



ST. AIDAN'S

# STAG & STAFF

*The growing community of St. Aidan's is called to be God's light and loving presence through faith, sacrament, and outreach.*

REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE  
RESPECT

**Church  
Rummage  
Sale  
April 19—20**

**Men's Breakfast  
First Saturdays  
APRIL 6  
Cooking 8am — Eating 8:30am**

## EPISCOPAL COVENANT TO CARE FOR CREATION

### PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

### LOVING FORMATION

For God's sake, we will grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling, and prayer.

### LIBERATING ADVOCACY

For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing all people.

### LIFE-GIVING CONSERVATION

For god's sake, we will adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses.

It's never too early to begin decluttering! And you're just in time to donate to St. Aidan's Rummage Sale. This sale is the main fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women — and ECW brings you coffee after church, clean spaces, scholarships, cakes, and care for the whole congregation!

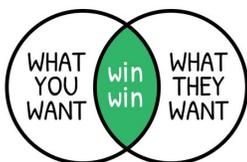
We are again fortunate enough to have the West Bend Boy Scout troop pick up all of the leftovers, however please use St. Vinnie's list of what NOT to donate as your guide.:

**NOT ACCEPTED:**

**We pay a fee to dispose of:** Chemicals, propane tanks, appliances with Freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers), non working TVs of any kind.

Large appliances, hot water heaters, dishwashers, organs, pianos, ping pong tables, pool tables, metal desks, waterbeds, mattresses and box springs, large building supplies, console stereos, tires, batteries, encyclopedias, bowling balls, car seats 5 years or older.

Questions, see **Linda Weber** or **Alice Pollock**.



## Creation Care Corner

If you're a "birder", you may be interested in this free resource from SAVE OUR SONGBIRD; a 12 page guide which will help you create a more bird-friendly habitat!

<https://www.sossaveoursongbirds.org/>

Email them your name and Wisconsin street address to get a printed copy of Beyond the Bird Feeder. Offer good while supply lasts.

Email:  
lisa.gaumnitz  
@sossavaeoursongbirds.org

## Prayer for Earth Month —

*God, maker of marvels,  
you weave the planet and all its  
creatures together in kinship;  
your unifying love is revealed  
in the interdependence of  
relationships  
in the complex world that you have  
made.*

*Save us from the illusion that  
humankind is separate and alone,  
and join us in communion with all  
inhabitants of the universe;  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer  
who topples the dividing walls by  
the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and who lives and reigns with you,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Episcopal Church Standing Commission on  
Liturgy and Music, from the Liturgical  
Materials for Honoring God in Creation*



## From the Pastoral Assistant —

I have wanted to learn more about the art of bread making for quite some time, and on Saturday March 9, I had the opportunity to spend a few hours making bread with **Virginia Petermann** who so graciously walked me through the steps.

I view the art of baking bread as a sacred process. We wait for the bread to rise, to be kneaded, rolled, formed, baked and then there's that final tap at the bottom of the bread when you know you've created something wonderful.

During this time of waiting, we share stories. In the same way, when my grandchildren are over making tamales together, we share stories across generations.

As a Pastoral Assistant, Hospital Chaplain and Spiritual Director, to listen to another's soul fully, to the heart of their being is a gift for me. It's called *Holy Listening or Holy Presence*.

*"The process of transforming flour, water, and yeast into nourishing bread mirrors the Eucharistic transformation—the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Just as the bread at the altar becomes the Body of Christ, so too does the labor of the baker become an offering."*

Thank you, Virginia and Bob, for opening your home to this person who hopes when she makes her first loaf, she will be able to say "I did it! and its good enough to taste and eat."

**La Pastora Loretta Mendoza**

### The 12 Steps of Bread Baking

- Scaling Ingredients
- Mixing
- Bulk Fermentation (first rise)
- Folding (sometimes called punching)
- Dividing
- Pre-shaping or Rounding
- Bench Proofing or Resting
- Makeup and Panning
- Proofing (second rise)
- Baking
- Cooling
- Storing





**deaconspeak:** musings from the left shoulder

Jennifer, my eldest niece, turned 50 this year. A couple weeks ago she was told, "You have cancer." We recently sent her flowers with the message,

*Fact #1: cancer sucks*

*Fact #2: Love is the most powerful thing in the universe*

*Sending you our love.*

Turns out that I know quite a bit about both of these facts from personal experience. While I believe that we all can agree on Fact #1, there may not be universal agreement on Fact #2, because there are a LOT of very powerful forces in creation around and in us.

