



# 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.*



CREATION CARE COMMISSION MEETING

**June 1 — After Worship**

**ALL WELCOME!**

father  
child  
patience  
trust  
time  
love  
pride  
joy



Happy Father's Day  
Sunday, June 15

**Men's Breakfast  
First Saturdays**

I want to grow my own food.  
But I can't  
find any  
bacon seeds.



**JUNE 7**

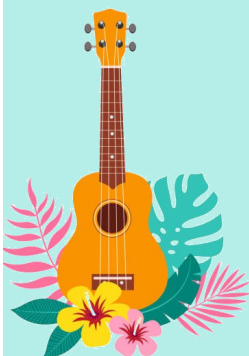
**Cooking 8am  
Eating 8:30am**



*Bethlehem was God with us.  
Calvary was God for us.  
Pentecost is God in us.*

## Summer Ukeleles!

Two of our teens, **Lily Mercado** and **Grace Kaker**, have volunteered to bring back ukelele classes for St. Aidan's kids. They will teach classes after church **services on Sundays during the summer**. Look for the Sunday schedules in the Enews.




Wear your **reddest red** and join the St. Aidan's family as we celebrate **the church's birthday on Pentecost — Sunday, June 8, at 9:30 am!**

## Inspiration – close to home!



St. Aidan's own  
Ted del Solar!



## Esther's Epistle

Dear Friends,

Many of us appreciate the prayer said at the close of the late evening service in our Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*. We pray, "Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and the chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness." These words from Compline continue to resonate because they speak to our desire for the familiar in an ever-changing world.

Every Sunday, we say words, sing melodies, and perform sacred actions that are familiar and bring us strength. Throughout the service, we are reminded that God loves us and that God's love is changeless. Also comforting is that the Episcopal Church emphasizes liturgy as the heart of Christian life. Foundational to this emphasis is the provision that we may use "other forms set forth by authority within this Church" (BCP, p. 13). Through prayerful consideration and great care, churches are permitted to use certain liturgies that bring new possibilities for encountering God.

Again, this year, during the first part of the Pentecost season, our congregation will worship using the Episcopal Church's resource called *Enriching Our Worship* and we will offer several prayers from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*, a resource that comes to us from one of the many churches within the worldwide Anglican Communion. The service music and hymns are diverse selections brought to us by our Music Director, Pat Gardner. During these Sundays, I hope you find the shape of our liturgy meaningful, experiencing its beauty and solemnity in a new way. In this season of Pentecost, let us open ourselves to opportunities for holy formation and transformation. Come Holy Spirit, come!

**Mother Esther +**



## St. Aidan's Plant Sale

The tree that is our plant sale has many branches which reach high in the sky! The lower branches are parishioners and friends who lovingly tend their plants, put their hands to work to dig plants, donate their yard things, and work the at the sale. The higher branches are the community members who support our sale. They visit with the St. Aidan's gardeners and share the joy of growing flowers and vegetables. The next very important branch is the planet. Our common goal of tending the planet and all of its living beings is our collective way of giving thanks and praise to the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**Laura Johnston**  
Plant Sale Coordinator



## Eric Wetzel's Words — for June [the wedding month]

It finally happened. I have come of an age where most things were way better when I was young.

Proven once again by a wedding my family attended last weekend.

Good Lord!!

It is written in Wisconsin Statutes -- the dance goes as follows:

Polka  
Chicken Dance  
Hokey Pokey  
Twist, maybe Mashed Potato  
Shout!!  
2 Slow songs, YMCA and into the disco  
Two more slow songs

By then all the old people are happy, tired, ready to go home, and you chase them off the dance floor with the modern hits.

But nooooo. These kids these days.

One slow song played before dinner was even served. My blood sugar was too low to even remember what song it was! The dance theme was '70's dance party with traditional Greek music spritzed in. Sacrilegious.!

So what that the dance floor was packed all night long. So what that my wife and kids danced the whole night. So what that I danced until my knees about fell off. Why wasn't their wedding more about me. Ridiculous!

Kids these days... Where's my Ibuprofen?

**Eric Wetzel**  
Senior Warden

PENTECOST  
THE GIFT OF THE FATHER



## Deaconspeak

musings from the left shoulder

Data from an informal survey of northbound Highway 83 litterers:

Marlboro seems to be the cigarette of choice  
Coors Beer (various versions) is the most popular  
For those who prefer bottled beer, it is unanimous  
for Corona

Fast foodery McDonald's has the most clientele

At least, that's what I found, though I did not compare data with Eric Wetzel, who was on the southbound side of the same stretch.

