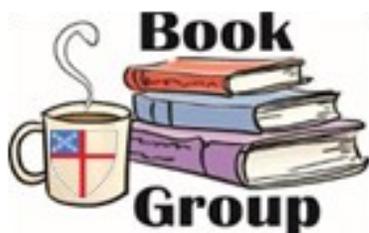




ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

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



Wednesday — November 5
12:30 pm — Fellowship Hall

Brother Lawrence was a humble 17th Century French Catholic Carmelite Brother. The book is short, only 100 pages. Please join me, Lynn Molenda, and others for discussion whether you've read it or not!
Geri Kelly



First Saturdays —

NOVEMBER 1

Cook 8 am — Eat 8:30 am
Faith — Food — Fellowship



GET READY!

Get out the craft supplies, the recipes, the yarn, the basket stuff, and canning jars!
The BAZAAR IS COMING! The bazaar **IS** coming!

Prep days: December 8 — 12:

Mark your calendars for the hours/days you can help — it will be some of the most fun work you'll do this holiday season.

[Thanks to **Eric Wetzel** — see his column, p. 2]

St. Aidan's

Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Sale

Saturday -- December 13 — 9 am -- 2 pm

Kettle Moraine Region Gathers

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St. Aidan's

November 22

Saturday, 10 am — 3 pm

Everyone in

The Diocese of Wisconsin

Kettle Moraine Region

is invited to meet Bishop Matthew

Gunter and participate in a day of sharing about the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

St. Aidan's is hosting this event for our region. Please volunteer to help with hospitality!

Sign-up today for the
2025 EpiscoWisco Youth

Fall Lock-In!

Nov. 14-16, 2025
St. Francis Episcopal Church,
Menomonee Falls

Grades 6-12 & adult leaders
www.episcowisco.camp/lockin

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From Eric's desk —

Welcome to the Getting Ready Season

Fall -- **BEST** Time of the Year!!

Forget all the things you didn't do this summer. Leave your disappointments behind and GET READY.

Holidays -- Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter...

Get Ready.

Seeing Family -- They're coming to you. You're going to them. Phone Calls. Zoom. You name it...

Get Ready.

Snow Shoveling — Get in the gym and GET Ready.

Spring is great and all, but Fall, Oh MAN.

In Fall you can get the house ready for those snug days in winter, when all you're doing is sitting around dreaming of spring.

Is your pile of books ready? Get It Ready.

That recipe you've dreaming of, GET IT Ready.

Is your luggage packed to head south. GET IT READY!

Blood Pumping? Pulse Racing? Getting Overwhelmed?

Call a friend so they can help you get ready.

No better time than getting ready together, perhaps with a nice lunch, perhaps a cocktail?

And please remember...For the love of all you hold dear...

Get a picture of you getting ready so we **ALL** can see and rejoice with you!



Eric Wetzel

Come, ye thankful people, come!

Raise the song of harvest home!

Prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Thanksgiving Eve
7 pm — November 26
Redeemer Lutheran Church

“IF THE ONLY PRAYER YOU EVER SAY IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IS THANK YOU, IT WILL BE ENOUGH.”

-MEISTER ECKHART



Jan Lindborg (1924—2025), beloved member of St. Aidan's passed away in August. The following was read at her memorial.

Letter from Jan Lindborg to her granddaughter Andrea, in answer to the question, "What do you know or believe?" October 2nd, 1995

"I know by experience and observation that the earth is round and that gravity is real. I know that death and taxes are inevitable, so I expect the sun to appear daily, and planets to keep a regular and predictable path. I don't jump off of a cliff. I pay taxes and go to funerals. I believe some things by the word of scientists and learned people of ages past. Are there other ways to know/believe? Intuition? Revelation?

And there are some things which are still debatable; some things which may never be known. Life is too short to spend an inordinate amount of my time plowing the same ground the thinkers of the past have already turned to dust. So in order to save time and avoid error, I choose to accept some things on faith; things which may never be demonstrated, and I may never experience. This gives me a pattern or plan which I can use to construct my life, my actions and behavior.

Your question may have been posed after listening to us churchgoers recite the Apostles' Creed, being a series of "I believes." Many of us recite this with fingers crossed, or omitting some phrases. It is traditional, but it is not the only creed. Sages of the past have held to these words, human words, which are, of course, always subject to conjecture.

Resurrection of the body? Life everlasting? I have no experience, no observation, no real understanding of the significance of the words. So I have chosen to believe through faith, intuition, and hope that there is a creator/sustainer force in the universe; that there is a certain order to the apparent chaos; that good can triumph over evil. And that there is strength and peace of mind in joining with other believers to study whatever things are true and good and right.

