

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

News Notes for the Week of July 28, 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



Worship this Sunday!

9:30 a.m.

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, July 28, 2024

With grateful hearts we gather around Word and Table this Sunday to hear the astonishing story from John's Gospel telling of Jesus feeding a hungry crowd of 5,000 or so with a boy's lunch of five barley loaves and two fish. With lots left over! A wonderful opportunity to consider the abundance of God!

This will be the first of five consecutive readings from St. John's discourse focused on Jesus as the Bread of Life.

In the Psalm we hear what Martin Luther often suggested for prayer around the table before eating:
"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing."

Prepare for worship this Sunday by prayerfully and thoughtfully reflecting on the texts we will hear read:
2 Kings 4.42-44; Psalm 145.10-18; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet and welcome someone you have not yet met! Share a cup of coffee or iced tea and conversation with them in the hall after worship.
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!"

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28, 2024; 10th 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/Update on Steering Committee Progress on New Church Development

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

Thursday, August 1, 2024

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

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

Sunday, August 4, 2024 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

After Worship this Sunday... Update on Steering Committee's Progress on New Church Development

A special informal, informational Congregational Meeting will be held after worship this Sunday, July 28, to update you on all the work being done by the Steering Committee and its many sub-committees as we move toward the formation of Faith Lutheran Church. This meeting will also provide a time for questions and for you to offer your help in the ongoing development of this exciting new ministry as the current Zion, Grace and St. Andrew Churches become a new congregation.

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!

A Note about Being Faith Church...

In deciding to call ourselves Faith Church, we have at the same time determined to be Faith Church, that is, to be a community daring to live by faith.

It helps to be reminded, as Frederick Buechner once said: "Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than a possession...Faith is not being sure where you're going but going anyway. A journey without maps." (Wishful Thinking, p. 25)

As we move forward in trust becoming Faith Church, let's sing with St. Paul (ringing words we'll hear this Sunday): "*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*" (Ephesians 3.20-21)

LRS



A Musical Note for this Sunday

Sunday, July 28 has been designated by the ELCA as a day to recognize and honor the musical contributions to the church by several composers of the Baroque Era. Johann Sebastian Bach of course was the most influential and prolific composer in the Lutheran church in Germany. Other composers recognized on this day are George Frederick Handel (who composed *The Messiah*) and Heinrich Schutz, also a composer, who is widely regarded as the greatest German composer before J.S. Bach. A friend and second cousin of J.S. Bach is Johann Walther, composer of today's prelude, devoted his life to music, composing church music, writing the first music theory books, a music dictionary and the first comprehensive music encyclopedia. We will delight in the beautiful music of these composers today and in future years.

One More Note about VBS...

Our gratitude to all who offered their help, skills, love and good cheer to make Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew Church such a wonderful week for kids: Arlene Creswell, Deb Ahl, Kathy Golden, Noelle Bruce, Lois Serafino, Aela Desmairis, Wendy Colite, Vicki Dube, Jen Stewart-Kriebel, Karen Collins, Deb Wyrebek, RoseAnn Chatfield, Janet Glynn, Matt Girard, Emily Girard, Holly Cushing, Dylan Cushing, Will Cushing, Mike Robotham, Nancy Carpenter, Karen Lombardi, Bob Herold, Pastor Les Swenson, Pastor Chris Dion, Pastor Ed Duffy, Momma J, Sandy Milke, Vera Herold, Linda Klopp, Antonio Chatfield, Joan Lindquist, Carol Emond, Roy Ouellette, Dawn Stitham, Robin Landrette.

What a fantastic crew of people! Many, many thanks to all! (And our apologies to any who helped but whose names are missing from this list.)



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.

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 July 28, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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