Loraine and I haven't seen the film "Oppenheimer," which is a biopic of the person who led the effort to develop America's atomic bomb. I have more than a casual interest in seeing it, considering my area of study and profession was Nuclear Medicine. Once I was in a continuing education lecture in Detroit, and the guest teacher, a medical physicist, showed us energy forces of atomic nuclei and bluntly stated that "... nuclear binding forces are the most powerful force in the world." But then she added a caveat: "Except for love." I couldn't agree more.

On 17 November 2020 I was diagnosed with head & neck cancer. Those three little words, "You have cancer," are devastatingly powerful. As it turns out, there is another three-word phrase that is even more powerful: "I love you!" Without the love that was shared with me in so many ways by so many people, I doubt that I would be around today to be sharing this with you.

As we continue to celebrate resurrection in this Easter season, the incredible expression of love from Jesus Christ to you and me and all humanity, our cups are overflowing with God's love whether we realize it or not. Our call, now, is to share that abundance wherever are, with whomever we see, in any way that we can.

Through your actions, and in your words, we prove again and again and again that love, that God, is the most powerful force in the universe.

Love in Christ –  
**terry**



*From Mother Esther —*

It's not your imagination, our church seasons vary in length, and the season of Easter lasts 50 days! This year, we celebrated Easter Sunday on March 31, which means that the Easter season extends through May 18. The primary themes of all seven Sundays in the Easter season are resurrection and new life in Christ. Our participation in worship during the weeks of the Easter season draws us into a risen life of Christ and into closer relationship with one another.

This is a historic Easter season for Episcopalian in the state of Wisconsin! We are engaged in discernment and decision making that will affect all of us. Together, we are considering how we might live in closer relationship with one another as we decide if we should combine our three diocesan structures into one.

We use the word "reunification" to describe the possible outcome because originally the state of Wisconsin had only one diocese, formed in 1847. In 1874, the Diocese of Fond du Lac was formed, and in 1928 the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Diocese of Milwaukee were formed. Fast forward to the summer of 2021, when a "dialogue" about reunification began. In 2022, the Dialogue Steering Committee began to meet, and in October 2023, the three diocesan conventions approved a resolution calling for the Dialogue Steering Committee to present a Joint Agreement of Union to the governing bodies of each diocese. The proposed Joint Agreement of Union was endorsed in March by the governing bodies and it, along with other documents are available for everyone at the website below.

**On Sunday, April 7** at a special coffee hour, the deputies and clergy of St. Aidan's will provide an overview of the May 4<sup>th</sup> Special Convention in Baraboo, where a vote will take place. During April, the Dialogue Steering Committee will hold Town Hall meetings on Zoom to discuss the Joint Agreement of Union, the draft Constitution and Canons for a reunified diocese, and other documents for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Special Convention. I encourage you to attend both the coffee hour and Zoom discussions.

Participation in this discernment and decision-making process during this season, invites us into the reality of living a risen life of Christ and into closer relationship with each other. This Easter-tide is historic! To review documents, to register for the Zoom Town Hall discussion, and for additional information, please go to: <https://episcopalwisconsin.info>

With Easter joy,  
**Esther +**



*We are Easter people and Halleluiah is our song*

*Pope St. John Paul II*



## From Donna's desk —

*Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul* (Luther Burbank).

This is most true of St. Aidan's as we continue with the work that helps us live our mission. When I look at what we have done and upcoming events, there are many opportunities to be involved.



**Planning for and helping** with the Annual Rummage Sale, April 19-20, 2024.

**Plant Sale**, May 18, 2024.

**Community Service Day** on May 22; we will again partner with the high school to get a start on mulching, windows, garden, raking and general clean-up.

**Giving thanks** for your blessings through the United Thank offering on May 12, 2024. UTO is a way to practice gratitude and help bring change in the world.

**Listening to and participating** in discussion on Reunification of the three Wisconsin Dioceses during coffee hour on April 7<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for a final vote on reunion; a chance to ask questions, offer input, and hear the perspectives from our clergy and voting members who will represent St. Aidan's at the convention on May 4, 2024.

