



# 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.*



## OUTREACH

Throughout the month of October the Outreach Committee will be collecting new and gently used adult and children's coats, snow pants and boots to be distributed to our neighbors on November 8th. Signs will be posted in the little pantry regarding the distribution. Extra coats, boots and snow pants not taken will be donated to the free clothes closet at the Methodist church. The pantry will also supply socks, hats and gloves/mittens on November 8th and extras will be placed in the pantry throughout the winter.

If you would like to help with collection or distribution please see a member of the outreach committee. Thank you!



## Men's Breakfast October 4 Cooking 8am Eating 8:30am

Gather at 8am in the church parish hall. Share news and fellowship.

Eating begins at 8:30am.

***Stay as long as you like - just show up!***

## Ecumenical, Multi-Congregation Summer Retreat: "The Joy of Church Community"

### Planning Session #2

Saturday, October 4, 2025

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mother Esther's Home

(Call or email for the address!)

Everyone is welcome!

Join this planning session for this one-day retreat!

The goal of the retreat is to spend a day sharing stories related to our experience of the divine and our desire to live in community with one another. We address the question, "how does participating in a church community bring you joy?" The retreat is not focused on preaching, teaching or sharing best practices. Rather, our goal is to offer an opportunity for everyone to:

- Share stories that celebrate the joy that church community
- Share stories that kindle a passion for church participation





## Alice's Restaurant

Dear Friends,

The leaves on the trees in my yard are changing and the walnuts are falling onto my house with a "thud!" Such is autumn in Wisconsin. Every year at this time, I feel that the days are passing awfully fast. It seems that every week is full of church and family activity. Perceiving the passing of the year can bring me down, yet I realized that I share this sense of fleeting time with people from time immemorial. Since antiquity people have observed the cycles of the moon, kept various types of calendars, marked annual events and chronicled their history with the names of their rulers. In 2025, we do this too; however, we also have access to data and multiple viewpoints of the truth. Perhaps technology has changed our perception of time, yet I wonder if we have more time than we think.

This October, I ask that you deliberately slow down, with me. While we can't stop time, we can ask God to abide with us and put away our many clocks as we pray. I think we will find that spending time in prayer affords us the opportunity to experience "time out of time" and a precious type of calm. Through prayer, we can adjust our thinking and we'll find that we are able to focus on a divine calendar. Remember that God's time is not our time, that God is constantly at work in the world.

This prayer is found on page 815 in our Book of Common Prayer. It shifts the focus away from the swirl of our needs. It reminds us of the way God cares deeply for us and for our future. During the month of October, I hope you will pray these words with me:

*"O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Mother Esther +

Fall is on its way. The leaves of the butternut tree outside the kitchen window are the first to drop. The maples are just starting their transition to gold, but it will be another three weeks before the ginkgo turns butter yellow and dumps all its leaves at once. Inside the house our transition is not as abrupt. The air conditioning has been off for a while, and the windows open enjoying the cooler temperatures. If you ask my husband, he will probably share another sign of fall. I am cleaning closets, sorting boxes, digging out the winter sweaters, coats and quilts. Time to start sorting for the rummage sale. I often think of my mother, an army wife who moved lock stock and barrel (and yes, the dishes were packed into barrels) every three or four years as our father was reassigned to a new post. With each move we sorted out the essentials to be packed and the non-essentials went to the post thrift shop. I don't know about my siblings, but it always seemed like clean slate time to me. Time to start fresh with the essentials, a new start. So, when fall comes around I start sorting. If I haven't used it in the last year, it's time to go. Well, except for the art supplies and maybe the cookbooks.....and the yarn. Maybe I am not as good at this as I thought. Here is a quick soup to nourish you after all that sorting.

### Italian Penicillin Soup

Olive oil

1 onion chopped

Garlic chopped

2 carrots chopped

2 stalks celery chopped

Sauté together with:

1 teaspoon Italian herbs (oregano, basil, thyme)

Add in:

6 cups chicken broth

1 cup small pasta or Raman noodles

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Simmer until pasta is tender and top with Parmesan cheese.

**Extras if you have them:**

Shredded chicken, spinach, kale or mushrooms....

You get the idea.



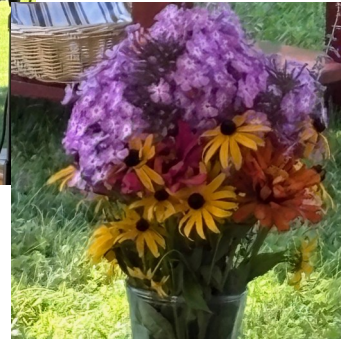
# BAREFOOT SUNDAY

Hope you  
didn't Miss the  
Church Picnic!



Double anniversary blessing!  
Pollocks and Kramer/Schlaefel

2025



The chefs!



