



ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

St. Aidan's mission: To grow as a faith family so that everyone will experience God's love.

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Beloved,

Soon, very soon, the time will come for us to say our good-byes. Until that time, I am trying to be sure to say everything else that I want to say -- which makes writing anything, much less a final newsletter column, an exceedingly difficult task! What to say? How to say it all?

I realized that I have nothing left to say that I have not said before, or that I have not said better than I can now. What I want to tell you cannot be written. Our language does not have the words, or, at least, my skill falls far short.

Through our time together, I have hoped to write upon your heart, not of my affection for you, but of God's great love. I have tried to write again and again the message of how he made you, how he loves you, how he saved you, and how he wants to be with you; to tell the story of his care for you and faithfulness to you. You were made to know and delight in the love of God, who knows and delights in you.

This love has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ, and him crucified, and it has been made present in our lives by the power of his Spirit who is with us now. I have hoped to show you the beauty of this love, so that above all else, you might seek to find it, and to be found by it at the foot of the cross, under the shadow of his love.

Any fault in the telling has been mine alone. His love for you, perfect and pure, unconditional and enduring, is not changed by how well I told the story, even as your failures and your successes do not change his love for you.

And if I have told this story even the least bit faithfully, there is nothing left to say now. You already know how much you are loved -- by me and by the Lord. You already know how much I miss you. You already know something of the depths of my gratitude and the heights of my hopes for you.

All that is left is to say goodbye.

So, we say goodbye, with our hearts full of joy for our time together, full of sorrow at our parting, and full of hope for the days to come.

In his love,

Lars+





Senior Warden's Message

"I walk slowly, but I never walk backward."

Abraham Lincoln

I pause to reflect on these words because St. Aidan's is entering a phase of transition while continuing to navigate worship, pastoral care, and financial giving in the world of COVID. Daunting. I know that I walk with purpose and as a friend reminds me, very focused – to some that may appear slowly. It is important that I walk forward; this is not a time to take a step back. It is a time to meet with the Bishop's Committee to review the mission of St. Aidan's and to be positive when we take our next steps 'forward.'

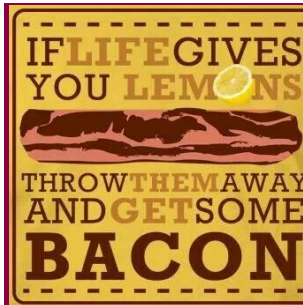
Unlike what to do about worship during COVID, when I was totally out of my comfort zone, transitioning to a new pastor and what that means to St. Aidan's is not. We have done this before. I am optimistic for the opportunities that this current transition can provide to revitalize us spiritually – much needed in this COVID world. The congregation of St. Aidan's is resilient -- adapting well to new situations and changing events. We have always determined what to do next, we bounce back and take that step forward, and we will again. Along with the BC, I have been in conversation with the diocese. We have taken an opportunity to interview a candidate and are excited about whom we may call to St. Aidan's. As Robert Jordan writes, "The oak fought the wind and was broken, the willow bent when it must and survived."

At the same time, we extend best wishes to Fr. Lars, Katie, Jayne, and Oskar as they, too, begin a new journey. When family, friends, colleagues, employers/employees leave, there are some bittersweet feelings. I want to acknowledge my journey with Fr. Lars. I take several things from this journey. First is a new appreciation for the compassion, devotion to faith, scripture, and love/relationship with Jesus that can come from a newly ordained priest. His sermons are grounded in faith, belief, impact, and entanglements of life today, our world today. His joy in working with our youth reminds me of Peter Pan, that young boy who never grew up. Fr. Lars created new adventures in learning about scripture and developing relationships with the HERD. Thank you, Fr. Lars, for providing time to study together – even though I struggled with the content in the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, it now helps me sort through the civil unrest we are experiencing today. You have a unique ability to bring "Lars" into the traditional church structure, sermons, and the culture of St. Aidan's. You affect so many people by the meaningful work you do, so when we wish you our best, we are wishing that work to continue and to impact even more people. Thank you for taking care of us and continue to make us proud as you face new challenges and adventures!

Stay safe and well. Keep current through weekly e-blasts for worship services and transition updates. Your questions are always welcome.

Blessings, **Donna Dinco**

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MEN'S BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 3

Since our building has been closed for church events, several of us have met at Independence Park on the first Saturdays of August and September. Even had bacon last time!! So much for COVID! We'll be there on October 3rd if the weather holds. Watch your email. Just show up!



Our second week of Sunday School!

Zoomed in at 10:15 on Sunday's. Please let Megan Fairchild know if you'd like to be included or call the church office: 262-673-7273.

