

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

News Notes for the Week of August 25, 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 TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY!
AUGUST 25, 2024. 9:30 A.M.

Gather together around Word and Table this Sunday to join in the ringing words of Peter to Jesus: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Sing, pray, and give thanks for Jesus, the Bread of Life!

Prepare for worship this week by thoughtfully and prayerfully read the texts we will hear together this Sunday: *Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34.15-22; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69.*

Look around you this week. Greet and converse with someone you have not yet met.

Continue your conversation at coffee hour.

And in the days before this Sunday, invite someone you know who doesn't have a faith community

to worship with you this Sunday.

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!"

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25, 2024; 14th 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. Council meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024

6:30 p.m. New Church Steering Committee Meeting at St. Andrew

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

Thursday, August 29, 2024

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

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

Sunday, September 1, 2024 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH STEERING COMMITTEE CONTINUES WORK IN SHAPING NEW MINISTRY

At its meeting on Tuesday, August 13, the Steering Committee continued to blaze the path to the formation of the new Faith Lutheran Church — three congregations (Grace, Zion and St. Andrew) becoming one, aiming for our first official worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

Among the highlights of the meeting during which numerous issues were discussed:

- Heard that legal documents were now being prepared for the formal closure of the three congregations and for the incorporation of the new ministry by Attorney Bradford Cook of Manchester, NH.
- Both the Grace Church building and property and the triplex building owned by Zion Church are on the real estate market.
- The writing of the Constitution for new congregation is now complete.
- The Safe Church policy is nearing completion.
- A small committee is preparing the way for the hiring of an Administrative Assistant for the new congregation. The position was posted on Indeed, the online job search site, on August 15. The goal is for this staff person to begin in mid-October.
- The Property Committee, chaired by Bill Golden, has been busy preparing the current St. Andrew building to become the home for the new Faith Church. They met with an architect on August 14 to discuss possibilities for the redesign of the altar/chancel area of the church.
- The Worship Committee, chaired by Karen Biernat, is now planning for the first worship of the new congregation on October 27 and for the first weeks of our life together.
- Heard that Gwynne Hopko has accepted the invitation to serve as the Interim Minister of Music for Faith Church. (All appointed staff positions will be for six months with the possibility of renewal and continuation.)

- The Finance Committee is working on what computer programs the new church will be using for financial records. The Thomaston Savings Bank has been chosen as Faith Church's bank.
- The Call Committee, tasked with interviewing and recommending to the Steering Committee a candidate to serve as the pastor of Faith Church, has received the name of one candidate.
- We are seeking a person (or persons) to design a website and a logo for Faith Church.
- Hoping to begin a single weekly NewsNotes for the members and friends of our current congregations in September in order to keep everyone informed on church ministries and developments.
- A letter will soon be sent to all current members of the three congregations to update their address/contact information and to ensure they will want to continue their faith journeys as participants in the life of Faith Church.
- The Evangelism, Stewardship and Faith Formation ministries are in early stages of development.

Bob Herold, Bill Golden and Karen Biernat, elected representatives from St. Andrew Church to the Steering Committee, are always eager to respond to your questions and share updated news with you about the process of becoming a new congregation.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be Monday, August 26, 6:30 p.m., at St. Andrew.

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) 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



ST. PAULY SHED



St Pauly Shed is here to stay!
 Faith Lutheran will continue to utilize the shed, helping clothe people around the world, our neighbors, and bringing income to the church.
 IT'S ALMOST TIME TO CHANGE OUT THOSE WARDROBES TO FALL
 Tired of those old summer clothes? PUT IT IN THE SHED
 Tired of last year's flannel shirt? PUT IT IN THE SHED
 Those corduroys don't quite fit the same? PUT IT IN THE SHED

GROCERY CART/MEALS FOR NEIGHBORS



Watch for details in the next 90 days for ways that we can continue to support the food insecure in Bristol. Meals for Neighbors (MFN) will be needing volunteers and support, Gloria Dei will still be handing out over 200 bags of groceries twice a month..... etc. etc.
Whether you buy food to donate, cook for MFN, volunteer at a food drive, YOU are important to your neighbors!
Keep watch for details!

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, Krista Rescsanski, Paul Rescsanski, Charles Schissler, Steven Siecienski, Tracey Simpson, Johanna Tessman, Carole Wedler, John Werner, Todd Wish.

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.*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ashley Motta	16 Raymond Glidden
2 Nancy Denehy	17 Donald Scherling
2 Jean Gustafson	19 Andrew Adam
3 Katherine Cutter	19 Jacob Adam
4 Linda Mackey	20 Andrea Glidden
4 Madison Phaneuf	20 Kaylee Hall
5 Nathaniel Simmons	21 Kyle Galvin
7 Kyle Cruz	21 Ethan Hoyt
7 Kevin Kalat	21 Amanda Kalat
8 Roger Brunelle	23 Alan Fournier
8 Cindy Tessman	24 Anna Vertefeuille
12 Douglas Beaudoin	25 Kari Karp
12 Sandra Werner	26 Rachel Hahn
15 Timothy Hein	27 Victoria Dube
15 Roy Tessman	27 Lisa McMahan
	30 Tricia Galvin

The August 25, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HnKnzDcex-AhG5oIJWVbIZMy0QKfuUG7/view?usp=sharing>