**Supporting** Christian formation through Worship Center, Upper Room, adult forums.

**Participating** in the Creation Care Committee meeting after service on April 21, 2024.

**Attending** the Endowment Committee meeting after service on April 28, 2024.

**Checking** the news about other parish organization meetings (Safety/Safe Church, Formation, Technology, Outreach, Building and Grounds).

### Potato Bar Report —

On March 13, St. Aidan's provided fellowship and hospitality for members of the ecumenical community who enjoyed a nice meal, good conversation, and laughter. We served 96 potatoes with lots of sour cream, butter, taco sauce, broccoli, ham, taco meat, melted cheese and again a big 'hit' -- sautéed mushrooms! And 98 attended the ecumenical service.

**Thank you to those who donated food items or made cash donations.** By my count over 20 members/families contributed. And a **heartfelt thanks goes to those who helped with the preparation (scrubbing, chopping, and mincing), serving, and clean up: (Judy Pierce, John and Laura Johnston, Virginia Petermann, Bert and Loretta Mendoza, JoAnn Neu, Lisa Lake, Pat Paddon, Ken Dinco, Ron Schnorenberg, Louise and Addison Schrunk).** St. Aidan's Lenten Potato Bar continues to make a difference to the community at large. Thank you!

### Annual Giving Campaign Report —

Again, our goal this year was to propose a balanced budget for 2024. To date we have 41 pledging units, an **increase** of 5 pledging units. The total amount pledged was \$143,672, an **increase** of \$8,672 from the proposed budget amount. In addition, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Women donated \$ 10,000. Approximately 46% of the pledging units use electronic giving.

A continuing reality for 2024 is the need to evaluate the maintenance and capital improvement needs of our building. How can we be better stewards of our facility? In 2023 we made repairs and upgrades to the driveway. This past week we needed to replace a furnace that was 17 years old. We were able to get a rebate from the manufacturer of the heat exchange unit and from Focus on Energy.

Serving on the vestry is a wonderful way for me to appreciate the congregation of St. Aidan's. We are in a great place. We continue to gather for worship and coffee hour, getting to know each other and welcoming guests.

**“Hello, April. Please be a month of rebirth, regrowth, and renewal.”**

(Anonymous).

Blessings,  
**Donna Dinco**  
Senior Warden



*A tree's beauty lies  
in its branches, but  
its strength lies in  
its roots.*

Matshona Dhliwayo



# Alice's Restaurant



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Spring -- is it here? Not here? I hardly know what to think. Yesterday was sunny skies and breezy, people out enjoying the warm weather. Today is St Patrick's Day. It is cold and there is ice in the bird-bath where there were chickadees yesterday, but the robins are here and the chipmunks racing up and down the lawn. I have not yet started my tomatoes and herb plants for the garden, and I have no idea if I am behind or ahead of the season.

I expect the spring-cleaning bug will bite one of these days, and we will throw open the windows for the fresh air, but today is not the day. For me it is a soup day, a curl up with a good book or music day. I hope you can do this once in a while. It's a good thing to take care of yourself now and then. To that end I leave you with a not too fussy and warmly satisfying Irish soup. Stay warm Stay well. Spring is coming!

### Colcannon Soup

- 8 oz bacon diced
  - Fry and reserve for garnish
- 1 onion diced
- 2 leeks sliced (or another half an onion if there are no leeks available)
- 3 cloves of garlic chopped
  - Sauté until transparent and fragrant
- 6 C. chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 t. thyme
- ½ C. heavy cream or half and half
- 2 lbs. of potatoes diced
- 4 C. of shredded cabbage
- Salt and pepper
  - Simmer together until the potatoes are tender
  - Garnish with the crisp bacon

- Extras...
  - Chopped carrots (simmer with the potatoes and cabbage)
  - A bit of Dijon mustard
  - Grated cheese

Alice Pollock

APRIL 2024

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 – Kathy Fairchild    | 18 – Eric Meigs         |
| 4 – Ted Del Solar      | 19 – Donald Rabe        |
| 8 – Amanda Mercado     | Michal & Dennis Daley   |
| Brian Schrunk          | 20 – Alice Pollock      |
| 13 – Jan Lindborg      | 22 – Sandy & Dave Tracy |
| 15 – Margaret Crandall | 23 -- Emily Hellmann    |
| 16 – Liz Goldberg      | 25 -- Grace Kaker       |