This is the Sunday School prayer bowl where each Sunday we lift up people we love (candles), share our worries (stones), and share those things that make us happy!



Megan Fairchild, Sandi Lenz, Linda Weber

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Ron Schnorenberg is a "people person."

So, it was fitting that he volunteered for usher duty at St. Aidan's second drive-in service in the church parking lot. "I told Father Lars I was thrilled to do it for him," Ron said. "This Covid (situation) has really affected me. I benefited more than anybody else there." Just getting out there – with 12 cars and 21 people, according to his count – made Ron feel a bit less separated from his fellow church-goers.

Ron always has made others a priority, during his working career managing restaurant franchises and in retirement with his church involvement, leading the Good Samaritan Committee, and as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County. He even went snowboarding in sub-zero temperatures with his "little brother" Keagan last winter. "I probably went down (the course) three times and then I sat in the warming shed," Ron said with a laugh.

Ron managed an A&W restaurant in Hartford for 13 years, ending in 1984. Then he began a long career with Burger King, spanning 35 years at different locations in southeastern Wisconsin. He started in Grafton and Wauwatosa before moving on to Waukesha for 20 years, working at the high-traffic location on Highway 18. "That was a marriage made in heaven," Ron recalled. He finally retired in May 2019 after working part-time the last five years.

One other stop came at the Erin Motel on Highway 83, where he and wife Pat took over in 1990 and ran it for 10 years. "We bought it on a shoestring," he said. "I'm glad we did. We didn't make a dime, but we made a lot of friends." The motel had seven rooms and a restaurant and was the place where Ron and Pat raised their family. "They all learned to wait on tables and clean rooms," Ron said.

Those kids are grown up now, and the oldest, Juston, is a member of St. Aidan's, along with wife Kelly and children, Peyton, 10, and Lexi, 3. Ron's son, Lance, lives in Hartford and does landscaping work while daughter Kendra lives with her husband, Dennis, in Caledonia. She is a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools and he is a firefighter. Their daughter, Kyana, is 15 years old and was baptized at St. Aidan's 14 years ago. "I can't believe it has been that long," Ron said. Kyana is a sophomore at St. Francis High School and is involved in theater, basketball, and volleyball. She is attending online classes this fall while participating in school sports.

Ron is known for his work supporting veterans and first responders and has ties with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Hartford.

Pat has battled various health issues in recent years and has lived the last few months at Cedar Bay West, an assisted living facility on Big Cedar Lake. Ron purchased a Dodge van that he had converted for wheelchair access and it allows him to take Pat to her doctor appointments and provides some needed mobility. "She's doing fine," he said.



Charles Gardner
Senior Staff Writer



Good News!

Hallelujah HALLELUJAH *Hallelujah*
Hallelujah *Hallelujah* *Hallelujah*

From **Megan Fairchild Wetzel** --

Hello! I miss you all so much. This year has been a whirlwind! Matt and I got married, we started renovating the farmhouse, there's a global pandemic, and we're pregnant!

We're due 2/13/2021. We're going to wait to find out the gender. This is such exciting news and I'm glad to be able to finally share it! It's just odd not being able to walk to the front of the church to share it and get a blessing.

Blessings on you and Matt from your St. Aidan's family!

Fall Craft Fair Open House

Saturday, October 3-- 9 am to 3 pm

1005 Garfield Ct. Hartford

Held by parishioner **Mary Moran**

Fall Craft Fair Open House

Saturday, October 3, 2020
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hand sewn items created for personal gift ideas and home décor

New this year, **PAINTED ROCKS!**

- * Aprons - Including vintage and holiday styles
- * Table toppers, runners and placemats
- * Pillowcases and pillows
- * Kid's Korner
- * Clothing for 18" dolls
- * Reusable towel rolls
- * Crocheted dish cloths
- * Microwavable bowls
- * Masks- including holiday prints (adjustable ear loops) AND MUCH MORE!

Bring a friend!

Come in and browse. For your safety we will be holding a raffle (no purchase necessary) rather than our usual refreshments.

Hand sanitizer available and mask wearing appreciated!

1005 Garfield Ct. Hartford, WI. 53027

Mary Moran and Janie Lang

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HANDMADE
LIMITED EDITION

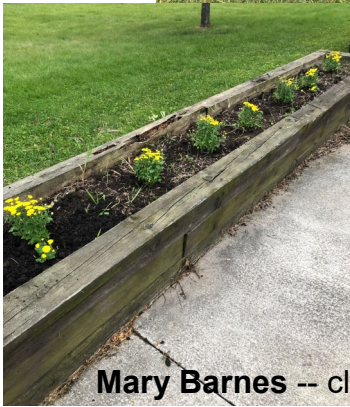


ST. AIDAN'S GARDENS

Parishioners step up with wild supervision!



