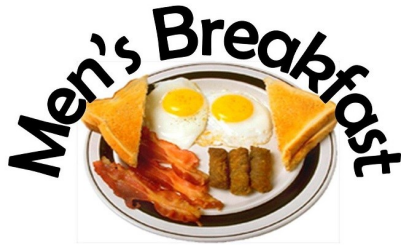




ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

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



First Saturdays
Cooking 8am — Eating 8:30am

Sunday, August 4 Coffee Hour Forum

*"Speaking in Tongues:
Interpreting Language Used in
the Episcopal Church — Part II"*

Join the conversation! If you missed Part One, contact the office for the handout!

Thoughts of Christmas in July?

After another successful Christmas bazaar we've decided to do it again!

Mark your calendars!
Saturday, December 7!
Planning for the bazaar is always in the works.

Wondering what you can do? Bake, decorate, make a basket, knit, crochet, woodwork, or paint!

Still looking for ideas? Examples of items that we have sold the last few years will be on display in the parish hall the next few weeks. Questions? Please see Linda Weber or Alice Pollock



Saint Aidan's Day

Sunday, August 25, 2024

WORSHIP (Outside, Under the Tree)

PARISH REMEMBERANCES

PICNIC

Brats and Burgers Provided

Sign up in the church narthex to:

- Bring a dish to pass
- Set up
- Clean up

GATHERING OF INFO FOR THE NEW
CHURCH DIRECTORY!

See page 10 for details.



Wondering where we got our name and the name for our newsletter?

One story has St. Aidan saving the life of a stag by making it invisible to the hunters. The stag is one of heraldic symbols associated with St. Aidan since the stag symbolizes solitude, piety, and prayer.



deaconspeak: musings from the left shoulder

When was the last time you danced in church, competed with friends, or even spiked a volleyball? Virtually???

That's what was happening here at St Aidan's one warm Friday evening. It was a youth nite, with Mario Kart, Mario Party & Pizza. A great time was had by all. (even for those of us (i.e., yours truly) who had no clue how to do any of the above - except eat pizza)!

That's part of the experience that Jesus wants us to have as a faith community — have a good time together. You will note that nowhere in the event did I mention God or praying or any "churchy-type" stuff — but all of it was "churchy-type" stuff. We gathered as two or more in Jesus' name and had fun. Christ was there in the midst of us, and I am sure that he had a smile on his face as well.

Now, I'm not saying that going to church should just be a fun entertainment experience. What I am saying is that God wants us to enjoy coming together, and that when we do it is always in God's presence — whether it be here or in a boat on Pike Lake.

When we engage with others, the Spirit is with us as well, eagerly anticipating any opportunity for us to open our hearts and allowing the Spirit to flow to the other(s) with us. We connect more deeply, more broadly, and more richly as the humans that God created us to be. No matter where we are, no matter what may be weighing us down or building us up, no matter who the other(s) may be or what's going on in their life — God's love is the bridge on which we meet.

Our part, whenever and wherever we might be, is to be willing to allow the Spirit to flow through us — and God will do that which we probably would not ask... and certainly cannot imagine. That is also "churchy-type" stuff, and I am sure that God has a smile when we do.

Love in Christ - terry

From the Desk of Mother Esther



Dear Friends,

The world continues to change and with it, we change and grow. This church community, however, remains consistent in some very important ways! On August 25, we will again celebrate what is special about the Episcopal faith tradition and the ways we are enriched by generations of individuals in our midst. ST. AIDAN'S DAY is not only the annual observance of the contributions made by a historic individual, St. Aidan. On this day, we worship outside and as the body of Christ, pausing to remember all those who contributed to making this church community a place for spiritual nourishment in Hartford. Remembering the history of St. Aidan's reminds us of the way the Christian church recognizes the past, lives in the present, and looks to the future with hope. Praise God for bringing us together, at this time, to be a God's hands and feet in the world. Mark this day on your calendar and plan to celebrate our life together in Christ!

Mother Esther +



From Donna's Desk —

August is Like the Sunday of Summer and as we approach midsummer, I want to **thank** everyone for their **faithful stewardship to St. Aidan's**. Worship, pastoral care, and management of resources are integral parts of our stewardship.

