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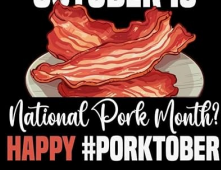
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ST. AIDAN'S

STAG & STAFF

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

**DID YOU KNOW
OCTOBER IS**



**Men's Breakfast
First Saturdays**

OCTOBER 3

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



deaconspeak: musings from the left shoulder



Quilting for Good

Pink Pumpkin Run — October 3

Quilt Raffle Drawing — October 4

Buy tickets up to the drawing!

St. Aidan's Fellowship Hall

More information: Pages 2 and 9



October marks some significant milestones for me. The Feast of St Luke (18 October) will be the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the vocational diaconate. Yes – I am old and the most senior deacon serving in the diocese, *and* I was ordained at an early age for vocational deacons. The majority of deacons find their calling to this wonderful ministry during their later years - typically empty nesters.

Speaking of old, my other milestone in October is my 71st birthday. That is significant because all clergy in The Episcopal Church are canonically required (i.e., mandated by the laws of the church) to retire. That is one of the reasons that Bishop Matt has announced his retirement as the Bishop of Wisconsin.

Loraine and I have been praying and talking about this since Spring. After all, 40 years of diaconal ministry has been a wonderful blessing for us, in more ways than we have time to share in this article. At the same time, 40 years is a long time to be at worship -- but not able to worship together in the pew.

Considering all of this, I have submitted my resignation as deacon assigned to St Aidan's to Bishop Matt, and he has accepted it and approved my plan. In planning with Mother Esther, and as I shared with the Vestry at the September meeting, my last Sunday with you will be 10 January 2027 as we celebrate Epiphany.

You probably do not realize what you – the St Aidan's community of faith – have been with love, support, prayer, and care for Loraine and me. Unknowingly, you made this decision very difficult for us. After all, the signature I use for these articles is my way to say I love you. All the same, it is both time and opportunity to make this decision as Loraine and I face this next stage of life together.

"Thank you." Somehow, just like when I'm talking with God, those words seem inadequate to me. But... just like talking with God, they are deeply heartfelt and sincere.

Love in Christ – **terry**



**Starting OCTOBER 4
FIRST SUNDAYS**

9:30 am

Class will begin at the start of our church service and children will re-turn to church at the Peace. Children ages 4 and older are welcome!

**The Power of Language
&**

The Church

Adult Forum

October 4 & 11

After Worship



Quilting for Good

Win a Quilt!

Winning tickets for the ten beautiful quilts made by **Mary Moran** will be drawn on Sunday, **October 4 at 11 am in the Parish Hall**. Ticket buyers may choose which quilt they're interested in winning and may designate which of two charities they'd like raffle ticket monies to go toward -- St. Aidan's Little Pantry or the Pink Pumpkin Run held on October 3.

100% of the proceeds go to these charities! A big thank you to Mary for her generosity of spirit, resources, and time for these very worthy causes. You may buy tickets from Mary up to and including the day of the drawing.

Laura Johnston



Morans at the Farmer's Market

"In Alabama, it is against the law to wear a fake mustache that could cause laughter in the church." *But not in Wisconsin!*



From Eric's desk —

My children's generation has become adults now...

They grew up with all the new world technology. The baby of this group, Tik Tok, is 10 years old.

Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, and the I-phone itself; all developed and launched in the last 20 years.

I've had several family reunions this summer. Including the final church service at my grandparents' country church. Man, it was a great summer. All those people I had not seen in forever. We reminisced, flashed back, and were overwhelmed by the nostalgia of it all.

I went into the stone basement kitchen of the church with my sister, and she told me of the hundreds of times she was there with my grandma and the Ladies Aide to help get ready for a special service. I was 3 years younger and a boy, so this was never a memory of mine, and I was probably in that basement only three or four times, total.

