

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

News Notes for the Week of May 19, 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



Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**THIS SUNDAY, MAY 19,
DAY OF PENTECOST
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!!**

Come celebrate the festival of Pentecost, this Sunday, May 19, as we rejoice in the empowering, life giving graces of the promised Holy Spirit moving through and enlivening the ministry of the Church!

Pentecost brings to conclusion the Great Fifty Days of Easter and lifts and carries us into the long season of being and becoming the living body of Christ, practicing resurrection and bearing witness to God's undying love for the world. Pentecost is a lively, even noisy festival of the Church (see below about the

noise part and how you can be a part of the noise making!). Pentecost is a day for rejoicing, of knowing that God's Spirit is alive and at work among us.

There will be a children's message this Sunday too.

And wear something red when you come to worship! Red is the color for this festival day!

More about Pentecost ... Help Make Noise! The Sounds of Pentecost!

As we celebrate the festival of Pentecost, you are invited to help make a semblance of the noise of the first Pentecost day when the Holy Spirit breathed into the followers of Jesus and moved the Church into action.

In the Book of Acts we read: *"All of them (the followers of Jesus who had gathered in a small upstairs room in Jerusalem) were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."*

Do you speak a language other than English, even in a very elemental way? You are invited to help in the reading of part the Pentecost story in that language. Don't worry if your Spanish or Italian or Greek or Swedish or French or German or Japanese or Latin or Zulu or Trukese is not perfect. You'll be speaking simultaneously with everyone else to make a wonderful cacophony of sounds, just like Pentecost!

There's still time to offer your help! Just let Pastor Swenson know emailing him (pastorlrs@comcast.net). He will supply you with the information (and the text in your language) you need. Thanks!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19, 2024; Day of Pentecost

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:45 p.m. Hand Bells

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

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

Sunday, May 26, 2024 The Holy Trinity

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

NEW CHURCH NEWS...

At its first meeting after the proposal for forming a new Lutheran ministry in the Bristol region was re-affirmed by Grace, Zion and St. Andrew Churches, the Steering Committee met at Zion Church on Monday evening, May 13. Dates were set to help provide a framework for the weeks and months to come. The “nuts and bolts” of organizing a new congregation were laid out and first steps were taken for the process to begin unfolding.

Among the highlights from the meeting:

- Reformation Sunday, October 27, was set as the goal for holding the first worship of the new congregation.
- On September 29, specially called congregational meetings for each of the current three congregations will be held to formally approve the legal documents that will officially form the new ministry.
- Closing worship services formally marking the end of each individual congregation's ministries will be held in October prior to the 27th.
- Each of the congregations will be working with the Rev. Maria Hammons of the New England Synod staff to tend to legal matters, real estate sales, legacy giving and other concerns that will lead toward consolidation.
- Committees (Property, Worship and Music, Faith Formation, Community Outreach, etc.) that will help shape the ministry of the new congregation will be forming soon. Steering Committee members were assigned to lead the development of those key ministry teams.
- The Call Committee, with two members already appointed from each congregation, will begin meeting soon with Pastor Steven Wilco to develop a Ministry Site Profile, the document describing the congregation and its priorities for a new pastor. This Profile will be shared with potential candidates for pastor.
- A joint worship service, special meeting and social occasion (ice cream social?) will be held on Sunday, June 29, at St. Andrew Church. During the meeting an update on the steps toward consolidation will be shared, and all will participate in the naming of the new congregation.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be May 29, 6:30 p.m., at St. Andrew.

Representing St. Andrew on the Steering Committee are: Karen Biernat, Bill Golden and Bob Herold. Serving on the Call Committee are: Arlene Creswell and Britt Lynch.

One wise and good piece of advice for the people of all our congregations was shared at the meeting: *“Be gentle with one another.”* As we journey through these days of change and stepping into new places, when there is much to do, ideas swirl, and when stress can mount and anxiety can rile, that is good advice indeed. *“Be gentle with one another.”* And continue in prayer for and with one another, trusting in the Spirit to guide us.

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, except for May when the children's message will be on May 19, Pentecost Sunday.

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



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 6th grade

Free for all – dinner included

To register, go to www.standrewct.org and click on VBS. Registration opens April 1st.

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) 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: 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, 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.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Jon FitzGerald	19	Tina Beaudoin
3	Wesley Hoyt	19	Lisa Fournier
3	Tyler McMahan	20	Owen VanBrocklin
4	Andrew Trudel	21	Omar Ramirez
8	Michael Lynch	22	Lindsey Matulis
8	Charles Schissler	23	Quinn Vontell
12	Abigail Griffin	24	Zachary Fournier
13	Erin Avolt	25	Donald Milbrandt
13	Levi Avolt	26	Melissa Hoyt
14	Dawn Stitham	27	Karen Biernat
15	Kristin Beaudoin	28	Robin Caron
15	Olivia Beaudoin	28	David Hoyt
15	Erica Matulis	31	Mark Beauregard
15	Kenneth Soden	31	Brian Murphy
17	Kenneth Griffin		

The May 19, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VJ_G5Nmz0VdCpVgiw8kTNgmccvghz4c/view?usp=sharing

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