Next unfinished subjects to be dealt with: Quotations. And shoes."



Esther's Epistle

With the cooler temperatures and fewer hours of daylight in November, many of us are tempted to hibernate, like the bears! We might even think that the church calendar should slow down. Well, not at St. Aidan's! For this church, November is a lively time, and we make the most of the month. On Sunday, **November 2** we honor the people we see no longer and all the saints on All Saints Day. During worship we stand together and affirm our Baptismal Vows. We will make a joyful noise as we promise to love God and live in relationship with one another. In our calendar of activity and soon after we affirm our vows, we will gather on Wednesday, **November 5** to discuss *The Practice of the Presence of God*, a book by Brother Lawrence. Make no mistake, book discussions at St. Aidan's are active and engaging. They offer an opportunity to gain a new perspective and learn from one another.

On Saturday, **November 8**, St. Aidan's Outreach Team will gather to share a smile and the love of Christ with our neighbors. We'll distribute clothing and handmade items to children and adults who live nearby. Later that day, people from St. Aidan's and other churches will meet to plan the June 20 ecumenical retreat at St. Aidan's called the "Joy of Faith Community." The conversation is engaging and always involves making progress in taking next steps!

The week of **November 16-22** is the "Bishop's Week in Residence," and it's a time for Bishop Matthew Gunter to meet with us! We'll hear from the bishop and meet with people from the Kettle Moraine Region of the diocese. Activities are scheduled throughout the week and throughout the region, but the most special event is the one held at St. Aidan's! On **Saturday, November 22, we host a Regional Gathering from 10am-3pm**, and that's where we'll share our experience as Episcopalians! The following week, we gather with our sisters and brothers in Christ for our ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hartford. I can't imagine a better way to end the month than by observing the first Sunday in Advent with ALL of Christendom on **November 30!** I know that it's tempting to slow down in November, but St. Aidan's is full of life! I hope you will join us for these events and worship with us every Sunday.



Mother Esther +



Deaconspeak

musings from the left shoulder

On a recent Thursday evening Loraine and I joined with over 1,000 of our new best friends to jam-pack the Oriental Theatre on Milwaukee's East side for a screening of "You Are Here: A Come From Away Story." It's a documentary about the events in Gander, Newfoundland from September 11, 2001, when they effectively doubled their population when they took in and cared for the passengers (human and animal - the Newfoundlanders called them "come from aways") from all of the trans-Atlantic inbound flights to America - because US airspace was shut down.

It's a story of love and hospitality, responding to need in a crisis, without questions or expectations - loving one's neighbors before self. In the upper Midwest we may often joke about "Canada nice" or even "Wisconsin nice" attitude, but there is humor because there is truth to be found there.

It is palpably evident that there is a "St Aidan's nice" also - which is particularly strong when we focus on sharing God's love with others. We do not have to be in a crisis like 9-11 (although some might debate that our polarized society is in serious crisis) to extend our love and resources to those in need. We just reach out because there is need: for food... warm clothing... healing... respite from loneliness... for God's love through us.

As a faith community, we can always do more. That's what God continually calls us to do. Yes - we should take pride in how much our small group offers and then we must look for more ways to share Christ's love. Every little bit of resource, or time, of self, of love, can make a huge difference to a neighbor in need. St Aidan's nice!

Love in Christ -

Just going to church
doesn't make you a Christian any more
than standing in your garage makes you
a Car. ~G. K. Chesterton



Mary and Mike Moran report that over 1,000 runners/walkers participated in the recent Pink Pumpkin Run in Hartford. Mary made 10 quilts to raffle with donations designated for the PP Run or St. Aidan's Little Pantry.

She exceeded her fund-raising goal and has set a new one for next year!

Total funds raised — \$2252
Pink Pumpkin Run — \$1227
St. Aidan's Little Pantry — \$1025



Mike shows St. Aidan's name among the sponsors.



ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



November 2025

	2	9	16	23	30
Reader	C. Gardner	A. Pollock	K. Fairchild	L. Molenda	M. Moran
Prayers	T. Schlaefer	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock	L. Schrunk	A. Pollock
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley	A. Schrunk	S. Schmidt
Usher	Pollocks	R. Schnorenberg	Schmidts	Webers	Schrunks
LEM	J. Pierce	L. Johnston	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	M. Weber
Counters	A. Marsh- Meigs/ K. Fairchild	M. Weber/ M. Moran	R. Schnorenberg/ C. Gardner	M. Weber/ M. Hoffmann	M. Moran/ J. Pierce
Cleaning	Trewyn		Kelly		Garnder/ Johnston
Altar	L. Schrunk				



December 2025

	7	14	21	28
Reader	S. Schmidt	E. Wetzel	D. Bemis	L. Daley
Prayers	C. Gardner	K. Fairchild	L. Molenda	D. Bemis
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Usher	L. Molenda	J. Pierce	Pollocks	R. Schnorenberg
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Counters	A. M-Meigs/Hoffmann	Gardner/Schnorenberg	K. Fairchild/M. Weber	M. Moran/J. Pierce
Cleaning		Weber	Schnorenberg/Johnston	
Altar	Pollock			

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 — NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>November Birthdays & Anniversaries</i></p> <p>1 Kramer, Esther 5 Bert Mendoza 19 Greta Berni 26 Cameron Wetzel Addison Mae Schrunk 14 Michael Schmidt Nathaniel Schrunk 28 Ann & Eric Marsh- Meigs Mike Weber 16 Zacharie Davis 20 Mary Barnes Maria Wetzel 3 Pat & Ron Schnorenberg 18 Lynn Molenda 21 Eileen Schmidt</p>						<p>1</p>  <p>8:30 am</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9</p>  <p>Book Discussion 12:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Winter clothes distribution</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Worship — 9:30am Confirmation</p> <p>Stag & Staff articles due</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p>  <p>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Kettle Moraine Region Gathering</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Worship — 9:30 am Confirmation</p> <p>30 Advent 1 Worship — 9:30 am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am</p> <p>Prepare! Thanksgiving Eve, 7 pm Redeemer</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist</p>

"WE ARE THE Episcopal BRANCH OF THE Jesus movement"



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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 Community Lunch
Saturday, November 29
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**.

The Kiva effect

When your investment makes a greater impact due to the power of relending.



Episcopal Church Women — **WHY?**

In 2009, St. Aidan 's ECW deposited \$500 in a Kiva account. Since 2009, we have made 66 loans in 23 different countries totaling \$3,450 without adding funds beyond the initial \$500!

How do Kiva loans work?

- (1) Someone applies for a loan; for example, Margarita needs \$1,000 to expand her tortilla business. She applies for a loan with CrediCampo, a microfinance institution, one of Kiva's lending partners.
- (2) CrediCampo posts Margarita's loan to the Kiva organization to cover the cost of the loan.
- (3) Donors lend \$25, or more to help crowdfund the full loan amount.
- (4) Margarita's \$1,000 loan is fully funded thanks to our donation and 31 other lenders.
- (5) When Margarita pays back her loan, our original donation is then lent to another person. The initial investment turns over and over as people pay back their loans.



Oscar Danilo – Barber in Nicaragua and Costa Rica

Oscar is a 37-year-old, in a common-law marriage and the father of one child. For some years he was out of the country in search of better opportunities, however, he returned to establish a barber shop business. Today, this has become his primary source of income. Oscar's Kiva loan was to purchase epilators, gel, and talcum powder. With these supplies, he hopes to continue offering his in-demand service and have a more prosperous business. **Our Kiva loan helped to purchase these supplies. His loan has been 100% repaid.**

Sona's business involves purchasing and reselling sheep with her husband. She is 49 years old and has four children. She requested a loan to purchase additional sheep to meet customer demand. Sona believes this will lead to greater revenue and profit for her family. She would like to reinvest the earnings generated by this loan back into her business to purchase additional sheep to further increase their income to support their children's education. **Our Kiva loan helped to purchase 15 sheep and fodder. It has been fully repaid.**



Sona – Livestock – Azerbaijan



Gpff Diamoral Oussouye Group – Retail Store in Senegal

Madame Dijilouga Josephine (hand raised in picture), is 30 years old, married with two girls. For the past five years she has worked in sales, selling women's clothes, dried fish, and bricks. She will use the profits earned to pay her children's school fees and save to purchase a plot of land. **Our Kiva loan helped to purchase clothes, cement, sand, and dried fish. This loan is 30% repaid.**

For the past sixteen years our donation of \$500 has continued to provide loans that support agriculture, dressmaking, dairy, weaving, goods distributions, barber and butcher shops, crafts and more. Amazing! Truly. This is WHY we do what we do!

