

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

News Notes for the Week of June 2, 2024

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - 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

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**THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 9:30 A.M.  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Come, gather around Word and Table to lift our songs and prayers  
to the One who makes all things new  
and who opens our eyes to follow and live in the light of that new way!  
Hear Jesus help us think about Sabbath keeping  
and its life-enhancing meaning.  
*"Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob." Psalm 81.1*

To prepare for worship read the texts we will be hearing in the assembly:  
Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet someone you have not yet met.  
Walk with them into the coffee hour and share engaging conversation with them.  
*"Welcome one another...just as Christ has welcomed you..."*

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, June 2, 2024; 2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

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

### **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

7:00 p.m. Voice Choir

### **Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

### **Thursday, June 6, 2024**

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

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

### **Sunday, June 9, 2024 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour



## **ONE WEEK FROM THIS SUNDAY ON JUNE 9... CELEBRATE CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY!!**

This will be a glorious day for singing!

Our liturgy will be abbreviated slightly to accommodate lots of song.

Our gathering hymn slot will provide an opportunity

for you to select favorite hymns to sing.

The sermon time will be devoted to a selection of "Hymns of Creation" —

some new and some familiar — with brief remarks in between.

The Choir will sing. Instruments will ring.

And we will give thanks to the musicians who so richly enhance

the worship life of St. Andrew Church!

## **NEWS ABOUT CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY TIME AND MORE...**

After a tremendous year of Bible focused learning activities for children ages 2-12, our CBST will be taking a summer break beginning June 23. Our thanks to all who have led this special time for children during the past months!

But we've got more great weeks before the 23rd! New children are always welcome! Spread the news!

Please contact Britt Elise Lynch if you have questions, wish to participate as a leader to helper, or would like more information.

And for the "best ever summer week" for kids in Bristol and beyond, check out the news about Vacation Bible School in this issue of the NewsNotes. Share in this special week and bring your friends and neighbors!

## **THREE CHURCH CONSOLIDATION NEWS...**

The "nuts and bolts" work of binding together the people and ministries of Zion, Grace and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches into a new ministry continues.

The Steering Committee for the new ministry met again on Wednesday evening, May 29, at St. Andrew Church. (Watch for news about this meeting in next week's NewsNotes.) Small sub-groups focusing on specific areas of ministry are forming.

The St. Andrew Church members of the Steering Committee (Karen Biernat, Bill Golden and Bob Herold) are always eager to share what's going on and to hear your ideas, insights and concerns.

The Call Committee, assigned to develop a Ministry Site Profile for the new congregation and then to interview potential candidates for the new pastor of this new ministry, is in its early stages of work. Arlene Creswell and Britt Lynch are St. Andrew's representatives on this committee.

And mark your calendars for these two special dates/events:

- Sunday, June 30 ... joint worship service at St. Andrew Church, special coffee hour/luncheon/ice cream social (TBD), and gathering to choose the name for the new congregation.
- Sunday, July 14, the Rev. Maria Hammons, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod, will be with us for a special and important conversation about "hospitality" and the changes we will be experiencing as a new ministry takes shape and develops. Pastor Hammons will be working with all three of our current congregations as we all are stepping into significant change and new patterns of life.

And watch for a special "informal, informational" congregation meeting or two or three over the summer months that will keep you up to date on developments.

## ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS!!!

**VBS 2024 needs you! We are in need of supplies for our decorating team to transform our building into a rainforest for VBS July 8-12**

We've created an [Amazon Wishlist](#).....go to your Amazon account and search:

### VBS Rainforest Explorers



There will be several items for decorating that are needed. The list will be updated regularly, and when you place an order, it will be shipped directly to Dawn Stitham

[Please place your order today!!!!](#)

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lr/2CY5YA8E0XNMZ?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_CtxJdRqNOMRR6](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lr/2CY5YA8E0XNMZ?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_CtxJdRqNOMRR6)

### ST. ANDREW CRAFT GROUP

GOT ANY LEFTOVER BIG COFFEE CANS ? .....CARDBOARD TUBES FROM PAPER TOWELS ? The Craft group can use them in creating a RAIN FOREST for our up-coming VBS. Just drop them off in the Parish life room or outside the church office. (Thanks !!)

We can always use a few more volunteers to add to our very friendly group of crafters . If you can glue stuff together including leaves on trees made of cardboard tubes, or turn an old bathtub box into "Sid the Sloths" house, complete with a roof covered with huge leaves, we'd love to have you join us! It is a whole lot of fun!