This stewardship is evident through your financial gifts that continue to sustain and guide the community of St. Aidan's to live more fully into its mission by supporting our priest/staff, our building, outreach programs, and technology for online services/communications.

A continuing reality for the use of these gifts this year has been the need to evaluate the maintenance and capital improvement needs of our building. If you remember, an immediate capital improvement was the need to replace three furnaces. Now, yearly maintenance will be needed to keep the 20+ year warranty valid. To meet fire department codes, we have replaced batteries for fire exit signs, tested fire extinguishers, posted 'Mechanical' room sign, posted fire alarm inspection documents. We will have the fire exit door in the nave replaced as it does not open/close properly; and will replace the fire exit door in the fellowship hall as it has rusted through the bottom. Rather than defer this maintenance expense, both doors will be done at the same time. In addition, a new code requires that we do monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual inspections of the sprinkler system. The Building/Grounds committee will take responsibility for the monthly and quarterly inspections; that way we will only be paying for the extra semi-annual inspection.

We recently received a Creation Care grant for \$1,000 to upgrade lighting in the vestibule. The Focus on Energy audit that we completed in 2023 gave us guidance to consider energy efficiency next steps for our facility; such as an aging HVAC system, appliances, and more energy efficient security lighting systems. Making changes to energy usage and lighting upgrades seemed like the most do-able first steps for us. We enrolled in the *Nights and Weekends Time Use Rate* program with the City of Hartford Utilities to save money on our electricity usage. The parking lot lighting and security lights are on sometimes for 12+ hours and inside emergency lighting that is on 24/7. Most important would be to replace the vestibule security lighting and adjacent outdoor security lights with LED upgrades. The vestibule lighting is on 24/7 and it is also a safety concern to keep this area well lit. This upgrade aligns with the CCC goals to help to reduce carbon footprints and live sustainably and with the recommendations from the Focus on Energy audit to replace security lighting with LED upgrades.

How can we be better stewards of our financial gifts? We **Pray through every line item**. We should not expect God to work through the budget unless it gets our special attention and discernment.

On another note, it is the Back-to-school season. Excitement fills the air as kids get their first day outfits and backpacks ready. I will never forget the fun of picking out new folders, pencils and pens and every school supply. The Outreach committee is coordinating a Backpack and School supply distribution on August 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on August 10th from 9:00a.m. to noon. Help in whatever way you can.

Let's bring the same excitement as we celebrate

St. Aidan's Day on August 25!

Sign up for food items to bring and cleanup will be posted on the board in the narthex.

Donna Dinco
Senior Warden

Alice's Restaurant

This was an eventful month!
Germany came to visit in the form of
our son and his family. For those of
you who somehow managed to miss



the family legend of
sending a
college boy off to study
in Germany where he
met a pretty fräulein
and carried on a long
distance romance for

SIX YEARS before they got
married... that's the one. You
probably met them at church. I can
attest to the fact that teenage
appetites have not changed.
Although any food on the table was
devoured the food of choice was
chocolate chip cookies. If the supply
ran short the boys would retire to
the kitchen to create more, here I
have included their favorite. I can
guarantee it has been well tested.

I am also including another tried and
tested recipe from a recent church
event. It is from Geri Kelly. She was
asked for her recipe for carrot coin
salad that she had shared at coffee
hour and here it is. A salad to
balance out the sweet. This is the
time of year when we go to
cookouts and family gatherings and
just meet with friends out on the
porch or on the deck for some lovely
time together. It is never bad form
to turn up with food in hand.

Sunset Chocolate Chip Cookies.

1 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
4 eggs
1 Tablespoon vanilla
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup dry oatmeal
2 packages chocolate chips
Nuts, if desired

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a large bowl, cream
together the butter, shortening, brown sugar,
and white sugar. Beat in the eggs, vanilla, and
lemon juice. In another bowl, sift in the flour,
baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Mix in the dry
ingredients and drop tablespoon-size cookies
onto a parchment-covered baking sheet. Bake
until your desired doneness.

Note: The boys also made this in a 9x13 pan. It
works fine as a bar cookie.