Laura & John Johnson -- happy weeders!

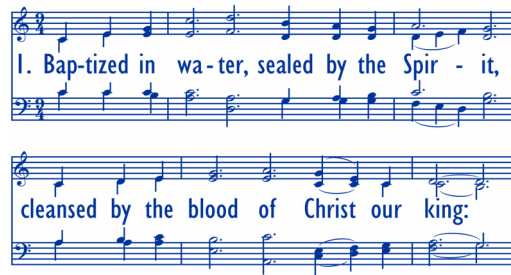


Mary Barnes -- clean sweep and planting on the patio!



Back to the beginnings of Baptism!

Otto Daniel Viste, son of Jess and Nate and brother of Austin, was baptized at a lake by the Rev. Dr. Pastor Miranda Hassett at the family's cottage. He is the grandson of Linda and Mike Weber.



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Alice's Restaurant

I couldn't help myself. Last week I was in town and had to get something at the store and there they were -- SCHOOL SUPPLIES! I know they have been on the shelves for a while, but I haven't been shopping all that much lately. I succumbed. Two new composition books! I use them to keep my recipes. Each book is different, one for cookies, one for vegetables etc.

Times like this, the start of school or the changing of the seasons always marks new beginnings for me. First green shoots in spring, first swim in the lake, first falling leaves, first snowflakes -- they all are the start of a new time with unknown possibilities.

Sometimes I am awake early, before the dawn and sitting with a cup of tea, I wait for the first streaks of gold or pink on the horizon. A new day full of possibilities with all yesterday's mistakes and failures gone, opportunity fresh in front of me. This is how I think of salvation. Fresh and new and always there to reach for. Needless to say, I never get through a day without a missed opportunity or a good intention forgotten, but one thing I know: Tomorrow is a fresh start.

One of my good intentions is to eat less meat. This recipe, given to me by a friend, is great tasting and easy to fix. Don't be put off by the walnuts. Bruce, who will turn down the most tempting dessert because it contains walnuts, eats these meatballs!

Walnut Burgers or Meatballs

2 C. walnuts
2 C. breadcrumbs
1 1/2 C. grated cheese
3 eggs
2 or 3 cloves garlic
1/2 onion coarsely chopped
1/4 C. water
1 t. oregano
1 t. basil
1 t. salt
1/2 t. pepper

Put everything in your food processor and run until well blended. Form into meatballs or patties. Bake at 375* for 15 minutes. These will hold together and can be used as you would your regular meatballs or burgers. Sauce, grill, whatever you like. They also freeze well at this point.

Alice Pollock

Joy



Who could need more proof
than honey—

How the bees with such skill and purpose
enter flower after flower

sing their way home

to create and cap the new honey

just to get through the flowerless winter.

And how the bear with intention and cunning
raids the hive

shovels pawful after pawful into his happy
mouth

bats away indignant bees

stumbles off in a stupor of satiation and
stickiness.

And how we humans can't resist its viscosity
its taste of clover and wind

its metaphorical power:

don't we yearn for a land of milk and honey?
don't we call our loved ones "honey?"

all because bees just do, over and over again,
what they were made to do.

Oh, who could need more proof than honey

to know that our world

was meant to be

and

was meant to be

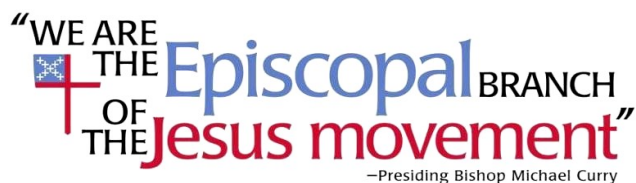
sweet?



Julie Cadwallader Staub



"What day is it?" asked Pooh.
"It's today." squeaked Piglet.
"My favorite day." said Pooh.



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Prayer Chain

Phyllis Paquette coordinates the prayer chain for St. Aidan's. If you have a prayer need for someone or something, please call Phyllis at 262-397-8549 or the church office.

Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church:

What Did Jesus Do?

