

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

**News Notes for the Week of July 7, 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



**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

As we gather around Word and Table for prayer, praise and thanksgiving, and as we hear God's call to Ezekiel to go and speak God's word to a stubborn people and then listen to Jesus sending out his disciples to share the good news, we realize the challenges that await us as we seek to minister in Jesus' name. At the same time we hear the words that gave St. Paul assurance in his ministry and welcome them in ours: "My grace is sufficient for you..."  
Thanks be to God!

Prepare for worship this week by reading the Scripture readings we will hear together:  
Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13.

This Sunday, greet and welcome someone you have not yet met!  
Share coffee and conversation with one another in the hall!  
*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!*

**YES!**  
**WE HAVE A NAME FOR OUR NEW EMERGING MINISTRY!!**

And we shall call ourselves:  
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

No longer will it be "Name-to-be-Determined Lutheran Church,"  
for now the name has been determined!

Last Sunday, June 30,  
after a wonderful joint worship service attended by 106 people,  
members and friends of our three uniting Lutheran congregations of Bristol and Plainville — Grace, Zion  
and St. Andrew — voted to name our new ministry:

### **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod, ELCA, who preached at  
worship, also presided over our naming decision.

He also provided an overview of the work of the Steering Committee  
for the future Faith Lutheran Church as they continue putting together the building blocks for the  
ministry of our new congregation.

Following worship and the special meeting a festive social hour featuring mounds of ice cream,  
toppings, and more goodies than you can imagine were enjoyed by all! Thanks to all who contributed  
to this special day!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, July 7, 2024; 7<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 Coffee Hour

#### **Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

No Summer Bells

#### **Thursday, July 11, 2024**

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

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

#### **Sunday, July 14, 2024 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

### **VBS BEGINS**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Please note the change to the office hours for the following weeks due to vacation.

Week of July 8<sup>th</sup> - Office hours will be Monday – Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Week of July 15<sup>th</sup> – Office hours will be Wednesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## **NOTES FROM LAST NEW MINISTRY STEERING COMMITTEE...**

The members of the New Church Steering Committee, along with the Rev. Steven Wilco, met for their fourth meeting since May 13 on Tuesday evening, June 25, at St. Andrew Church.

They continued to do the "foundation" work of building a new congregation. Among the steps taken at the meeting:

- Prepared for joint worship service at Stafford Ave. on June 30, and the "Naming" event to immediately follow worship.
- Elected officers for the new congregation from the membership of the Steering Committee. Elected were: Bob Herold, President; Bob Cummiskey, Vice-President; Linda Klopp, Secretary; and Sandy Milke, Treasurer.
- Completed work on the Constitution for the new congregation following Model Constitution for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Constitution will be voted for approval on September 29, when all three congregations will be voting to incorporate the new ministry.
- Reviewed drafts of job descriptions for interim positions of Minister of Music, Office Administrator, and custodial services.
- Received draft copies of the Ministry Site Profile describing the new congregation, outlining its goals for ministry, and basic qualities/skills we are seeking in a new pastor. This document will be provided to potential pastoral candidates as introduction to congregation and as starting point for conversation with them. Heard that Britt Lynch is serving as chair of the Call Committee and that they will soon be ready to receive a candidate (or candidates).
- Heard brief reports from some of the nine ministry committees that have been formed or that are in the process of being formed (Property, Worship and Music, Outreach and Meals for Neighbors, Faith Formation for Adults and Children/Youth, Reconciling In Christ process, Finance, Parish Life; Evangelism, Stewardship. Brief descriptions of the work of these ministry teams will be offered at the June 30 "Naming" event and people will be invited to offer their help with the development of the many ministries.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at Grace Church in Plainville, Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.

Karen Biernat, Bill Golden and Bob Herold are the elected representatives from St. Andrew serving on the Committee. They are always eager to talk with you about the work of the Committee and invite you to share in it! And keep the whole Committee in your prayers as they tend faithfully to their huge responsibilities!

## **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 one.



# 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, 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

The July 7, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

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