Makes 6 dozen

Copper Penny Carrots

2 lb. Carrots
1/2 cup vinegar
1 large onion
1/2 cup canola oil
1 green pepper
1 t. salt
1 can tomato soup
1/2 t. pepper
3/4 cup sugar
1 t. dry mustard

Peel, slice and cook carrots. Drain and cool. Add
thinly sliced onion and sliced green pepper.
Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan
and bring to a boil. Pour over carrot mixture and
refrigerate overnight.

ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2024

	4	11	18	25	
Reader	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock	B. Mendoza	T. Schlaefer	
Prayers	L. Schrunk	K. Fairchild	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley	A. Schrunk	
Usher	Schrunks	Webers	R. Schnorenberg	Schmidts	
LEM	B. Schrunk	A. Pollock	J. Pierce	M. Weber	
Counters	A. Marsh Meigs/ J. Pierce	C. Gardner/ M. Hoffmann	M. Weber/ K. Fairchild	M.B. Moran/ R. Schnorenberg	
Cleaners	Pollock	Schnorenberg/ Johnston	Gardner	Weber	
Altar	P. Paddon				

September 2024

	1	8	15	22	29
Reader	C. Gardner	A. Pollock	K. Fairchild	D. Bemis	L. Molenda
Prayers	A. Pollock	D. Bemis	P. Paddon	T. Schlaefer	C. Gardner
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley	A. Schrunk	S. Schmidt
Usher	Pollocks	Webers	R. Schnorenberg	L. Molenda	Schrunks
LEM	M. Hoffmann	B. Schrunk	A. Pollock	J. Pierce	M. Weber
Counters	M. Weber/ A. Marsh Meigs	J. Pierce/ C. Gardner	M.B. Moran/ M. Hoffmann	M. Weber/ K. Fairchild	M.B. Moran/ R. Schnorenberg
Cleaners	Mercado/Johnston	Trewyn	Pollock	Weber	Schnorenberg/Johnston
Altar	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 or 920-740-3997.

PARISH EVENTS — AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	1	2	3 Men's B'fast 8:30 am
4 Worship — 9:30 am Following Worship: Coffee Discussion — Speaking In Tongues, Part 2	5	6	7 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am Blessing of the Backpacks & School Supply Distribution 6 p.m.— 8 p.m.	8	9	10 Backpack and School Supply Distribution 9 a.m.— noon
11 Worship — 9:30 am Vestry Meeting Stag & Staff articles due	12	13 	14 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	15	16	17
18 Worship — 9:30 am Giving Sunday Baptism Following Worship: Picture Day	19	20	21 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am Pictures 2 to 5 PM	22	23	24
25 Worship — 9:30 am St. Aidan's Day	26	27	28 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am Pictures 2 to 5 PM	29	30	31  Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist



August 7	Sandra Koeller
August 8	Donna Dinco
August 10	Maryann Talajkowski
August 20	Steve Garbarek
August 27	Jerry Paquette



August 1	Eileen Mozinski-Schmidt and Michael Schmidt
August 8	Maureen and David Martin
August 16	Sarah and Gary Stage
August 23	Alice and Bruce Pollock
August 29	Sharon and Eric Wetzel
August 30	Esther Kramer and Tom Schlaefer

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13



FIND OUT WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT
FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE
REGISTER TO VOTE
UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

GO TO: [MYVOTE.WI.GOV](https://myvote.wi.gov)

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH VESTRY

The next Vestry Meeting is August 11th.



Monthly financial information can be found in the weekly eNews!

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



How to reach us —

Church Mailing Address:

670 E. Monroe Avenue
 Hartford, WI 53027

Church Office E-mail:

secretary@staidans-hartford.org

Church Website: www.staidans-hartford.org

Church Phone: 262-673-7273

The Rev. Esther Kramer, Ph. D.

