

# ST. AIDAN'S

# STAGSISTAFF

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



First Saturday of the Month Cooking at 8:00 AM Eating at 8:30 AM



The Annual Church
Christmas Bazaar will be here before
you know it!

## Saturday, December 7th!

The weather still might be warm and sticky (at least at the time of writing this), but it's the perfect time to start working on crafts.

Do you need ideas? Use that garden zucchini to make bread and freeze it for selling in December! Use up some spare yard to knit some scarves or cup cozies! Make some salt dough ornaments!

See Linda Weber or Alice Pollock if you need ore ideas or have any questions!

## CHOIR IS BACK!



Choir practice begins August 29th!
We'll meet at 6:30 p.m.
on Sept. 5, 12, and 19.
No choir practice on September 26th.

#### A Note From The Office

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their contact information and media release forms! I have enjoyed taking pictures of the congregation members these last few weeks. If you can't make it in to get your picture taken but would like to be included in the directory, you are welcome to e-mail a picture to the office.

Have you taken pictures during St. Aidan's events this last year? Please send them to the office to possibly include in the directory or in a new brochure.

Thank you to Pastora Loretta for leading worship, to the Outreach Committee for the great job they did organizing and distributing school supplies, and to everyone who volunteered over the summer. You're wonderful!



Two baptisms. Oh, the energy and excitement of those gathered to celebrate. Yes – celebrate is a most appropriate word, as it was a joyous celebration for the St Aidan's family both near and far.

And then St Aidan's Day – another opportunity for celebration, to recognize and acknowledge the 7<sup>th</sup> Century saint who was an evangelist and scribe and many other things. We do well when we take on and follow that example here in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As we move into September, I encourage all of us to "be presence." By that I mean that we take the opportunity to open ourselves to God and allow the Spirit to work and move through us to share Christ's love. (Julian of Norwich, the early 15<sup>th</sup> Century anchorite & mystic, wrote and spoke similarly about "oneness" with God.)

One simple way to do this is to be present – to be physically and mentally and spiritually present when we gather at St Aidan's. (and when we gather for Holy Eucharist, that is also a celebration!) Jesus assures us that whenever two or more are gathered, God is there!!!

We promised Earl and Marla (and their parents & family & friends) that WE WILL "be presence" for them. More than that, in renewing our baptismal vows we promise to "be presence" for each other and all God's children.

Give it a try: be present and "be presence." When we do, we celebrate and present God's kingdom and love on earth as it is in heaven.

Love in Christ - terry

# From the Desk of Mother Esther

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Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Episcopal worship liturgies is Eucharistic Prayer C. The prayer begins like this: "God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home." With each passing year, as we enter fall in Wisconsin, I seem to become even more attuned to beauty in nature and I find the words of this prayer especially moving. The images draw me into a place of wonder and reverence for all of creation. In particular, the image of our planet as a fragile island home makes me think more deeply about our Christian responsibility to care for all of God's creation.

In the middle section of Eucharistic Prayer C, we ask that God will "open our eyes to see holiness in the world around us." These are words that we might pray each day as we seek to understand change in our individual lives, change in our life together, and changes in the environment. Many of us have become more aware of the gift of our natural world and I am confident that God is actively guiding us to a deeper level of appreciation. As Christians, we are called to respond through prayer, by playing a role in the stewardship of our finite natural resources, and by caring for the people we encounter in every environment. I encourage all of us to think more deeply about our responsibility to care for all of God's creation and to honor all people, in whom God reveals the goodness, beauty and diversity of creation.

May we "see holiness in the world around us," in this beautiful season and throughout the year.

Esther +



This has been a difficult week for many reasons. One of the smaller irritations is my computer which has suddenly decided to turn a deaf ear to my password. Sigh. It does give one pause however, wondering if AI is out there waiting to take over the world. If that's the case it can start with my housework. I'd like one of those clever little robots that vacuum the floor or a spider remover that tracks down the occasional daddy-long-legs that likes the upper right hand corner of my pantry or maybe a kitty litter disposing mechanism that doesn't wait until trash day to clean the box. But my favorite would be the machine that decides what to have for dinner every night and makes sure the ingredients are all in the kitchen. I love to cook but I get tired if the decision making. I confess to wasted hours here and there browsing Pinterest or food websites to find something to do with chicken or vegetables that I haven't already tried. I am fortunate to have a patient husband. Last night was butternut squash ravioli with Indian samosas on the side. I thought it was good, Bruce was quiet on the subject. I didn't need A I to tell me not to repeat that dinner. I like vegetables and salad a part of the meal. And since someone asked for the salad I brought to coffee hour I thought I would share it. Bruce eats this one and its great to make ahead... think summer picnics. Like lots of my recipes you have a lot of leeway with what you include.

# Spoon Salad

Summer sausage, diced into small pieces

Cheese (pepper or Gouda are nice) diced into small pieces

Sliced mushrooms

Cherry tomatoes halved

Bell pepper diced

1 jalapeno minced

Garlic minced

Good vinegar and oil or Italian dressing

\*mix the ingredients with about half the dressing you intend to use and refrigerate at least an hour, overnight is even better

When ready to serve dice any other more delicate veggies you want such as: Zucchini Cucumber Green onions. Etc.