Blessings, Donna Dinco, ECW President

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

STAG & STAFF



Hartford Union High School District
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HUGE congratulations to the HUHS Math Team on a brilliant day at the Arrowhead Invite yesterday! 🎉

Varsity: Hailey Tomes scored 24 out of 30 with a 3rd Place medal!

JV: The team took 3rd overall! Top scorers were Seth Maahs (perfect score/3rd Place) and JP Shrunk (13 points/5th Place). ←

We couldn't be more proud of all our mathletes! Go HUHS! ❤️🖤



Sometimes you just don't know. I am looking at the sun on the yellow maple leaves out the kitchen window. Summer seemed so slow, and here it is mid-October, sliding downhill into winter. There has been no frost yet, but the trees know what time it is, and my zinnias are done blooming even though the stems and leaves are still a vigorous green. The roses on the other hand are covered with their last hurrah of scarlet and lemon yellow even as the leaves are beginning to curl. The temperature feels like late summer, but the trees and the garden are smarter than I am. Fall is here, and we all know what comes after that!



Last week my sister and I ran away to Washington Island as we do every fall to meet old friends and knitting companions for a week of wool and conversation. We stay at a fiber school called Sievers, bunking in the old barn/dorm and meeting all day in the studio a short walk away to indulge in uninterrupted knitting. Ann and I also enjoy cooking things we both enjoy but which are not favorite meals at home. She makes a killer wheat berry Waldorf salad, and this year I made risotto. It's a great warm hug on a fall day. You can make it with anything you like, and it can be done in the oven with no constant stirring. Enjoy

Risotto

Please note, you can put anything you like into risotto.

- 1 # butternut squash peeled and cubed
- 1 package sliced mushrooms
- Chopped garlic (I used 5 cloves, but that's me)
- Olive oil
- Heat oil and sauté squash 10 minutes, then add mushrooms and garlic for another 2 minutes,
- 1 C. Arborio rice
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 3 C. broth (chicken, vegetable whatever you like)
- Add to the pan and cover it.

At this point you can put it in the oven at 350* for 20 minutes. Stir. Cover and put it in the oven for another 20 minutes

OR

Simmer for 15 minutes. Stir. Cover and simmer another 10 minutes or until rice is tender. Add grated cheese and a good pat of butter.

Feel all warm and cozy now?

Alice Pollock

It was a family affair at the Pink Pumpkin Run with **Mary & Mike Moran's** son-in-law and their grand-



Noah, Alice and Bruce Pollock's grandson, has his visa for So Africa for a year of social service. Our thanks for his future good works!



MORE

GOOD NEWS



Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin Convention 2025

Perhaps the most exciting event at the diocesan convention was gathering up the 112 [Tara counted them!] knit items that women from many churches around the diocese donated to St. Aidan's Little Pantry! Loving your neighbor is alive and well in our diocese!



From **Pastora Loretta** — Our granddaughter Juli with her family from Jacksonville, NC. Juli and our great granddaughter Alysia's recent visit to Milwaukee. The larger family gathering celebrating Juli and her sister Naohmei's birthday gathering while Juli visited.





BISHOP'S WEEK IN RESIDENCE

Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin- Kettle Moraine Region
November 16-22, 2025

Friday – Sunday, November 14 - 16
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Menomonee Falls
LOCK-IN – FOR ALL YOUTH!
www.episcowisco.camp/lockin

Sunday, November 16
Zion Episcopal Church, Oconomowoc
BISHOP'S SUNDAY VISITATION

Monday, November 17
St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Waukesha
EPISCOPAL-PRESBYTERIAN VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, November 18
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beloit
EUCCHARIST – FOR EVERYONE! – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 19
Holy Communion Episcopal Church, Lake Geneva
CLERGY QUARTERLY GATHERING – Noon

Thursday, November 20
St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Pewaukee
PARISH CELEBRATION AT ST. BART'S – 8am-8pm

Saturday, November 22
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Hartford
KETTLE MORAIN CHURCHES REGIONAL GATHERING
This is a day of sharing - **FOR EVERYONE!** – 10am-3pm
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*St. Aidan's
Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Sale
Saturday -- December 13, 2025
9am -- 2 pm*

Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Hand decorated Cookies
Assorted Christmas Cookies
Decorate Your Own Christmas Cookie Kits

Gifts & Crafts!

Hand-made Treasures ❖ Knitting ❖ Jam ❖ Bakery ❖ and MORE!

Remarkable Raffle!

Baskets ❖ Gift Cards

Lunch To Go!

Soup ❖ Chili ❖ Bread ❖ Brats ❖ Burgers

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