

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

News Notes for the Week of May 26, 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, MAY 26,  
THE HOLY TRINITY  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

This Sunday as we gather around Word and Table, we celebrate the mystery, wonder and nearness of the Holy Trinity ... God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Sing and rejoice! Come, join the dance of the Trinity!

Prepare for this Sunday by reading the Scripture lessons to be heard: Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet someone you have not yet met.  
Join them at coffee hour for conversation.

Build together a house of welcome and hospitality!

Consider this prayer by the 14th century mystic, Catherine of Siena,  
as we lean toward this Holy Trinity Sunday...

*O eternal Trinity, my sweet love!  
You, light, give us light.  
You, wisdom, give us wisdom.  
You supreme strength, strengthen us.  
Today, eternal God, let our cloud be dissipated  
so that we may perfectly know and follow your Truth  
in truth, with a free and simple heart.*

*(From The Prayers of Catherine of Siena, ed Suzanne Noffke, New York, Paulist Press, 1983)*

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, May 26, 2024; The Holy Trinity, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, May 28, 2024**

7:00 p.m. Voice Choir

### **Wednesday, May 29**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

6:30 p.m., Three Church Steering Committee, at St. Andrew

### **Thursday, May 30, 2024**

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

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

### **Sunday, June 2, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

## **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.

## **CONFIRMATION YEAR #1 COMPLETE!**



The students had an ice cream party to wrap-up the first year of confirmation. Great job!

Thanks to Pr Ryan Heckman of St Matthew, Avon and Matt Girard of St Andrew for teaching this year...they are GREAT with kids!

This fall, year 2 will begin, we need a teacher(s) as Ryan has accepted a call to St Matthew. If you like kids and love Jesus....WE NEED YOU!!!

(See Pastor, Arlene C, at St. Andrew or Wendy C, at Gloria Dei)

### **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.*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Jon FitzGerald	19 Tina Beaudoin
3 Wesley Hoyt	19 Lisa Fournier
3 Tyler McMahon	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	

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Arlene Creswell	14 Luis Cardenas Jr.
4 Brian Tessman	15 Renae Smith
6 Heidi DellaBianca	15 Caden Tampellini
8 Carlina Mazzarella	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 May 26, 2024 bulletin can be found here:**

**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FpBtJyRcB8UTKbb9eNOp1yyqdFqnlzGJ/view?usp=sharing>**

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**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16OpPurAOT4aOM9uIVJd-zlim9P9u3Wy4/view?usp=sharing>**