

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

News Notes for the Week of October 6, 2024

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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The Rev. Les Swenson, Transition Pastor
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.

Adopted April 2023



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!
OCTOBER 6, 2024, 9:30 A.M.
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gather with one voice around Word and Table the Sunday as we sing with the Psalmist:
"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Celebrate God's gift of community, how God created us not to live in isolation from one another but in healthy and life-giving relationships with one another!

As you prepare for worship this Sunday, read thoughtfully and prayerfully the Bible texts we will be hearing together, texts that just may provoke both questions and inspiration: Genesis 2.18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12, and Mark 10.2-16.

Looks around you this Sunday and greet someone you have not yet met.
Continue your conversation over coffee and goodies in the hall after worship.
Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6, 2024; 20th 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 7, 2024

4:00 p.m. Kids Choir

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:45 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 10, 2024

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

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

Friday, October 11, 2024

3:30 p.m. Pumpkin Truck Unload

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Tag Sale

11:30 a.m. Pumpkin Sale Begins

Sunday, October 13, 2024 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFFIRMS FINAL STEPS
TOWARD BIRTH OF A NEW CONGREGATION ON OCTOBER 27!**

At a specially called Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, September 29, participating members voted unanimously in favor of a series of five resolutions that will lead to the formal closure of St. Andrew Lutheran Church as a congregation and open the way to the formation of the new Faith Lutheran Church of Bristol, the joining together of the ministries of the present St. Andrew, Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches.

The first worship service of Faith Lutheran Church will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. It will be a celebration of new life and promise after a year and a half of prayerful discernment and planning and hard work by the people of the three congregations who shared the common goal of building a new ministry for a new day.

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 October 27 celebration.

Copies of the resolutions voted on at the meeting were made available to all voting members of the congregation in mid-September mailings. Hard copies of the resolutions and of the new constitution of Faith Lutheran Church (approved in one of the resolutions) are available from the church office upon request.

The people of Zion and Grace Churches also voted unanimously in support of closure and formation resolutions on September 29. We are on the way!

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

With joy and thanksgiving for the 39 years of the rich, faithful, life-giving ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we will gather for our final worship service as 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 life of St. Andrew Church.

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!



YES!! There will be a FALL Tag Sale. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from 8 to 2pm.

Volunteers are needed for the cookie sale and for set up on Friday October 11th. See signup sheet in the hall.
Questions???? contact Robin at 860-582-7807 or mrland@comcast.net.

The Pumpkins are Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming!!

To assist with the expense of changing the building signage from St. Andrew to Faith Lutheran Church, a pumpkin patch fundraiser will be held at St. Andrew/Faith Lutheran Church, 1125 Stafford Avenue, Bristol.

You are invited to **Join Us** on Friday, October 11 at 3:30 PM for Pizza and to help unload the truck.



Sales will begin on Saturday, October 12 at 11:30 AM daily until Halloween (or until all the pumpkins are sold).

To celebrate Sock-tober, along with selling pumpkins we'll be collecting socks for St. Vincent De Paul in Bristol and The Friendship Center in New Britain as well as non-perishable food items for Gloria Dei and Meals for Neighbors.

Volunteers are needed for set-up and unloading the truck.

Join us for Pizza and Pumpkins to support Faith Lutheran Church.

Contact Jon at jfitzgerald01@att.net to volunteer or for more information.

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, 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, 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, Todd Wish.

Continue to embrace in your prayers the family and friends of the Rev. Paul Krampitz, our former pastor, who was tragically killed in an accident on September 18. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life and ministry was held at Bethany Lutheran Church this past Saturday, September 28. May God comfort and provide peace to all who mourn.

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.*

LUTHERANS RESPOND TO HURRICANE HELENE

We have all been horrified by the destructive power of Hurricane Helene. Many of us may know people who have been directly affected by the storm. 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.



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 6, 2024 bulletin can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12EhY0urkzn4A7GTwDJD-U39-HJy5auiR/view?usp=sharing>