262-309-7661

estherkramer0806@gmail.com

La Pastora Loretta Mendoza

Pastoral Assistant

414-243-2639

lorettawell@gmail.com

Deacon Terry Garner

414-807-4378

dcnterry.g@gmail.com

Tara Nooyen

Administrative Assistant

secretary@staidans-hartford.org

Mary Beth Moran, Treasurer

Vestry Wardens

Donna Dinco, Senior Warden

Eric Wetzel, Junior Warden

Vestry

Charles Gardner

Laura Johnston

Lynn Molenda

Eileen Mozinski-Schmidt

Vestry Clerk

Geri Kelly

Stag and Staff — St. Aidan's Newsletter

Published monthly

Deadline: Third Sunday of the month

Micki Hoffmann, Editor

Contact: mphoffmann70@gmail.com

or 262-673-2903

Prayer Chain

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

Mondays --	Men's AA	7 - 8 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesdays --	Women's AA	Noon	Parish Hall
Wednesdays	Office Open	9am - Noon	
	Breakfast	7am - 9am	Main St. Cafe
Thursdays	Al Anon	7 pm	Parish Hall
Fridays	Office Open	9 am - Noon	
First Saturdays	Men's B'fast	8 am	Parish Hall
Sundays	Worship Service	9:30 am	

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



3rd Sunday — Sharing Sunday

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!

Hartford Community Lunch
Saturday, August 31st
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.**

Tara Nooyen might be out there chasing tornadoes if she had her way. But luckily for the folks at St. Aidan's, she has brought her considerable skills to her new job as church secretary. Tara replaced Aimee Hennings, who moved to the Madison area earlier this year. "I came here after taking some time off," Tara said. "I chose St. Aidan's. I wanted to feel like I had a purpose and I wanted to feel appreciated. The timing was perfect, and everybody here has been so welcoming." Tara lives in Menomonee Falls and attends St. Paul's United Church of Christ in her home city.



And yes, she has a weather station in her yard and is an official spotter for the National Weather Service. Her interest began when she was a student at the University of Wisconsin and took an elective course in meteorology. "I loved it," she said. "I wasn't a science or math person, but this was a different approach where I could understand it. You could look in the sky and say that makes sense. It became an interest. If I could do things a different way I'd probably be one of those storm chasers. I have a weather station outside and I have a display in my living room where I can read all the data."

Tara, 51, has lived for the past 27 years in Menomonee Falls but grew up in northern Wisconsin in Eagle River. "I was an only child and we lived in the middle of nowhere," she said. "I wouldn't recommend it." She and her husband, Mike recently celebrated their 26th anniversary and have two children – Ryan, who recently graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering; and Katie, who attends Loyola University in Chicago. Ryan studied UX Design, which is creating usable interfaces for embedded devices, or in plainer language, making phone apps and websites work better. Katie is entering her senior year at Loyola and has been accepted into a graduate school program in environmental studies that also begins this fall. Mike is the operations manager at BBC Lighting in Milwaukee and is a busy guy, working 60 to 70 hours a week.

One passion the entire family shares is sports, inspired in part by Tara's love of hockey in her childhood and beyond. "My kids grew up watching sports," Tara said. "People would say, 'What shows are you watching?' and I'd say, 'We don't watch shows; we watch sports.'" During the long winters in Eagle River, Tara regularly attended high school and adult league hockey games and she became a New York Islanders fan. How did that happen? She saw Pat LaFontaine play for the U.S. Olympic team in 1984 in an exhibition game in Minneapolis and immediately liked the Islanders, his professional team at the time. Tara also saw the Miracle on Ice team play in Minnesota in 1980 before its famous run to an Olympic gold medal. She was fascinated with Rollie Fingers when he pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers in the 1980s and became a Milwaukee Bucks fan after the team drafted Glenn Robinson with the No. 1 overall pick in 1994. "We watch every Brewers and Bucks game," Tara said.

During office hours Tara brings a dedicated attitude and plenty of experience. She also worked at church offices in Menomonee Falls, including her home church and a Methodist church. "Mother Esther is a wonderful boss," Tara said. "She doesn't micro-manage me and she trusts that it's going to get done. We bounce ideas off each other. This doesn't feel like a job. I enjoy it. There are things I have done before so I'm confident in doing them. There are things I've never done before, and I like the challenge."