## ECW Outreach

The time, talents and treasures of St. Aidan's ECW focuses on improving the lives of parish members and their communities through InReach, Outreach, and spiritual Growth. **Inreach** supports our own St. Aidan's church. This includes our time, talent, and treasure used to support the operational budget or nonoperational budget. At the February 2025 meeting, the ECW transferred \$7,962.17 from the Christmas Bazaar fund raising to St. Aidan's operating fund. It was used to support the capital improvements made in 2024. **Outreach** supports anything that is given outside the church, including time and talent, and fundraising that supports financial donations.

### Special donations were made to:



\$1,000 to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena, CA, to help them rebuild. St. Mark's was tragically destroyed by the Eaton Fire, January 2025. In our diocese, Church of the Holy Communion, Lake Geneva, held a free-will donation fund raising event, Candlelight Classical Concert, to support the rebuilding of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. It was a total loss.

\$1000 to Watts of Love: Watts of Love, is a global nonprofit, founded by Nancy Economou in 2012. Watts of Love provides solar lights and financial literacy education to thousands of families across Africa, Asia, Latin American and the Philippines.



One of many examples: Malawi. It is 8 p.m., and the darkness has enveloped Tiyamike's house in western Malawi. However, a bright light illuminates as the sounds from a manual sewing machine drift out. The 29-year-old's life changed when she received a small solar torch as a gift from the American non-profit Watts of Love. As a tailor, she now sews into the night, doubling her productivity and profits. She so works overtime to complete bulk orders and meet deadlines.

Before she had the torch, she would abandon work at sunset. Since receiving the torch, she works until late and produces more clothes. Her revenue has almost doubled in the past year. *"On behalf of all of us at Watts of Love, I'd like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the generous donation of \$1,000. Your support is changing lives by providing families with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to break free from the cycle of poverty."* - Mary Bart, Watt of Love, Director.

\$250 to Interfaith Caregivers: This non-profit volunteer organization provides free service to adults 60 and over. Services include transportation to doctors' appointments, to the grocery store, help at home, yard clean up, snow removal and home visits. They also have medical equipment such as walkers to loan. The goal is to provide financial support for two offices in Hartford and West Bend: salaries, vehicle maintenance for their cars and vans.



\$1000 to Episcopal Relief: earmarked for Ukraine. The goal is to aid humanitarian efforts for the people of Ukraine. An online donation through Episcopal Relief and Development is requested.

Together, we are creating positive change!

Donna Dinco. ECW Chair



## BOOK DISCUSSION

Our next selection for our Book Club is the spiritual classic, "The Practice of the Presence of God", by Brother Lawrence. 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 on Wednesday, November 5th, at 12:30 in our parish hall.

Happy reading,

Geri Kelly



Deacon Terry Garner	October 5
Gail Hefti	October 8
Dave Tracy	October 9
Gary Stage	October 10
John Johnston	October 11
Hannah Kaker	October 24
Abigail Schrunk	October 24
Dennis Daley	October 30
Mike and Dee Kaker	October 2
Tom and Mary Barnes	October 3
Charles and Pat Gardner	October 6
Mike and Mary Moran	October 9
Gerianne Kelly and Donald Rabe	October 25
Matthew and Megan Wetzel	October 26

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Good Samaritans

This month's favorite sign from the Good Samaritans (at Cedar Community):

**"THE ONLY LIMITATIONS YOU HAVE ARE THE ONES YOU SET FOR YOURSELF"**

However, the Good Samaritans can help extend that limitation! See Ron Schnorenberg.



This beautiful season in Wisconsin is full of opportunities for gratitude: colors, surprising weather, new beginnings at school, friendships

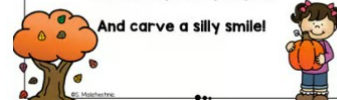
renewed and/or deepened, church activities - ETC.!

Please remember to "count your blessings" with a coin - or several in your Blue Box.



## October

October is the month  
When leaves turn red and brown  
Trees turn orange and yellow  
Fall leaves come swirling down!  
Rake up all the leaves  
And jump into the pile,  
Come and pick a pumpkin  
And carve a silly smile!



STAG & STAFF



Congratulations to Great-Grandpa David and Great-Grandma Virginia Komp!

Robert Nash Komp was born to Ryan & Erin Komp on 8-18-2025.

Nash is the 5th generation of Roberts that go by their middle name .

Great-Great-Grandpa Robert Francis Komp

Great-Grandpa Robert David Komp

Grandpa Robert Jeffery Komp

Father Robert Ryan Komp

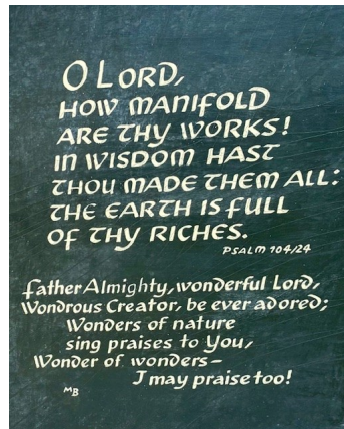


Proud Grandparents Alice and Bruce Pollock like to talk about Noah who just graduated from high school and hopes to be doing a “peace corps” gig for a year in South Africa and about Ben who’ll be entering engineering school in Munich. Brother Sam cheers them both on!