I was talking with four or five groups of friends I played with growing up in the country outside Burnett. These were all my friends, and I saw them all the time. We all lived within a 10-mile radius of my house. We soon realized I played with all of them, but many of them had never met each other. My play-time radius overlapped all of theirs, but most of their radii never touched. There was girl across the street from me and another a mile down the road from me. They have worked together for the past 35 years and never realized they both knew me growing up.

All this is to say: we've always been in bubbles. You don't choose those you have growing up. That's your parents' fault. But as you grow, you build your own bubble to live in.

My kids and I have talked way more since they left for college as compared to the last years they were home. One thing we keep coming back to is the need to build or construct your life or bubble. They at school and my wife Sharon and me at home... all alone... with no one to love us anymore...

But you need tools to build a life. Church, as an open door, filled with love inside, can be a place to learn the skills and accumulate the tools needed to build that life -- for the old or young or those darn millennials, yes even them.

At least once a week our church is part of everyone's bubble. Take advantage of it.

The bubble of St. Aidan's is full of the knowledge we need to keep learning these skills and building our lives.

Eric Wetzel

Senior Warden



Alice's Restaurant

It's not quite here yet, but I have already heard the phrase 'soup weather' twice. Heading into fall is a mixed blessing. We trade one set of things, like gardening, for another, like raking leaves or shoveling snow.

I have never really favored one season over another, although I may possibly prefer the seasons of change, spring and fall if you make me choose. The miraculous burst of new green and first flowers in the spring, and the bursts of color and the almost ticker-tape explosion of leaves on a windy fall day are breathtaking. I still delight that we live where changing seasons remind us of the everyday miracles we so often take for granted. We none of us have an unlimited number of seasons ahead of us, although once upon a time I thought so, and maybe you did, too. As a result, my resolve is to enjoy everything because I have finally figured out it will never be exactly the same again, and I will never be exactly the same either.

Stay warm, make a big batch of soup for the freezer. Change is coming!

Butternut Apple Soup

1 butternut squash – peeled, seeded, and cubed
2 or 3 apples -- peeled, cored, and chopped
1 onion -- peeled and chopped

Put all on a cookie sheet.

Drizzle with a little olive oil.

Season with salt and pepper.

Roast at 425* for 30 minutes.

Transfer everything to a soup pot.

Heat just until fragrant with

1 T. curry powder or paste

Start with curry powder if you are not sure you will like it.

4 C. chicken or vegetable broth

Add a cup or two of the broth.

Blend with a stick blender, then add the rest.

At this point it freezes well.

1 C. milk or coconut

Add and heat through.

Serve with a sprinkle of pumpkin or sunflower seeds.

Alice Pollock

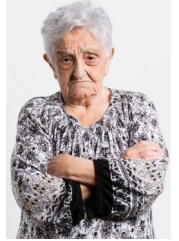


The Distinguished Chair of Wonder

This month, a guest writer: Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lutheran Pastor

Dear Nadia,
How do I guard against being a bitter and mean old lady.

A reader



Dear Reader,

When I was younger, I never ate dark chocolate. I thought it was for fools and idiots. Why in the world would anyone CHOOSE dark chocolate when smooth, creamy, delicious milk chocolate is available? I scoffed.

But then life happened to me, as it does to all of us. My pallet matured, I suppose. I tasted things that were bitter and they started to seem pleasing to me. Arugula (with a bit of goat cheese), coffee (with a bit of cream), broccolini (with more than a bit of salted butter).

I found these combinations to be compliments to each other. One making the other stand out by their contrast on the tongue.

Bitterness in foods is a delight because of how it works within an entire world of flavors and texture.

But in humans, there is no butter to make bitterness palatable. We aren't broccolini, baby.

You know this already or you wouldn't be asking how to avoid it.