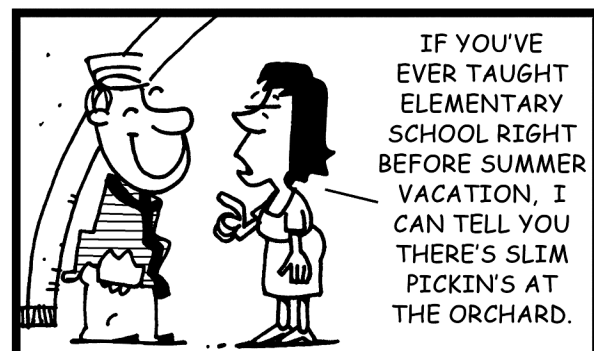
Of course, I am referring to the most recent St. Aidan's Highway Cleanup event, which was my first opportunity to join since coming to St Aidan's. While I cannot claim that it was a lot of fun, it was very enjoyable. It offered an occasion for fellowship, service, outreach, and creation care – along with the episode of your deacon dropping & losing his phone! All, except that last bit, was – love.

The faithful, who gathered and pitched in with some hard work, acted with love, even though that may not have been the incentive to serve -- love of God by offering very valuable time to serve God by serving the community, loving God's creation by removing pollutants from the roadside, loving God's people by providing an example of care for this earth, and not condemning those who may seem to be indifferent at best.

This was just one more episode of life and love in the faith community at St Aidan's. One of many. Taking a couple hours of time on a beautiful Sunday afternoon away from one's over-crowded schedule may not seem like a lot. However, each one of these seemingly small episodes is a significant step in bringing God's kingdom of love into our lives and world.

Thaks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!

Love in Christ - terry







I have been channeling my mother lately. She was always a busy woman, and I find that like her, I have become less and less patient with waiting for things to get done. Bruce will testify to that! He must get tired of watching my to-ing and fro-ing in and around the house. Laundry to the washer. Books to the table by my chair. Garbage to the bin. Dog out. Laundry to the dryer. Dog in. Etc.

Interestingly enough, when we were first married, many, many years ago, I was the one who was never ready on time, who forgot the laundry in the dryer, who let the dishes sit in the sink, and Bruce was the one waiting impatiently for me to find my purse. [I admit that particular thing hasn't changed.] Time seems to be moving faster, and there is not enough of it left. There are some advantages -- getting my whole house clean at the same time or actually being able to find things because they actually got put away!

And something good to cook while I do all that cleaning, instead of running to the store for a roasted chicken after a day of cleaning :

### Crockpot Roasted Chicken

This is so easy! Use whole chicken or pieces. Rub the spice mixture on the chicken, pop into the slow cooker and cook 4 hours on Hi or 6-8 hours on Low. Just a reminder -- remove that package of innards from inside the whole bird!

#### Spice mix

- 3 t, salt
- 2 t. paprika
- 1 t. cayenne pepper
- 1 t. onion powder
- 1 t. thyme
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. pepper

**Alice Pollock**

## Red Welcome Bags

For years St. Aidan's has welcomed "new" people with a red bag.

Our welcome bags include pamphlets with information on our church, a copy of the latest *Stag & Staff* newsletter, a St. Aidan's pencil, and candies. We also include a loaf of Welcome Bread. This small token of friendship is generally very well accepted by newcomers.

**If you see newcomers**, feel free to welcome them with a red bag and bread. Bags

are on the table near the office door.

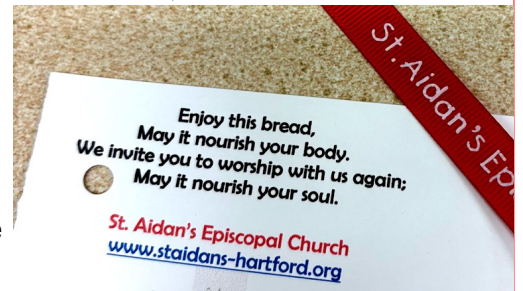
Bread is in the kitchen freezer. Tags and

ribbon are stored on the side of the freezer.

**Let Linda Weber know** if you have ideas for other items to be included in our welcome bags. Please let her know if you want to volunteer to make bread for the Welcome Bags.

**Linda Weber**

Greeter Extraordinaire!



## Faith Like a Child

Faith, like a child, you never ask permission before growing,  
before stretching your arms out in the world like

you own the place,  
before suddenly turning inside yourself,  
before surprising me or disappointing me or throwing me off with some new habit, some new quirk.

Just when I think I know who you are, you evolve into someone new, and we have to get reacquainted with one another, like we're starting all over again.

Why can't you just stay still?

Why can't I rock you through a lullaby without you wiggling free?

