

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

News Notes for the Week of October 13, 2024

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Gwynne Hopko, Deacon, Minister of Music

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.

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**WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY!
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 13, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**

Come, gather together around Word and Table this Sunday
to sing, pray, listen, and dine in Jesus' presence.

And yes, come to wrestle with Jesus' words in response to the searching man's question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" And puzzle over what Jesus means when says to his disciples: "It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." There is challenge and surprise in Jesus' word.

Prepare for worship this week by prayerfully and thoughtfully read the texts we will be hearing: Amos 5,6-7,10-15; Psalm 90.12-17; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31.

Look around you the Sunday. Greet someone you haven't yet met. Continue your conversation over coffee and treats in the hall.

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13, 2024; 21st 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

Monday, October 14, 2024

4:00 p.m. Kids Choir

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

6:45 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

**A BUSY AND FUN WEEKEND AT ST. ANDREW CHURCH!
THE PUMPKINS ARE ARRIVING AND THE TAG SALE IS HAPPENING!
THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!**

As you receive this edition of the NewsNotes, we're right on the edge of an exciting weekend at St. Andrew Church.

Tomorrow (Friday, October 11) you are invited to help with last minute preparations for the **Tag Sale** that will open up with a rush on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. The Tag Sale will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Final preparations and set up for the Tag Sale will go from 8-12 on Friday morning. Cookie bakers are invited to drop off your contributions during this time. There can never be enough cookies! So bring 'em down!. And offer your help, if you haven't already, with the sale on Saturday. All hands--on deck for a great day! Robin Landrette, the spirit and prime mover of this project, needs and welcomes your help.

And then ...**The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming!** A truck is now winding its way to Bristol from New Mexico loaded with pumpkins for our big Pumpkin Sale that will take place through the month of October.

We expect the truck to arrive late Friday afternoon (the 12th!) around 3:30. Lots of hands will be needed to unload the truck and arrange the pumpkin patch in the front yard to get ready for the sale beginning on Saturday morning. Bring a wheelbarrow if you can. Lots of helping hands will make light work! Pizza will be served to all who help!

The funds raised from the Pumpkin Sale will go toward the purchase of a new sign for the new Faith Lutheran Church.

The pumpkin patch will be open daily from 11:30 to late afternoon in order for you to stop by and get your pumpkin(s). Spread the word around town! The sweet smell of pumpkin pies and all thing "pumpkiny" will soon be filling the air in Bristol!

Thanks to Jon Fitzgerald for coordinating this huge effort. And volunteer your help to help in the patch. Lots of help needed. Contact Jon: jfitzgerald01@att.net.

AND DON'T FORGET ... IT'S SOCK-TOBER!

When you come to the Pumpkin Patch this month don't forget to bring a new pair or two of socks that will go to folks who come for assistance to the Saint Vincent DePaul Center in Bristol and the Friendship Center in New Britain.

Donations of non-perishable food will also be welcomed when you come to the Patch. They will be forwarded to Gloria Dei Church and to Meals for Neighbors for their food distribution ministries.

CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW CHURCH AT CLOSING SERVICE, OCTOBER 20!

With joy and thanksgiving for the 35 years of the rich, faithful, life-giving ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we will gather for our final worship service as a congregation on Sunday, October 20, at 9:30. It will be a festive day of memory and hope, of song and prayer, all grateful for God's leading and grace.

Please invite family and friends and former members of St. Andrew that you know to come and be part of this day of celebration.

A special lunch in the Hall will follow worship, a time to continue the celebration, to share stories and memories, and offer thanks to one another for the splendid gifts that have been shared to enrich the ministry of St. Andrew Church.

AND REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD AT THE BIRTH OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH! REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27!

After a year and a half of prayerful discernment, thoughtful planning and hard work, the new Faith Lutheran Church - a joining together of the people of Grace Lutheran Church, Plainfield, Zion Lutheran Church and St. Andrew Lutheran Church of Bristol — will celebrate its first worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. at the new congregation's home at 1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol.

To bring three congregations together to form a new ministry is a bold, courageous act of faith and trust in the Spirit's leading. Come celebrate this day of new life and hope!

The Rev. Steven Wilco, Assistant to the Bishop of the New England Synod, who has helped guide the formation of this new congregation since the early days of our joint conversations, will be the preacher for the celebration.

It is hoped that many of the renovations of the chancel area of the church will be completed by the 27th. Work is progressing nearly daily to create a beautiful new space for a new worshipping community.

A festive lunch is being planned following worship. Come share the new life of Faith Church around tables of good food and joyful conversation!

WITH GRATITUDE TO NICOLE GERGLER!

St. Andrew Church's faithful Administrator, Nicole Gergler, concludes her work among us this week. We are grateful for her welcoming presence and her steady work over nearly two years in producing our worship bulletins, weekly NewsNotes and everything else she was asked to do to make things run smoothly. Thanks Nicole for your ministry! And blessings for the days ahead!

A new Administrative Assistant who will serve the new Faith Lutheran Church will begin next week.

LUTHERANS RESPOND TO HURRICANE HELENE AND MILTON!

We have all been horrified by the destructive power of Hurricane Helene with Milton following in its wake. Many of us may know people who have been directly affected by the storms. Lutheran Disaster Relief is now active in critical relief work. Please read these notes from LDR and offer your help ...

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give

Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to [Lutheran Disaster Response](http://elca.org) (elca.org) equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "[Hurricane Response](#)" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

STEWARDSHIP

Your giving matters! As we near our close as the people of St Andrew, there are many, many things to "take care of", your generosity is appreciated!

Faith Lutheran's Stewardship campaign is coming soon!

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, Nancy Carpenter, Patricia Castro, Rusty Cunningham, Nancy Denehy, Jean Gustafson, Terry Gustafson, Lee Hardin, Valerie Holcomb, Denise Holyst, Larry Holyst, Patti Kelley, Bob Lagasse, Joan Lagasse, Robin Landrette, 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.

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.*



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Peggy Hoyt	18	Marianne Beaudoin
3	Joelle Stairs	19	Joelle Rindfleisch
4	Angela Provenzano	20	Matthew Girard
5	Maci Smith	21	Peter Mitchell
6	Robert Herold	21	Donna Ropp
6	Mark Shackford	22	Sharon Werner
7	Megan Beauregard	23	Laurence Beaulieu
9	Robert Deveau	25	Hilda Schauss
16	Joan Strecker	26	Carol Emond
16	Maverick Treacy	26	Jared Procko
17	Lori Calloway	26	Nancy Siecienski

The October 13, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15wGyiyjbrS0gjiN4LuIMs3IFSPbwtWnc/view?usp=sharing>