### Episcopal Wisconsin Triologue

Lord,  
 It is Your voice that calls each of us  
 To play our part in the story of Your Church in Wisconsin,  
 For You have made us for Your purpose of revealing love  
 In a challenging time and in a divided world.  
 As our three dioceses move forward to become one,  
 Continuing to seek your will for us,  
 Enlighten our hearts to know what things we ought to do.  
 Enlighten our minds to know what things we need to leave behind.  
 Enlighten our spirits to embrace a future none but You know.  
 Give us peace, give us courage, give us hope.  
 And give us perseverance to make the steps necessary to  
 Continue to follow Your lead. Amen.



# ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



April 2024

	7	14	21	28
<b>Reader</b>	K. Fairchild	D. Beml	L. Molenda	S. King
<b>Prayers</b>	A. Pollock	L. Molenda	K. Fairchild	D. Beml
<b>Acolyte</b>	A. Schrunck	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunck	L. Daley
<b>Usher</b>	L. Molenda	Schmidts	Pollocks	Webers
<b>LEM</b>	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	B. Schrunck	J. Pierce
<b>Counters</b>	C. Gardner/A. M-Meigs	M. Moran/M. Weber	J. Pierce/K. Fairchild	Schnorenberg/ Hoffmann
<b>Altar</b>	g. Hefti			



May 2024

	5	12	19	26
<b>Reader</b>	M. Moran	B. Schrunck	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock
<b>Prayers</b>	T. Schlaefer	C. Gardner	E. Schmidt	L. Schrunck
<b>Acolyte</b>	J.P. Schrunck	A. Schrunck	S. Schmidt	L. Daley
<b>Usher</b>	R. Schnorenberg	Schruncks	Schmidts	Pollocks
<b>LEM</b>	M. Weber	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	B. Schrunck
<b>Counters</b>	Gardner/Fairchild	Weber/M-Meigs	Moran/Schnorenberg	Pierce/Hoffmann
<b>Altar</b>	L. Weber			

If you cannot serve your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you.

Any **permanent** changes to the schedule should be reported to

**Gail Hefti** at [gail.hefti@gmail.com](mailto:gail.hefti@gmail.com) or 920-740-3997.

# PARISH EVENTS APRIL — 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Worship — 9:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:30 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>4</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Men's B'fast 8:30 am
<b>7</b> <b>Worship — 9:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:30 am  Trialogue Discussion  	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>11</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Worship — 9:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:30 am Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>18</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rummage Drop-off and Prep</b> →						<b>RUMMAGE SALE!</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Worship — 9:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:30 am Creation Care Meeting   Sharing Sunday Stag & Staff articles due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>25</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist
<b>28</b> <b>Worship — 9:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:30 am Endowment Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>3rd Sunday — Sharing Sunday</b></p> <p>The “loose” [paper and coin] collection supports XX Esther’s discretionary fund. She uses it to help people in our community in need — more often than you might think!</p> </div> </div>		

“WE ARE THE **Episcopal** BRANCH OF THE **Jesus movement**”  
 —Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



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**Prayer Chain**

If anyone has a prayer need for someone or something, please call **Alice Pollock** [262-707-3456] or the church office.

<b>Mondays --</b>		
Men's AA	7 - 8 pm	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesdays --</b>		
Women's AA	Noon	Parish Hall
Casa	6 - 7:30 pm	Class 1&2
Casa	6 -- 7:30 pm	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
Office Open	9am - Noon	
Morning Prayer	9:30 am	Narthex
EfM	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Parish Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>		
Art -- 1st Thurs.	10 am -- Noon	Parish Hall
Casa	6 - 7:30 pm	Class 1&2
Al Anon	7 pm	Parish Hall
<b>Fridays</b>		
Office Open	9 am - Noon	
<b>First Saturdays</b>		
Men B'fast	8 am	Parish Hall
<b>Sundays</b>		
Worship Service	9:30 am	

**For information about groups or scheduling the building, contact the Church Office.**





**Hartford Community Lunch**  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**11:30 am**  
**1st United Methodist**

Lunch is served at 11:30am. Come for a free hot meal with the Hartford Community! To volunteer [9 am—2 pm], just show up on the day.  
 If you have questions, please contact **Larry Thomas** at **262-955-4900**.