The following is an excerpt from an address by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, posted September 16, 2020 To see a video of the bishop or to read the entire piece, go to:

www.episcopalnewservice.org/pressreleases

... And we know that this Luke was the author of both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and tradition says he was a physician. You can see elements of that throughout both books. But in this text, Luke the physician sounds more like Luke the lawyer. In this text, Luke is suggesting that the Jesus we see in the Gospel, what he did and what he taught, is precedent. It is the precedent for how those who would follow him will act and live in their days and in their times. Just as precedents are critical to the law, the precedent of Jesus is critical to the life of those who would follow him in the first century or in the 21st century. When Jesus says that the entire law and will of God is summed up in the words, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself," that's precedent. When Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan about somebody, who as that old song says, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain." When he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, of somebody who helps somebody else even though they were a different religious tradition, even though they were of a different ethnic group, even though they may have differed in their politics, differed in their worldview, differed in virtually everything except the fact that they inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. Even with all of those differences he helped him because that person, that man was a human child of God created in the image of God. Jesus says, "Now, who was neighbor to the man?" This is what loving your neighbor looks like. And then Jesus says, "Go and do likewise." That's precedent. When, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "blessed are the poor and the poor in spirit"; "blessed are those who are compassionate and merciful"; "blessed are the peacemakers"; "blessed are those who hunger and thirst and labor for God's righteous justice to be done on the earth for all"; "do unto others, as you would have them do unto you"; "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, pray for those who spitefully use you"; my sisters, my brothers, my siblings, that is the precedent for what it means to follow in the way of Jesus in the first century or the 21st century. Saint Paul heard and knew these teachings of Jesus. And he summarized their meaning. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, all spoke of this as the non-violent way of love. The task of the church in the first century or 21st century is to live by the precedent, to bear witness to the precedent and lift up the values of the precedent of Jesus in our time. Because as the book of Hebrews says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."



Fiesta Week
FUNDRAISER

September 27 - October 2
Raffle Drawing

Last day to buy tickets is Sept 27th!

\$5 for one
\$20 for five
Cash only



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September 27 - October 2
Support local restaurants while supporting Casa Guadalupe's education programs! *Dine in or carry out*



Sun, Sept 27

Casa receives 100% of the proceeds (excludes alcohol)



Mon, Sept 28

Casa receives 15% of the proceeds (food & alcohol)



Tue, Sept 29

Casa receives 20% of the proceeds (excludes alcohol)



Wed, Sept 30

Casa receives 15% of the proceeds (food & alcohol)



Thur, Oct 1

Casa receives 10% of the proceeds (food & alcohol)

West Bend location



Fri, Oct 2

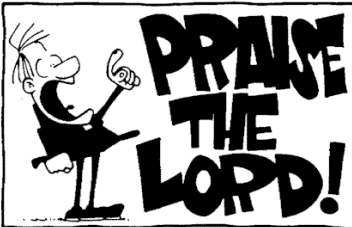
Casa receives 50% of the proceeds (food & alcohol)

West Bend Moose Lodge

Wild Geese

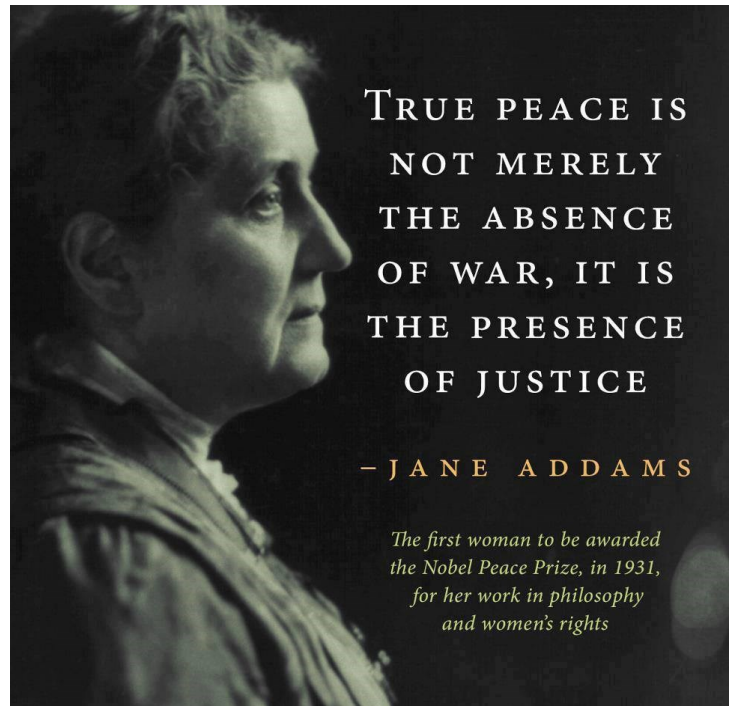
Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.



It's never been explicitly explained how the Brady Bunch had access to Zoom in the 1970's!

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TRUE PEACE IS
NOT MERELY
THE ABSENCE
OF WAR, IT IS
THE PRESENCE
OF JUSTICE

— JANE ADDAMS

*The first woman to be awarded
the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1931,
for her work in philosophy
and women's rights*

A Parishioner's Prayer

*My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.*

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them

It will do great work, if I work

*It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people
into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a church with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things
that I want my church to be.*

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