

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

**News Notes for the Week of July 21, 2024**

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

**Church Phone: 860.583.5809**

**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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**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!**  
**JULY 21, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

As we gather around Word and Table this Sunday we give thanks for the compassion of the living Jesus that heals and makes us new, and sing with St. Paul a hymn of gratitude for the way we are all drawn together in "the household of God...with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone..."

This Sunday we welcome the Rev. Maria Hammons, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod, whose role is to help congregations walk gracefully through transition, closure and new days. She will preach during worship and then lead us in conversation during coffee hour about the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities that lie ahead for us as three congregations — Grace, Zion and St. Andrew — become the new Faith Lutheran Church.

Please join this important, informative conversation as we continue to move forward toward the day the new ministry will be born on October 27.

In preparation for worship this Sunday read thoughtfully and prayerfully the Scripture texts we will hear together: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56.

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

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!"*

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, July 21, 2024; 9<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/Discussion led by Rev. Maria Hammons -Responsibilities and Challenges of Transition to a New Ministry

### **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

### **Thursday, July 25, 2024**

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

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

### **Sunday, July 28 2024 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024...**

### **IT WAS A TREMENDOUS, TERRIFIC, STUPENDOUS WEEK!!!**

*(And that just begins to describe it!)*

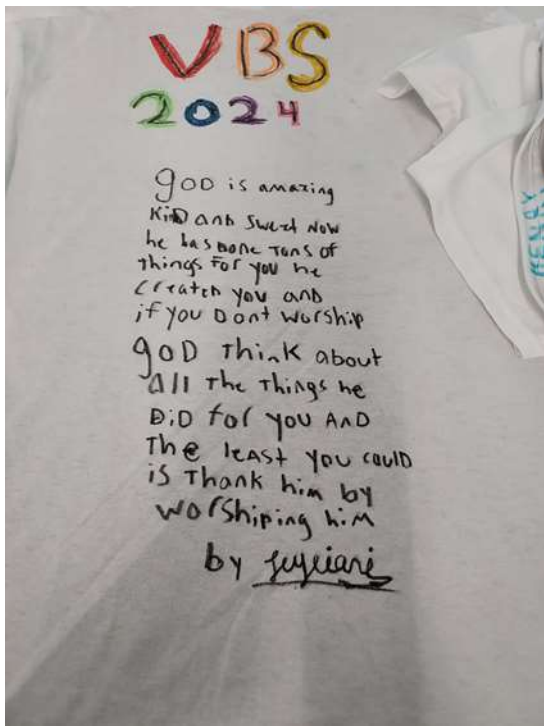
From the welcoming faces at the door, to the kid friendly suppers, the to the fun opening skits with Sidney the Sloth that set the theme for each night's activities, to the rousing songs ("Our God is so mighty..." "Who built the ark? Noah! Noah!...and more); to the classrooms centered on key Bible stories helping kids know Jesus as our true treasure; to the energetic games and colorful, crafty crafts...all embraced and led by a wonderful, enthusiastic, caring team of people along each step of the way ... it was indeed the best week of the summer for over 35 kids from the Bristol area!

Our abundant thanks to the beautiful children who participated, their families who brought them, the entire staff that fed, taught, played and prayed with them!

And our gratitude to Arlene Creswell and Deb Ahl, co-Coordinator of VBS, whose tireless work and passion help weave this week together in wonderful ways!

If you have access to FaceBook check out the St. Andrew FaceBook page for a whole bunch of pictures from the week.

But check out this sampling of the joy of the week. And read carefully the thoughtful words written on her t-shirt by one of our children, and the grateful words of one parent at the end of the week. Signs of God's vibrant presence, grace and love!



**Saint Andrew Lutheran Church of Bristol, CT**

*I wanted to send a warm thank you to the church for a great VBS program! It was my children's first time ever. We aren't even members of this church but my children were welcomed with open arms and love. I felt like my children were safe and protected. They had an amazing time. Thank you very much. Bristol has some great church communities. KT*

(From FaceBook)



## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ... AN UPDATE**

While the Steering Committee doesn't meet again until next week (Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 at Grace Church, Plainville), the host of sub-committees tasked to give shape to the many ministries of the new Faith Lutheran Church have been very busy over the past month.

The Property Committee is considering what renovations can be made at the current St. Andrew building to make it a new home for a new congregation. The Worship Committee is considering the worship traditions of three congregations and how worship will be shaped for a new day. A Board to coordinate the work of the Meals for Neighbors feeding ministry is being formed. Parish Life ideas are stirring. The Call Committee has completed its work on the Ministry Site Profile and is gearing up to receive a candidate to serve as pastor of Faith Church. The Constitution for the new congregation is nearly complete. And lots more.

A special informal, informational Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on July 28 to update you on all the work being done by the Steering Committee and its many sub-committees. This meeting will provide a time for questions and for you to offer your help in the ongoing development of this exciting new ministry!

In the meantime, keep this new congregation in your prayers that we will be graced by the Holy Spirit with courage, vision and wisdom in the coming days!



# 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 McMahan	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

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