So, sweet reader, my question back to you is this: how kind can you be toward yourself? Could you maybe, even though it's super cringy, place your hand on your heart and ask it "What hurt you? And how can we move on together?". Because no one is born bitter. Bitterness happens when the pain and sorrow of life overtake us so much that in defense we beat life to the punch. Because *assuming* everything is s*** and always will be is less vulnerable than having our hopes dashed again. Better to just not hope at all and then make everyone in our lives suffer us. But reader, **I am hopeful**. Defiantly so. There are a million forms of s*** out there, it's true. But what is also true is that there are always more forms of love. So, let's you and I refuse to reverse the math on that.

There is more love than s*** if we dare to look.

Foods to love. Dogs to love. People to love. Sunrises to love. Pizza to love. Little jagged pieces of our hearts to love. Quirks of others to love. Literature to love. Bad jokes to love.

What would you add to this list, reader?
We will all start there.

Love, Nadia

St Aidan's Parish Cèilidh

Singing, dancing, performing — a good time had by all!



please!

Saturday, November 14

Winter Clothing Distribution Event

Gently used or new children and adult clothing: Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, snowpants [or a check — we'll shop!]. **Thank you** for helping to keep our neighbors warm.

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Join us as we
continue discussing:

Do I Stay Christian?

by Brian McLaren

Wednesday, November 4

Parish Hall — 12:30 pm

In three sections he answers the title question with **No, Yes, and How?** Expect a thoughtful discussion with debate and delight!

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ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



	4	11	18	25
Reader	E. Wetzel	D. Bemí	B. Schrunck	L. Daley
Prayers	M. Hoffmann	K. Fairchild	C. Gardner	L. Molenda
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunck	L. Daley	A. Schrunck
Usher	Webers	Schrunks	D. Rabe	L. Molenda
LEM	J. Thorbahn Pierce	M. Weber	L. Johnson	A. Pollock
Counters	Fairchild/M Meigs	Pierce/Gardner	Schnorenberg/ Hoffmann	Weber/Moran
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bemí/Johnston	Moran/Schrunck	Dinco/Hoffman	Weber/Mendoza
Coffee Hour Clean	J. Pierce	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	L. Schrunck
Cleaning	NA	Weber	NA	Gardner
Altar	G. Hefti			



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Usher	Pierce	Pollocks	R. Schnorenberg	Schmidts	Webers
LEM	Schnorenberg	B. Schrunck	M. Hoffmann	M. Weber	Pierce
Counters	Hoffmann/ Gardner	Weber/Pierce	M-Meigs/Fairchild	Gardner/Schnorenberg	Moran/Hoffmann
Cleaning	N/A	Kelly/Johnston	N/A	Trewyn	N/A
Coffee Clean-up	Wetzel/Pollock Pierce	McCambridge/Dinco Hoffmann	Paddon/Schrunck Weber	Moran/Kelly/ Schrunck Bemí	Johnston/Morgan Kelly
Altar	L. Schrunck				

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 — OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Birthdays & Anniversaries 2 Dee & Mike Kaker 3 Mary & Tom Barnes 5 Dcn. Terry Garner 6 Pat & Charles Gardner 8 gail Hefti 9 Mary & Mike Moran Dave Tracy		10 Gary Stage 11 John Johnston 24 Hannah Kaker Abby Schrunck 25 Megan & Matt Wetzel Geri Kelly & Don Rabe 30 Dennis Daley		1	2	3 Happy Porktober Men's B'fast 8:30 am
4 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School Healing Service Adult Forum	5	6	7  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	8	9	10
11 Worship — 9:30 am Adult Forum  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 Vestry 	19	20	21  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	22	23	24
25 Worship — 9:30 am 	26	27	28  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	29  CHOIR REHEARSAL 3 pm	30	 31 Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist



St. Aidan's Office Hours

Wednesdays — 9 am to Noon
Fridays — 9 am to Noon
Or by appointment

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Vestry\

Geri Kelly

Lynn Molenda

Mike Morgan

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Prayer - It's what we do

The people of St. Aidan's Faith Family pray for each other. Contact **Ron Schnorenberg** [414-416-9118], **Bruce Pollock** [262-707-7896], or **Mother Esther** [262-673-7273] if you would like to include someone on the prayer chain or have prayer list updates.