Please contact Robin [-RNRLAND@comcast.net](mailto:-RNRLAND@comcast.net) if you are interested.



## 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sponsored by the following Lutheran Churches  
Gloria Dei, Grace, St. Andrew and Zion

DATE: JULY 8 – July 12, 2024  
TIME: 5:30 – 8 PM  
LOCATION: St Andrew Lutheran  
1125 Stafford Avenue  
Bristol, CT 06010  
Ages: Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Free for all – dinner included

To register, go to [www.standrewct.org](http://www.standrewct.org) and click on VBS. Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Scholarship Applications

There is a link at the bottom of this email for the Pastor Perry and Sally Beaver Scholarship of St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a post-secondary program are welcome to apply for this scholarship, which awards up to \$500 in scholarship(s) to eligible members annually. Applications are due in the church office ([churchoffice@standrewct.org](mailto:churchoffice@standrewct.org)) by **May 30, 2024**.



## **NEW ENGLAND SYNOD SCHOOL OF LAY MINISTRY BEGINS NEW SESSION IN THE FALL**

"Curious? Maybe interested? see Arlene Creswell,  
School of Lay Ministry (SLM) Class of 2010.  
Remote learning, flexible schedule, fits into your life - it's great!

The New England Synod offers a two-year educational program for laypersons through its School of Lay Ministry. It is an innovative program designed to give adult students an opportunity to grow in their faith for the purpose of personal spiritual development, biblical enrichment and life-long learning. The School embodies the belief in the "priesthood of all believers," empowering its students to greater service to God and their congregations.

Enrollment is open to anyone over 18 years of age interested in learning more about the history and development of Christianity, the Bible, Lutheranism and more. No educational prerequisite or expectation of prior biblical or theological knowledge is required.



### **SUMMER STEWARDSHIP**

Summer is coming soon (hopefully) and our thoughts turn to BBQs, vacations, sitting on the deck/patio and taking a deep breath. A time of restorative peace, perhaps. Vacations, beach days, yardwork! God wants us to rest, renew, revive.... physically and spiritually too.

Part of our spiritual discipline is giving. The Bible teaches us to be generous in our care for others, and we ask for your generosity this summer:

- to continue support of our community in Mission funds
- to continue the support of people in need in the region, country and the world
- to continue the care of our facility and staff
- to facilitate needed repairs and updates in preparation of a new ministry

Thank you for your generosity

## **ST. PAULY SHED**

WARDROBE CHANGE TIME!!!!!!

As you flip your wardrobe from fall/winter to spring/summer, remember to bring any unwanted clothes and shoes for our St. Pauly shed.

Haven't worn that in a year? It goes!

Now that shirt is a little tight/loose? It goes!

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

## **GROCERY CART**

HUNGER DOESN'T GO ON VACATION

When shopping, please pick up some extra items like boxed pasta salads, canned beans, cereal, powdered milk, pudding/fruit cups,

Items always needed are pasta sauce, canned meats and fruits, diapers of any size and baby wipes.

Watch for sales and feed your neighbor!

## **PRAYERS**

**We offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for:**

- those known to us in need of healing: Freda Ahl, Lori Boisvert, Nancy Carpenter, Charlie Caston, Patricia Castro, Lee Hardin, Denise Holyst, Larry Holyst, Bob Lagasse, Joan Lagasse, Ann Maher, Bill Murtha, Donna Ouellette, Marge Pearson, Vincent Provenzano, Callum Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Tracey Simpson, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, John Werner, Todd Wish, Anna Zurell, Roy Zurell, 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](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.*



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	Arlene Creswell	14	Luis Cardenas Jr.
4	Brian Tessman	15	Renae Smith
6	Heidi DellaBianca	15	Caden Tampellini
8	Carlina Mazarella	17	Irene Nelson
9	Roger Narvesen	19	Robert Boisvert
9	Skylar Neumann	21	Thomas Golden
10	Robert Cunningham	21	Ralph Landrette
10	Joyce Killiany	22	Margaret Beauregard
13	William Golden	22	Leslieann Koonz
13	Sharon Modeen	25	Kathleen Winter
13	Nikolas Shackford	26	David Sonstrom

The June 2, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16Xg6o3Ld1Dwl9NoCPSCoo4u9u3XxwuGV/view?usp=sharing>

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