The Gardners shared a few photos from their recent journey to the Grand Canyon in celebration of Charles’ birthday. While there, they came across a sign at the Loft Studio on the canyon rim that offered both scripture and prayer.

How wonderful that they brought back these words and pictures to our church family!







## A Gentle Reminder from Our Summer Guests

This summer, God blessed our church grounds with some special visitors—a family of deer! Many of us have enjoyed catching glimpses of them grazing on the grass and clover in the early mornings or resting peacefully in the afternoon sun. Recently, our choir even spotted them sharing supper near the patio. What began as tiny, spotted fawns have now grown into young deer, braver and more curious with each passing week. As they continue to wander our space and prepare for the colder months ahead, let us give thanks for the beauty of creation in our midst. And please remember—drive with care around the church grounds, keeping watch for our four-legged neighbors.

## Autumn Equinox Blessing:

“The light and the dark are same in length,  
have equal time and equal strength.  
But soon the darkness will prevail,  
and light and dark begin to pale.  
Do not be afraid, do not dismay,  
this is the rhythm of nature’s way.”

## Dia de los Muertos

### LA OFRENDA

October 15 - November 2, 2025

You are once again invited to bring photos and other belongings and place them on the Ofrenda in remembrance of your dearly beloved who have departed. An ofrenda is a sacred place, traditionally Mexican, honoring the lives of those who have gone before us.

Sunday, October 19 We will offer a blessing over the ofrenda and us while remembering of our loved ones. "Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk with us. So be always ready to love and unhesitating in kindness."



# ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



## 2025

	5	12	19	26	
<b>Reader</b>	B. Schrunk	M. Hoffmann	B. Mendoza	T. Schlaefer	
<b>Prayers</b>	K. Fairchild	L. Molenda	D. Beml	E. Mozinski-Schmidt	
<b>Acolyte</b>	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley	A. Schrunk	
<b>Usher</b>	Webers	Schrunk	J. Thorbahn-Pierce	L. Molenda	
<b>LEM</b>	L. Johnston	M. Weber	A. Pollock	B. Schrunk	
<b>Counters</b>	Moran/A. Marsh-Meigs	Fairchild/Gardner	Hoffmann/Schnorenberg	Thorbahn-Pierce/Weber	
<b>Cleaning</b>					
<b>Altar</b>	G. Hefti				



## 2025

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


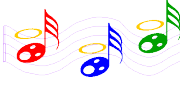






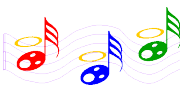



If you cannot serve your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you.

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 — OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>2</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's B'fast 8:30 am  Spring Retreat Planning 1:00-4:00 pm
<b>5</b> Worship — 9:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>9</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship — 9:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am  Budget Meeting 3:00-5:00 pm	<b>16</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship — 9:30 am   Sharing Sunday  Stag & Staff articles due	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>23</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist
<b>26</b> Worship — 9:30 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	<b>30</b>  Choir 6:30 pm	<b>31</b>	



## St. Aidan's Office Hours

Wednesdays — 9 am to Noon

Fridays — 9 am to Noon

Or by appointment

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Laura Johnston, Junior Warden

## Vestry

Geri Kelly

Lynn Molenda

Mike Morgan

Mike Weber

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## Prayer Chain

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

<b>Mondays --</b>		
AA	7 - 8 pm	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesdays --</b>		
Women's AA	Noon	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
Office Open	9am - Noon	
<b>Thursdays</b>		
Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
<b>Fridays</b>		
Office Open	9 am - Noon	
<b>First Saturdays</b>		
Men B'fast	8 am	Parish Hall
<b>Sundays</b>		
Worship Service	9:30 am	
<b>For information about groups or scheduling the building, contact the Church Office.</b>		



I'm so glad I live in  
a world where  
there are Octobers.

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY, ANN OF GREEN GABLES



**Hartford Community  
Lunch**

**Saturday, October 25**

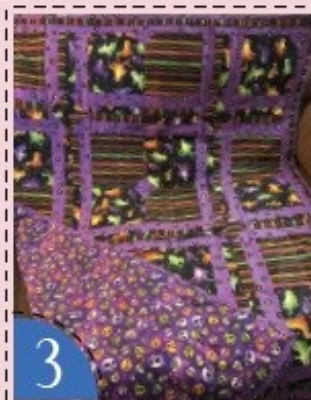
**11:30 am**

**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**.





Choose the quilt you wish to win!

Raffle drawing: Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 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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# 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](http://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  
**EUCHARIST – 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**  
[RSVPNOV22@st.aidans-hartford.org](mailto:RSVPNOV22@st.aidans-hartford.org)