

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

**News Notes for the Week of August 18, 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**

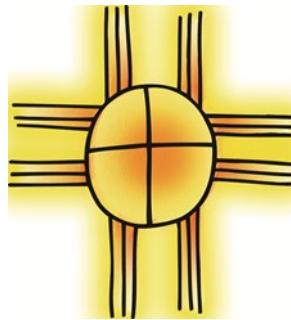
**Nicole Gergler, Church Administrator**

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!**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

Gather with thanksgiving around Word and Table as we continue to celebrate the mystery and abundant grace of Jesus, the Bread of Life. *"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them,"* Jesus declares.

As we are sent from worship into the world we hear St. Paul's exhortation to the church on Ephesus: *Be careful then how you live ... be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

As you prepare for worship read thoughtfully and prayerfully the texts we will hear together:  
Proverbs 9.1-6; Psalm 34.9-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58.

Look around you this Sunday. Greet and welcome someone you have not yet met. Continue your conversation over coffee, iced tea and treats in the hall. *Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!*

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, August 18, 2024; 13<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.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti\\_WSwRJ\\_ySbMA3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSSna5Ti_WSwRJ_ySbMA3Q).

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

### **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

### **Thursday, August 22, 2024**

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

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

### **Sunday, August 25, 2024 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Council Meeting after Service

11:00 a.m. Council meeting

## **AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY... BRIEF INFORMAL, INFORMATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

This Sunday after worship ... grab a cup of coffee and some goodies and hear from the new Faith Lutheran Church Steering Committee updates on the committee's work from their meeting on Tuesday evening (August 13). The day of Faith Church's first worship service, Reformation Sunday, October 27, draws near, with lots happening along the way. Stay in touch with what's going on and how you can help!

St. Andrew Church's representatives on the Steering Committee are always available for your questions and ideas. Our thanks to Karen Biernat, Bill Golden and Bob Herold for their fine ministry in serving on this leadership team.

## **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](mailto: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 at the September 29 Congregational Meeting

## CHOIR SEASON BEGINS 🎵

Tuesday, September 3

Discover the joy music can bring to your life and to the congregation's worship experience - as you sing and/or ring God's praises in one of St. Andrew's choirs. We can all be thankful for the dedicated singers and ringers among us who are members of these choirs. This autumn we will be welcoming additional singers as we transition to become the choir of Faith Lutheran Church! We will share the joys of making music together, preparing to lead congregational singing and sharing music with the congregation that comforts, praises or inspires.

So, **SAVE THE DATE** of the first rehearsals - **Tuesday, September 3rd!**

**Handbell Choir - 6:45-7:30pm, Voice choir - 7:30-9:00pm.**

*Gwynne*

**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](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.*

## **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 18, 2024 bulletin can be found here:**

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