Mondays --

AA 7 - 8 pm Parish Hall

Tuesdays --

Women's AA Noon Parish Hall

Wednesdays

Office Open 9am - Noon

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.



Scripture Study
Thursdays — 4 pm
Fellowship Hall

Discuss Sunday's readings — and more!

Eric Wetzel



Hartford Community
Lunch

Saturday, October 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**.



St. Aidan's Creation Care Commission

When I Am Among The Trees

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

Mary Oliver, 1935-2019

Memorial Woodland

As part of the Creation Care Commission's mission to re-wild St. Aidan's property, a woodland has been designed for the southwest corner of the grassed lot. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to donate toward trees and shrubs. Signage will be installed to indicate memorials and celebrations for loved ones and special events.

Please see the price list here and consider donating toward the beautifying of our land as we remember special people and occasions that have been "filled with light."

Lynn Molenda
Micki Hoffmann

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



From Danielle Bell, Ecologist/Designer:

I priced out what it would be per tree to plant for the memorial forest. Doing some of each size would give a natural look to the area with some bigger plants and some smaller ones. The #5 trees would be about 3-4' tall at time of planting and the #25 trees would be 6-8' tall. But if the larger trees are too expensive, doing all small ones is just fine! Here are some numbers:

Tree = \$400/tree

Species: Swamp White Oak, Hackberry, Bur Oak, American Basswood

This cost includes the #5 container plant, mulch around base, 5' deer fencing, and labor to install

Tree = \$700/tree

Species: Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Shagbark Hickory

This cost includes the #25 container plant, mulch around base, 5' deer fencing, and labor to install

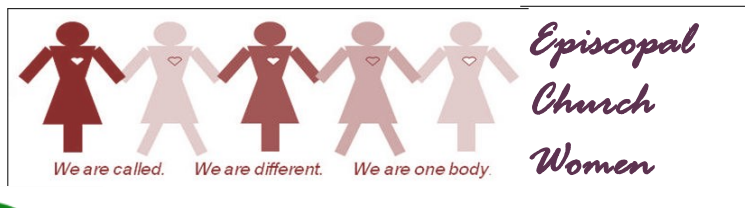
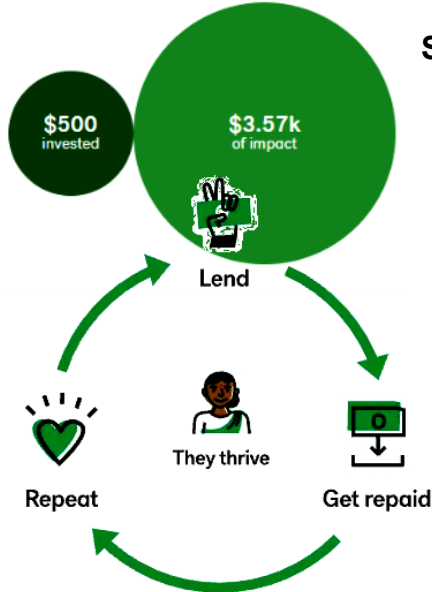
Shrub = \$300/shrub

Species: Bladdernut, American Plum, American Elderberry, Hazelnut

This cost includes the #2 or #3 container plant, mulch around base, 5' deer fencing, and labor to install

Thanks!
Danielle Bell, Owner

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St. Aidan 's Kiva Effect

In 2009, St. Aidan 's ECW deposited \$500 in a **Kiva** account.

Kiva is a non-profit re-lending company that has funded over \$2 billion in loans. As explained on their website, "money is a finite resource. But with Kiva you can use the same dollars [\$25 minimum] again and again, helping a new borrower each time your loan is repaid. Your same \$25 could help someone open a salon, then support a child's education, then invest in community solar panels, and so on!" As a lender, you can choose from a catalog of people who need help.