Add the rest of the dressing and serve on a bed of crisp lettuce





The mission of the **Pink Pumpkin Run** is to help local families affected by breast cancer, by assisting with basic daily needs in the form of gift cards and services. We also hope to encourage, empower and inspire our community, and the families within it, through our efforts.

The 2024 Pink Pumpkin Run will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024. This year St. Aidan's Episcopal Church will have presence on Main Street. Brochures will be available at the table, along with cookies made by **Mary Moran**. Mary will also have on display a variety of her hand-crafted quilts. Everyone is invited to enjoy the quilts and purchase one or more raffle tickets toward the quilts. You may choose to have the proceeds from your purchased raffle ticket(s) donated to: 1) The Pink Pumpkin Run - OR - 2) St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Little Pantry.

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00

Drawing for the quilts at the **St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Coffee Hour** on Sunday, October 6, 2024

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or have friends or family who are interested in tickets, please contact Mary Moran at 262-224-0543. Mikary1@sbcglobal.net

This month's favorite Church Sign brought to you by the Good Samaritans of St Aidan's.

"When life throws you a curve ball, the Lord will teach you how to swing at it!"

The Good Samaritans might be able to help also!

Just leave a phone message at:

(262)673-2721

# ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

September 2024											
	1	8	15	22	29						
Reader	C. Gardner	A.Pollock	K. Fairchild	D. Bemi	L. Molenda						
Prayers	A.Pollock	D. Bemi	P. Paddon	T. Schlaefer	C.Gardner						
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley	A.Schrunk	S. Schmidt						
Usher	Pollocks	Webers	R. Schnorenberg	L. Molenda	Schrunks						
LEM	M. Hoffmann	B.Schrunk	A.Pollock	J. Pierce	M. Weber						
	M. Weber/	J. Pierce/	M.B. Moran/	M. Weber/	M.B. Moran/						
Counters	A.Marsh Meigs	C. Gardner	M. Hoffmann	K. Fairchild	R. Schnorenberg						
Cleaners	Mercado/Johnston	Trewyn	Pollock	Weber	Schnorenberg/Johnston						
Altar	L. Weber										
October 2024											
OCTOBEL 2024											
	6	13	20	27							
Reader	M. B. Moran	B. Schrunk	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock							
Prayers	E. Schmidt	L. Schrunk	K. Fairchild	A. Pollock							
Acolyte	L. Daly	J. P. Schrunk	A. Schrunk	L. Daly							
Usher	R. Schnorenberg	B. Schrunk	A. Pollock	J. Pierce							
LEM	J. Pierce	A. Pollock	B. Schrunk	M. Weber							
	M. Weber/	J. Pierce/	C. Gardner	K. Fairchild/							
Counters	M. Hoffmamn	A. Marsh-Meigs	M. B. Moran	R. Schnorenberg							
Cleaners	Gardner	Mercado	Weber	Trewyn/Johnston							
Altar											



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 <a href="mailto:gamail.com">gail.hefti@gmail.com</a> or 920-740-3997.

# PARISH EVENTS — SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	2	3	St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	5 Choir 6:30 pm	6	7 Men's B'fast 8:30 am
8 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	9	10	St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	12 Choir 6:30 pm	13	14
Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Vestry Meeting Stag & Staff articles due	16	17	St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	19 Choir 6:30 pm	20	21
22 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	23	24	St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	26	27	Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist
29 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	30					

## Hartford Job Fair — September 18

If you're seeking a job, come to the Hartford Job Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 2-6 p.m. at the Hartford Town Hall (3360 County Rd K). You'll have access to networking opportunities and immediate openings for entry-level and advanced-level jobs with competitive pay. Many positions offer training and an opportunity for advancement.



The Job Fair is being hosted by the City of Hartford, Hartford Area Development Corporation, Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

If your company would like to participate in the job fair, please contact the Hartford Community Development Authority at 262-670-3772 or email lsellinger@hartford.wi.gov for more information.



#### **3rd Sunday — Sharing Sunday**

The "loose" [paper and coin] collection supports Mother Esther's discretionary fund. She uses it to help people in our Sharing community in need — more often than you Sunday might think!



Thank you to our heroes who protected us in the past and who protect us now.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY - PICTURE DAYS**

St. Aidan's will have a new directory this autumn! Every St. Aidan's member and family can have their pictures taken for free, with no requirement to purchase any prints.

> **Next Picture Day is:** Sunday, September 22nd

We are requesting that every St. Aidan's member sign a media release and a form to update your contact information. They can be picked up at church or you can download them by clicking the links below.

MEDIA RELEASE FORM

**CONTACT INFORMATION FORM** 



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Geri Kelly

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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.

Welcome to our Church Building

Mondays --

Men's 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 9:30 am

For information about groups or scheduling the building, contact the Church Office by calling (262)673-7273 or by e-mailing

secretary@staidans-hartford.org