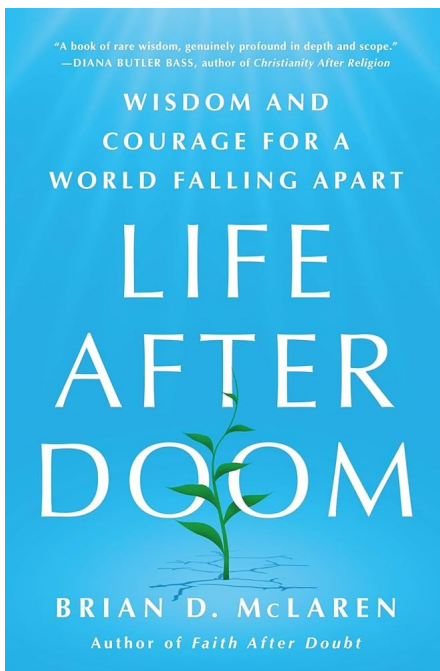
Written by Charles Gardner





Did you know that St. Aidan's has a library? You can find everything from devotionals to archived copies of the Stag & Staff!

Did you miss the July 31st Read and Reflect Discussion? If you'd like to read "Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart" by Brian D. McLaren, the office has one copy to borrow. Please call or e-mail the office to get on the waiting list to read this thought-provoking book.



Picture Day Is Coming!

We will be updating our Church Directory this fall and we'd love to have your beautiful faces featured in it!

Tara Nooyen, our Administrative Assistant, will be taking individual and family portraits for FREE for every member of St. Aidan's. You will be given the rights to the pictures so that you can print them on your own or Tara will print them for you through Shutterfly.com at cost.

Picture dates and times are as follows:
Sunday, 8/18 — After Worship until 1 p.m.
Wednesday, 8/21 — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 8/28 — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

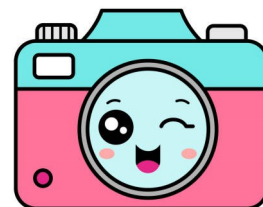
If those dates and times won't work for you or your picture needs to be taken before a family member heads off to school, please call the office.

Can't make it to in-person worship but would like to be included in the directory? E-mail a current picture to:
secretary@staidans-hartford.org.

The office will also be collecting updated contact information for every family member in your household. This is to make sure your information is correct and that your names are displayed the way you'd prefer in the directory. The forms can be located in the Narthex or via this link:

[St. Aidan's Contact Information Form](#)

You can drop off or mail in the contact form starting today. Thanks for helping to keep the St. Aidan's Family Address Book current!



Women's Mini Week 2024 "Senses of the Spirit"

August 11-14, 2024

Sunday lunch through Wednesday brunch
Camp Lakotah – Wautoma, Wisconsin



Mission: to provide an annual inter-generational retreat, offering refuge, friendship, relaxation, and fun. First-time attendee registration fee is only \$50!

Women's Mini Week originated out of a perceived need to get women together to develop community across the churches within the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and first played out June 23-26, 1977. Its primary function, according to early publicity, was for "instruction, worship, relaxation, and rest," but over the years the scope has become much broader, welcoming any women from age 18 to 80+ who choose to come and taking on a multitude of variations, depending on the women who plan it.

For more information and registration, visit our [website](#) or email us at womensminiweek@gmail.com.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will begin in September! They will be led by Mother Esther Kramer, Deacon Terry Garner, and Pastora Loretta Mendoza. More details will be forthcoming.

Fred and Pat Paddon have a new great-granddaughter! Margo Kathrine Rue was born on July 17th to their granddaughter Hayley and her husband, Ryan. She joins her big sister, Caroline.

Welcome, Margo!



*St. Aidan's
Animal Friends*



On any given day at St. Aidan's, you will likely find one of several species of visitors meandering around the grounds outside of church. This year, we have a family of cranes, a deer, and her fawn who visit most often.

Please drive carefully through the parking lot, as they are frequently in the area.



The Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin

As one of its final acts of its June 23-28 meeting, the 81st General Convention approved the reunion of the dioceses of Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Eau Claire, after a nearly three-year process of discernment that was celebrated on the floor of the House of Deputies and later in the House of Bishops. Lee Donahue, an Eau Claire deputy, said, "We now come from a place of strength, of determination and still a deep love to be the one diocese that God is calling us to be. . . for yes, there is a time for everything." "We gave every Episcopalians in the state of Wisconsin the option to engage in this process," Gunter said. He also underscored that they did not pursue reunion out of fear of membership decline or budget tightening, but rather in recognition that as the church in Wisconsin, "we need to need to form disciples" for the 21st century. Wisconsin Episcopalians agreed that the best way to do so was together.