During 2025/2026 alone, St. Aidan made a total of 72 loans in 26 different countries. Since 2009, a total amount of \$3,565 of St. Aidan's money has been combined with others — crowd funding — and has been lent to borrowers — then repaid and used again.

How St. Aidan's Kiva loans have helped:

Isaac is a 32-year-old farmer from Kaganga, Rubaare. He is married and the father of two children, and both depend on him for their daily needs. Isaac earns his livelihood through banana farming, which is the main source of income for his family. However, declining soil fertility has affected the productivity of his banana plantation. To improve yields and sustain his farming activities, Isaac has requested financial support to purchase manure and mulches. This support will help restore soil health, increase banana yields, improve household income, and strengthen Isaac's ability to provide for his family through sustainable farming. *This loan is special because it helps rural farmers increase productivity and their income.* Our Kiva loan helped to purchase these supplies. His loan is in repayment.



Tuti is 30 years old and married with three daughters and four sons. She is a very hardworking mother who always strives to provide the best for her children, improve their living conditions, and create happy lives for them. For more than 10 years, Tuti has run a food stall to earn money for her family, and it has been a significant contribution to their lifestyle, helping them afford daily necessities and educational expenses. Tuti's loan is to buy more food to expand her business. Her income is insufficient to afford the purchase, but she repays the loan with the added income it generates. She is very grateful for the opportunity and wants to thank her lenders. *This loan is special because it helps stimulate essential business activities in underserved communities.*

Over the past seventeen 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. Approximately 64% of our loans go to women; 12% to people in Peru. Amazing! ECW is proposing adding another \$500 to our Kiva account, doubling our impact in a needy world.

Blessings,
Donna

Editor's note: Anyone can open a Kiva account with \$25 and put their money to work for good!
www.kiva.org



St. Aidan's Quilt Raffle

Raffle License #: R0024414-A-09911



Choose the quilt you wish to win!

Raffle drawing: Sunday, Oct. 4th @ 11 a.m.

Tickets: \$5 each 

100% of proceeds go to the charity of your choice:

Pink Pumpkin Run -or- St. Aidan's Little Food Pantry

Location: St. Aidan's Church
670 E. Monroe Ave., Hartford WI

For more information, contact Mary Moran: (262) 224-0543



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Wisconsin cathedral welcomes Episcopal Church's first transgender dean

By David Paulsen -- Sep 1, 2026



The Very Rev. Micah Cronin joined All Saints' Cathedral in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as dean in August

[Episcopal News Service] Growing up in rural Western New York, the Very Rev. Micah Cronin couldn't have imagined his present role as dean of the Episcopal cathedral in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was raised in more conservative churches, and as a young adult, "I did not feel that I fit there," he said, because they were not fully accepting of him as a transgender man.

At the same time, Cronin's faith was as central to his identity as his gender, and he told himself, "I don't think it's feasible to me to not be Christian."

Then at age 19, he began attending worship services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a small congregation in Olean, New York. "They welcomed me immediately and beautifully, so I said, I guess I'm Episcopalian now," Cronin recalled in an interview with Episcopal News Service.

Now 30, Cronin has followed his spiritual calling to the

priesthood, and in August he began as dean of All Saints' Cathedral, an LGBTQ+-affirming congregation in downtown Milwaukee with an average Sunday attendance of about 70. He is thought to be the first transgender dean of any Episcopal cathedral and also one of the youngest.

His top priority is settling in with his new congregation — "I'm excited to get to know them" — though he also sees himself and other transgender Episcopal leaders as playing a vital role in American communities like Milwaukee at a time when the Trump administration and many of its Republican supporters have vilified transgender people in both their rhetoric and their policies.

"The way I see our moment in The Episcopal Church right now is being a church that has taken a stand to welcome and include because of its Christian faith," Cronin said. Many transgender Americans, he added, may not realize that denominations like The Episcopal Church teach that Christianity is about love.

