday.

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. Participate 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)

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, APRIL 7, TO VOTE ON CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL

A special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 7, has been called for the people of St. Andrew Church to vote on the Proposal for a New Lutheran Ministry in Bristol and Plainville that was presented by the Four Church Collaboration Committee at a meeting for the four congregations on Sunday, March 10. The meeting will be held after worship.

The Proposal calls for the St. Andrew Church building to be the location for the new ministry with the Zion Church location to continue serving as the location of the Meals for Neighbors ministry. An outline for the steps ahead leading to the four congregations (Grace, Plainville; Zion, Gloria Dei and St. Andrew, Bristol) joining together as one is included in the Proposal. Approval of the proposal will propel forward the formal processes of consolidation, including the formation of a Transition Steering Committee and the formation of a Call Committee to search for a new pastor to serve the new congregation.

Please read the Proposal carefully before the Congregational Meeting. Slightly edited copies of the Proposal will come in your email/mail this week. If you have questions regarding the Proposal, please speak to the St. Andrew members of the Collaboration Committee:

Karen Biernat, Arlene Creswell, Owen VanBrocklin, Bob Herold, and Pastor Swenson. And continue to keep this process in your prayers that we may all remain open to the Spirit at work among us.

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.

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



**Community Wide
Sunrise Easter Service
March 31st 6:30am
Federal Hill Green**



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, Ann Maher, 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.*



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 24, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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