Rachel Held Evans

# ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Reader</b>	E. Wetzel	S. Schmidt	B. Pollock	L. Daley	B. Schrunk
<b>Prayers</b>	D. Beml	T. Schlaefer	E. Schmidt	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock
<b>Acolyte</b>	A. Schrunk	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	A. Schrunk
<b>Usher</b>	J. Pierce	Pollocks	L. Molenda	R. Schnorenberg	Schmidts
<b>LEM</b>	L. Johnston	M. Weber	J. Pierce	B. Schrunk	A. Pollock
<b>Counters</b>	Gardner/Hoffmann	Schnorenberg/Pierce	Fairchild/Moran	Pierce/Marsh Meigs	Schnorenberg/Weber
<b>Cleaning</b>	Gardner		Trewyn		Weber
<b>Altar</b>	L. Weber				



	6	13	20	27
<b>Reader</b>	M. Hoffmann	B. Mendoza	T. Schlaefer	C. Gardner
<b>Prayers</b>	L. Schrunk	A. Pollock	C. Gardner	K. Fairchild
<b>Acolyte</b>	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	A. Schrunk
<b>Usher</b>	Webers	Schrunks	J. Pierce	Pollocks
<b>LEM</b>	L. Johnston	M. Hoffmann	M. Weber	B. Schrunk
<b>Counters</b>	Fairchild/Gardner	M. Moran/A. M-Meigs	Schnorenberg/Hoffmann	M. Weber/J. Pierce
<b>Cleaning</b>		Pollock/Johnston		Schnorenberg
<b>Altar</b>	G. Kelly			

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 — JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Worship — 9:30 am  <b>CCC Meeting after Worship</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Men's B'fast 8:30 am</b>
<b>8 PENTECOST</b> Worship — 9:30 am 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</b>	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship — 9:30 am <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> Stag & Staff articles due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship — 9:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist</b>
<b>29</b> Worship — 9:30 am	<b>30</b>	 <div> 1 Susan &amp; Steve Trewyn  3 Pat Gardner  6 Samantha Schmidt  8 Ann Marsh-Meigs  Amanda &amp; Fido Mercado  14 Sydney Wetzel  19 Pat &amp; Mike Lake  21 Michael Moran  24 Janet &amp; Steve Garbarek  26 J. P. Schrunk  29 Russell Lenz  30 Tara Nooyen </div>				



## St. Aidan's Office Hours

Wednesdays — 9 am to Noon

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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.



### **Mondays --**

AA

7 - 8 pm

Parish Hall

### **Tuesdays --**

Women's AA

Noon

Parish Hall

### **Wednesdays**

Office Open

9am - Noon

### **Thursdays**

Choir Practice

6:30 pm

Sanctuary

### **Fridays**

Office Open

9 am - Noon

### **First Saturdays**

Men B'fast

8 am

Parish Hall

### **Sundays**

Worship Service

9:30 am

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

## Hartford City Band Concerts



**Woodlawn Park**

**8 pm — Wednesdays**

**July 2**

**July 9**

**July 16**

**July 23**

**July 30**

**August 6**

Enjoy great music and a warm atmosphere!!



**Hartford Community**

**Lunch**

**Saturday, MAY 31**

**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**.





## Rummage Sale Facts and Figures!

April 25 & 26, 2025 —

**\$3400** Profit!

**Thousands** of items donated for sale

Hundreds of buyers

**A long line** of people waiting in line for the doors to open

**Parishioners** donating time each day to clean, sort, and price

**Parishioners** taking vacation days from work in order to work at the sale

**Comments** from people that St. Aidan's seems to have so many things going on in our church.

**Comment** from one customer that there were so many volunteers! How do you get so many, she asked in awe.

It is easy to think that our rummage sale is run by just a handful of women. Although the organization comes from a small group, the sale is only a success because we have so many people come in to help —

The **people** who transported and unloaded rummage were invaluable.

The **people** who stopped in to work for just a few hours were able to accomplish a ton of work.

The **people** who provided lunch and snacks for the workers were amazing.

The **young people** of St. Aidan's who took a day off school to help unpack were a blessing.

Many thanks to all!

Linda Weber

## Announcements During Worship at St. Aidan's

### Starting July 6

All who worship at St. Aidan's on a Sunday morning are important members of this church community! This includes individuals who join us via Live Stream and Video. To honor and respect all those who participate in worship, starting on **July 6** those of you making announcements will be asked to use a microphone at the front of the church. We want to make sure everyone can hear and see. Be ready to make a brief presentation and position yourself near the mic at the end of *The Peace*. As a courtesy to **Mother Esther** and **Deacon Terry**, please let them know in advance when you plan to make an announcement.

### The beginning —



### and the end!





## On the Road with St. Aidan's —

It was an offer too good to refuse! Free housing and free parking for the NFL draft in Green Bay, held at the end of April.

This amazing offer came courtesy of our two Marys – Mary Z and Mary L. Mary Z had the house in De Pere, just a short drive from historic Lambeau Field and was away on a trip to Southeast Asia. Mary L had the primo parking in her driveway three blocks away from the stadium.

