

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

News Notes for the Week of July 14, 2024

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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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## WORSHIP

**THIS SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Come join the procession of God's people singing:

*"I was glad when they said the me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122.1)*

As we gather in thanksgiving around Word and Table

we hear readings from the prophet Amos and the Gospel according to Mark

reminding us of our calling to witness boldly to God's justice

as we proclaim God's saving love for the whole creation.

Called to worship, we are sent to serve!

Prepare for worship this Sunday by reading thoughtfully the texts we will hear together:

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, and Mark 6:14-29.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet folks you have not yet met.

Welcome them with grace-filled hospitality.

Continue your conversation at coffee hour  
as we build together new community in Christ!

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, July 14, 2024; 8<sup>th</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 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Congregation Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

### **Thursday, July 18, 2024**

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

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

### **Sunday, July 21 2024 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Discussion led by Rev. Maria Hammons -Responsibilities and Challenges of Transition to a New Ministry

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Church hours will be back to normal beginning the week of July 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



As this issue of the NewsNotes is being prepared nearly 40 children and more than 20 adults are gathering nightly with excitement and expectation at St. Andrew Church for "the best week of the summer" for kids in the Bristol region. Great food (every session begins with supper for the kids and staff), skits with Sidney the Sloth (the puppet), Bible stories, games, and crafts are all part of the fun, friendship making, and faith building every evening at Vacation Bible School.

Keep all the participants in your prayers this week!  
And watch for pictures from the week in next week's NewsNotes.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY, JULY 21...

We will welcome the Rev. Maria Hammons, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod, whose role is to help congregations walk gracefully through change, closure and new days. She will preach during worship and the lead us in discussion during coffee hour about the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities that lie ahead for us as three congregations become the Faith Lutheran Church (the name recently chosen for the new ministry we are now building).



# 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, Lori Boisvert, Nancy Carpenter, Charlie Caston, Susan Caston, Patricia Castro, Nancy Denehy, Jean 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.

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.*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Wendy Cunningham	11 Janet Redman
2 Scott Nadeau	14 Matthew Keane
3 Weller Simmons	18 Thea Griffin
4 Pamela Murphy	18 Azalea Nadeau
5 Jill Little	22 Chadd Vontell
5 Charles Simmons	23 David Nelson III
6 Dylan McMahon	24 Cameron Ballash
8 Donna McCarthy	24 Brenda Dubnansky
9 William Mackey	25 Richard Procko
9 Susan Phaneuf	26 Nicholas Ropp
11 Jon Burkhardt	31 Christine Mitchell
	31 Norman Schauss

The July 14, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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