

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

News Notes for the Week of March 31, 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 THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
JOIN THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY...

From the Upper Room to the Cross and to Endless Alleluias

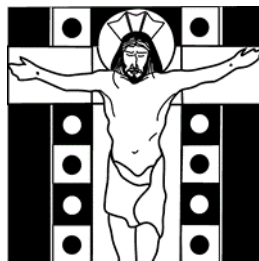


Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Gather around the table to share in the Lord's Supper.



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."

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

We leave in silence awaiting the news of Easter morning.



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!

Affirmation of Baptism.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31, 2024; Easter Sunday

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, April 1, 2024

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Special Congregation Meeting for the purpose of voting on recommendations of the Four Church Collaboration Committee

Your 4-church collaboration committee discusses names for the new ministry..... stay tuned!

We feel blessed to work together and have become friends, we're BETTER TOGETHER!



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 Creswell.

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. Final copies of the Proposal were sent to the congregation this Monday either via email or land mail. 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 Congregation Council has nominated the following people to serve on the new Transition Steering Committee which will guide our congregations through the next months: Karen Biernat, Bill Golden and Bob Herold. Arlene Creswell and Britt Lynch have been nominated to serve on the Call Committee to search for and nominate for congregational approval a person to serve as pastor. Three people from each of the four existing congregations will serve on the Steering Committee. Two from each congregation will serve on the Call Committee. The election for these positions will be held after the congregation votes on the Proposal on April 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

WOW! WHAT A FANTASTIC TAG SALE!

After long weeks of hard work, planning and immeasurable comradery, energy and enthusiasm displayed by the dozens of folks who helped put it together, the doors opened to throngs of people last Friday night and Saturday for a terrific Tag Sale! What a tremendous display of St. Andrew Church hospitality and commitment! Our gratitude to all who made it such a smashing success! According to the latest report, the event raised over \$7,000 to support the ministries of St. Andrew Church.

Check out a few of the pictures of folks waiting to surge in on Friday night and of the rooms filled with treasures galore. Plus the great food stand with the best hot dogs in town! (Thanks to Dawn Stitham for the pictures!)



**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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Kiernan DuBay	16	Giada Mazzarella
1	Daria Fournier	17	Kenneth Delkescamp
3	Susan Provenzano	20	Keith Clark
5	Lee-Ann Mastrianni	21	Margaret Delkescamp
7	Nancy Carpenter	26	Jack Alling
9	Layla McMahan	27	Jack Beaudoin
15	Claire Lessard	28	Catherine Matulis
15	Britt Lynch	29	Lillian Milbrandt
15	Avery Motta	30	Lucy Kalat
16	Elizabeth Hintz	30	John Werner

The March 29, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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