So it happened that Mike Weber, Brian Schrunck, his friend Jay Malek, and I were able to take in a bit of Wisconsin sports history. Mike and I drove up on Thursday morning to get the party started and found our parking place. We figured we were fortunate when we saw the \$100 parking signs at all the other driveways in Mary L's neighborhood.

One of the neat things was the way the Packers incorporated Lambeau Field and the indoor atrium, giving fans a place to shelter from the rain and the cool weather.

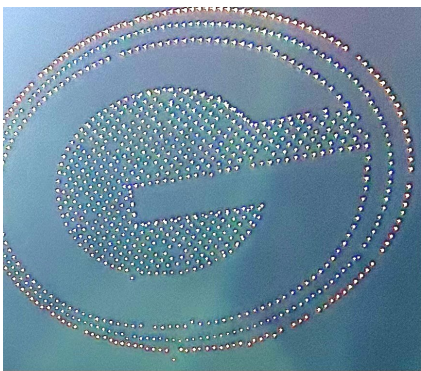
The draft is part rock concert, part fashion show, part fun and games for kids and families. And then there's the business of finding a few gems in the draft, something the Packers were trying to do, starting with their 23<sup>rd</sup> overall pick.

Matthew Golden, the talented wide receiver from Texas, showed up wearing a snakeskin-colored suit and was cheered wildly by Packer fans at the stadium red carpet event on Thursday afternoon. It was clear they were hoping Green Bay would select him with its first-round pick later that night. The Green and Gold indeed selected Golden, the first time the Packers had chosen a wide receiver in the first round since 2002.

A few hours later, Mike and I looked with wonder from the atrium railing as more than 200,000 people filled the space in front of the draft theater. No way we could stand in that mosh pit for four hours or more. So, we headed west into the Titledown district and found a smaller stage with a color screen and watched the first-round picks in relative comfort. We even met the two Canadian guys who built the stage. We had a two-hour wait for dinner next door but eventually were seated and finished the night there.

Brian and Jay arrived late Thursday and had a full experience on Day 2 of the draft. Jay wore his Dan Marino jersey (yes, he is a Dolphins fan from Dubuque, Iowa) and Brian had his Raiders shirt underneath his jacket. Mary L said it was all OK as long as no one was wearing any Chicago Bears' attire.

It poured during the afternoon, so we settled in at the 1919 Kitchen & Tap, the pub-restaurant inside the atrium. Brian and Jay later tried to join the huge crowd but never made it too far, and after freezing for a while we retreated to Hinterland to watch most of the second and third rounds.



A drone show ended the night with cool renderings of Vince Lombardi, a bicycle (the kind kids lend to the Packer players during training camp), the Packer G logo and quarterback Jordan Love. Beer drinking was a requirement at this event.

A good source told me the Green Bay crowd drank more beer the first night than was consumed in all three days at last year's draft in Detroit. Of course, these fans did – this is Wisconsin, after all.

Next year the draft will be in Pittsburgh and the following year on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The NFL has hit on a winning formula, moving it from city to city and celebrating the tradition of its franchises. One thing is certain. It won't be in Green Bay again in our lifetimes.

Yes, we're glad we took up the kind offers of our friends and went to Titledown. And here's hoping that first-round pick will be a Golden ticket.



Charles Gardner,  
Senior Staff Writer

June 2025

# 52 Ways to Care for Creation

Week 22: June 1-7

## **Happy Ocean Month!**

What do you love about the ocean? This month, choose an ocean-related book to read, podcast to listen to, or documentary to watch. Check out our website for ocean resources.

Week 23: June 8-14

## **Pentecost**

As we celebrate and imagine the Holy Spirit in the image of the dove, consider these words from Thomas Merton: "The sky is my prayer, the birds are my prayer, the wind in the trees is my prayer, for God is all in all."

Week 24: June 15-21

## **Beach/Watershed Clean-Up**

Plan a beach clean-up or trash pick-up for a nearby river or lake! Record the trash you collect in the app "Save Our Shores" to contribute to data that monitors which types of trash cause the most problems in your area.

Week 25: June 22-28

## **Take action to Protect Marine Areas**

Many of God's sacred marine areas are being put at-risk by pollution, overfishing, and coral bleaching. For example, Cashes Ledge is an underwater mountain range on the Gulf of Maine, but the extreme warming rate of the water puts its ecosystems in danger. Learn more at [creationjustice.org/cashesledge](https://creationjustice.org/cashesledge)

Week 26: June 29-July 5

## **Ocean Reflection**

Whether you live in a land-locked state or on the coast, everyone is connected to the ocean. Ecclesiastes 1:7 reminds us: "All streams run to the sea."



Find more theological & educational resources at [creationjustice.org/ocean](https://creationjustice.org/ocean)

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