

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

News Notes for the Week of August 4, 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



**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!
August 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

As we gather around Word and Table, the miracle of God's providing us what is good and necessary to our lives and to our life together remains central...the journeying Israelites wake up to discover abundant manna in the wilderness and their hunger ceases; the people who follow Jesus around the lake after he feeds over 5,000 folks from one small lunch box are given to hear that Jesus is the true bread of life.

In him we are provided abundant life!

As you prepare for worship this Sunday prayerfully and thoughtfully read the texts we will hear together:
Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Psalm 78.23-29; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet and welcome someone you have not yet met. Continue your conversation over coffee and treats in the hall.

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 4, 2024; 11th 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.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q.

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

Thursday, August 8, 2024

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

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

Sunday, August 11, 2024 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE NEW CHURCH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 23

The Faith Lutheran Church Steering Committee met last Tuesday at Grace Church to continue their work in planning for the birth of a new ministry. Among the highlights:

- Discussion of the Congregational Meetings to be held separately at Zion, Grace and St. Andrew Churches on Sunday, September 29 to approve legal closure and incorporation documents that will bring to a close each of our congregation's ministries and open the door on the formal establishment of the new Faith Lutheran Church. Brad Cook, the attorney who works with the New England Synod on legal affairs, will be preparing the documents which will be made available for the three congregations to distribute to its members in early September. We will also be approving proposals for Legacy Giving at that meeting. Each congregation will be choosing how to contribute ten percent of their assets to charitable organizations or ministries of the wider church.
- Each of our three congregations will be planning two special worship services in October before the official first worship service as Faith Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, October 27. One service is meant to be a celebration of the congregation's ministry over the years. The second will be to mark the closure of the congregation.
- Staffing (Music Minister, Administrative Assistant, and custodial service) for the new ministry was discussed. The Call Committee is awaiting a candidate for the role of pastor.
- The Worship Committee has been considering the various worship traditions of the three congregations, and how sacred items from Zion and Grace might enhance the new worship space.
- Considerable time was devoted to the many ideas developed by the Property Committee for updating and renovating the current St. Andrew building. The Committee set as a priority the redesign/renovation of the chancel/altar area of the church, a high impact project that will reflect "newness" for worshippers on the first Sunday of worshipping as Faith Church. Ideas for opening up spaces for children and for those in wheelchairs are also priorities. A budget of \$50,000 coming from the three churches was set to get the high priority projects started.
- Brief committee reports were offered.

Progress is being made. Still lots of things to think about and do! Our gratitude to the members of the Steering Committee and the ministry committees for their dedication in giving shape to Faith Lutheran Church. More help is always welcome! There is work for everyone. (For help in finding the right place for you in this church building work speak to one of the Steering Committee members from St. Andrew: Karen Biernat, Bill Golden or Bob Herold.)

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on August 13, 6:30 p.m., at St. Andrew Church.

Keep this new congregation in your prayers that the Spirit will lead us with courage, wisdom, vision and joy-filled expectation!

Ideas, Proposals Invited for Legacy Giving

As part of the Proposal for a New Lutheran Ministry adopted by Zion, Grace and St. Andrew Churches back in May there was agreement that each congregation would, as part of their closings, direct 10% of their assets to church or community non-profit organizations doing vital, life giving services. These organizations can be either local or national or global.

You are invited to present an idea or proposal for this Legacy Giving to Bob Herold, Congregational President, before the next Congregation Council meeting, August 25. Please submit your suggestions in writing via email (rv1230@comcast.net) or post letter to the church 1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT 06010.

The Congregation Council will consider the proposals submitted and present a formal proposal for congregational approval before the September 29 Congregational Meeting when the formal legal documents for the closure of St. Andrew's ministry and the formation of the new Faith Lutheran Church will be acted on.



BETTER TOGETHER

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Please give generously-
in thanksgiving for our life at St
Andrew, and in thanksgiving for our
life as one new ministry

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you
have received to serve others, as
faithful stewards of God's grace in its various
forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

ST. PAULY SHED



We remain committed to continue our relationship with the St Pauly organization. Not only does it generate income between \$5,000-\$10,000 each year for the church, it provides us an opportunity to reach out into our own community with clothing and other items. And saves literally TONS of items from landfills. **Good stewarding of the earth!** Please continue to use the shed and let all your friends and family know!

GROCERY CART



As we maneuver readying the building for new life, the grocery cart will remain for the time being, it may find a new place to be parked..... but WHEREVER it is it will be welcoming your grocery donations to feed our neighbors!

PRAYERS

We offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for:

- those known to us in need of healing: Freda Ahl, Sandy Bidwell, Lori Boisvert, Nancy Carpenter, Charlie Caston, Susan Caston, Patricia Castro, Rusty Cunningham, Nancy Denehy, Jean Gustafson, Terry Gustafson, Lee Hardin, Denise Holyst, Larry Holyst, Patti Kelley, Bob Lagasse, Joan Lagasse, Ann Maher, Pamela Murphy, Bill Murtha, Marge Murtha, Donna Ouellette, Marge Pearson, Callum Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Tracey Simpson, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, John Werner, Todd Wish, Anna Zurell, Roy Zurell.
- Prayers of consolation for Carol Emond upon the death of her brother, Eric Ostman, who died on July 13. A committal service was held for him at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown on July 26.

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.*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Tyler Adam	14 Kaysie Procko
1 Robert Lagasse	17 Vincent Phaneuf, Jr.
1 George Matulis, Jr.	20 Jonathan Harrison
4 Arlene Schissler	22 Edie Narvesen
4 David Soden	22 Roy Ouellette
6 Joseph Edward Boisvert	23 Emily Pratt
6 Daniel Ropp	26 June Beaulieu
7 Cathy Doty	26 Daniel Golden
8 Martha Burkhardt	27 Kathryn Simpson
8 Heather Tampellini	28 Carol Brunelle
9 Riley Ballash	28 Kevin Smith
9 Lynn Pelow	30 Laurie Straceski
14 Kristofer Culin	31 Jordyn Procko
	31 Edward Redman

The August 4, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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