"Just by me existing as a trans person and as a priest, I get to have conversations with people that very few people get to have," he said. "I think we have a chance to preach the Gospel in places it wouldn't otherwise be heard."

Other trans Episcopalians who have experienced a similar sense of welcome in The Episcopal Church now are celebrating Cronin's new role as dean.

"It is so moving how The Episcopal Church has been a place where [Cronin] could follow Jesus authentically and step more fully into his vocation as a human being and a priest," said the Rev. Cameron Partridge, rector of **St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in San Francisco**, California, who is active in the group TransEpiscopal.

Partridge, in a statement to ENS for this story, noted that the Rev. Gari Green, a founding member of TransEpiscopal, was a priest in the former Diocese of Milwaukee until her death in 2024, the same year that the state's three Episcopal dioceses reunited as the Diocese of Wisconsin. "I think Gari would see this moment as a true sign of hope and transformative possibility for our church and our world."

Aaron Scott, the Episcopal Church staff officer for gender justice, also invoked Green's legacy as one of the church's first openly trans priests. And he referenced Romans 14:13: "Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister."

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"It's powerful for The Episcopal Church to be able to live that scripture out, especially in a time when discrimination and scapegoating of transgender people is escalating," Scott told ENS. Cronin and All Saints' Cathedral are showing "what it looks like when Christians remove those stumbling blocks, so that God and the people can simply call the right person for the job."

Cronin's journey to All Saints' Cathedral followed a winding road. He was first baptized as a child into the Free Methodist Church — in a backyard pool during a summer cookout, he recalled. He later attended other churches in the Wesleyan tradition and attended a Wesleyan college, Houghton, in Western New York.

Cronin heard about The Episcopal Church from an acquaintance who said it was more accepting of trans people. The church's emphasis on the Eucharist also was a change from the services he attended as a child that focused more on the power of the preacher's sermon.

Almost immediately after Cronin started attending Episcopal services, he felt a call to ordained ministry. "I just kind of felt this pull toward Holy Communion, toward the altar," he said.

He attended Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, and as a student he also served as a lay chaplain at a psychiatric hospital in Trenton. He was ordained as a deacon and then a priest in 2022 in the Diocese of New Jersey.

In 2025, he moved to Milwaukee with his husband, a Presbyterian pastor, who had been called to lead a Presbyterian campus ministry at the city's University of Wisconsin campus. Cronin found an interim rector role at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Madison, the state's capital city, and commuted there from Milwaukee, a little more than an hour away.

When the opportunity opened at All Saints' Cathedral, Cronin jumped at the chance to lead the historic congregation, which worships in a building more than 150 years old.

"It's a place that prides itself on beautiful liturgy ... on the sacred space created by high church liturgy," Cronin said. The congregation also regularly raises money to support feeding ministries and was involved in the founding in the 1980s of the hunger relief organization The Gathering, which now is an independent nonprofit in Milwaukee.

Being the first transgender cathedral dean underscores for Cronin how he and other transgender Christians feel at home in The Episcopal Church. "What I have found in The Episcopal Church is a place where I can exist exactly as who I am and be found by Jesus," he said, "and help other people find Jesus."

The climate outside the church, however, is much different. Cronin called it "unnerving" to see the United States backsliding after progress over previous decades toward greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ Americans. The political attacks on trans people have been particularly shocking. "Trans people are kind of being used as a sort of bogeyman," he said.

That has made it all the more important that Episcopalians stand for affirming the dignity of all people. "I am really proud of how far The Episcopal Church has moved to welcome and include," he said.

— *David Paulsen is a senior reporter and editor for Episcopal News Service based in Wisconsin. He can be reached at dpaulsen@episcopalchurch.org.*

The Great Hunger Book Sale - August 2027 All Saints Episcopal Cathedral - Milwaukee

Since the start of the Hunger Book Sale, we have donated over **\$600,000** to help feed the hungry in our community. It has become the largest used book sale in the Greater Milwaukee Area. The donation **total for 2026: \$23,500.**

