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[Calendar of Events](#)

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[Click here to sign up  
for Bread+Belonging  
food Tuesdays at 6pm-  
-resumes Jan 16 2024](#)

[Click Here for all of Advent to Christmas to Epiphany  
2023](#)

## News You Can Use Every Other Week

Dear Friends,

I didn't expect to spend the Third Sunday of Advent resting at home, having tested positive for COVID in the early hours of the morning when I woke up with a sore throat and very few other symptoms. I hope to be with you next week as we begin the celebration of Christmastide--see below for all the details for this week.

You might have seen this image and these statistics before--it's from a colleague, of course. I appreciate how it is good for clergy egos (!!), and also about the thing we do best--be a community. Whether it's Bread+Belonging, or Coffee Hour, or Healing Prayer, or Bible Study, or Morning Prayer, or the Altar Guild or Choir or Writers or Book Groups or more, we are the church community.

Maybe it's not \*your\* time to invite someone to church this Christmas, maybe it is. Can you think about it, pray about it? I do understand that it gets more and more challenging to invite someone to church in our particular context, and yet, we can! If you're timid, maybe think about Easter, or any other Sunday in between, for that matter.

Advent is almost over, Mary is feeling birth pangs, let us care for each other and welcome the light of Christ into the world, soon,

M. Mary Kate+

# The Power of an Invite:

Why people came to church:

- 6-8% Came by own initiative
- 8-10% Liked the clergy
- 3-4% Had a need met by the church
- 1-2% Were evangelized
- 75-85% Were invited by a friend

The average is that 83% of people came to church because a friend invited them to come.



## For your calendar....

- Friday-Tuesday December 15-19, Exam Week Meals for B+B at 6pm
- Tuesday, December 19, 3:30pm, Homeless Memorial 2023 @ Boulder Bandshell (1212 Canyon Blvd.) remembering those who died while unhoused this year.
- Wednesday, December 20, 7pm, Blue Christmas (at St. Ambrose, 7520 South Boulder Rd) especially for those grieving during the holidays.
- Christmas Flower Memorials by Wednesday, December 20\*
- Saturday, December 23, 10am-11:30am *help needed to decorate the Church for Christmas--donuts provided!*
- One LAST Advent Wreath Lighting by [Zoom](#)- Saturday December 23 from 7-7:05pm\*
- Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 services at 4pm and 7:30pm\*
- Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 service at 10am\*
- Christmas Day @ 10:30am for those who are homebound, St. John's Cathedral will livestream worship [here](#).
- **Office Closed** (mostly) December 26 2023-January 1 2024
- BRING new and full size personal care items by Epiphany, Saturday, January 6\*
- Saturday, January 6 6pm Epiphany Service of Light\*
- "Fanning the Flames of the Dream" (Celebrating MLK Jr. day on January 14 & 15)\*

*\*denotes more information below*

See [online calendar](#) for weekly events, Choir, Bible Studies, and more.

[Click Here to Make Your 2024 Annual Giving Pledge Online  
Now](#)

## 2023 Donation Reminder and Information

If you have any questions about your 2023 giving or need an end of year pledge update, please email [Realm Coordinator Kelly Champion](#). Remember that for any donation to be counted for 2023, it needs to be received in the church office by 12/29/2023 or postmarked by 12/31/2023. Online donations depend on the timing of the banks, so are advised to be made by 12/26/2023. Click [here](#) to make an online donation now.

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## Growing Our Generosity 2024 Update

We have made some good progress in our commitments for our 2024 Budgeting Process, but we're not there yet--54 households have made a commitment. Have you? Our goal is for every household to be a giving household. Please help us by making your 2024 pledge commitment soon if you haven't.

Thank you!

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For those wanting to attend by livestream on Monday, December 25, Christmas Day at 10:30am, St. John's Cathedral will livestream worship [here](#). Listen for a shout-out for St. Aidan's!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER  
MEMORIALS**

**\$25**

**SUGGESTED DONATION**

give online at  
[www.tinyurl.com/StAidanGive](http://www.tinyurl.com/StAidanGive)

Choose "Altar Flowers"  
Use memo for dedication or  
email [office@saintaidans.org](mailto:office@saintaidans.org)

**BY WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 20**



# ADVENT DONATION DRIVE

NEW AND FULL SIZE ITEMS PLEASE!

Soap/body wash

Shampoo

Conditioner

Shaving cream

Disposable razors for men and women

Body/face lotion

Menstrual care products

Toothpaste/toothbrushes

Mouthwash

Combs/brushes

St. Aidan's

+

CU Basic  
Needs Center

To make a monetary donation, we support emergency housing assistance to students and especially students with dependents.

Checks may be made to **St. Aidan's with "CU Emergency**

**Student Housing" in the memo line, or**

[www.tinyurl.com/GoGrowGive](http://www.tinyurl.com/GoGrowGive) and

choose **Deacon's Discretionary Fund.**

## NEW Writings from St. Aidan's Writing Group

From time to time, the St. Aidan's Writing Group shares some of the essays and other things that writers are working on and sharing through monthly meetings. **Here are some new ones!** Enjoy! If you are curious about joining the Writers Group, email [Paul Voakes](mailto:Paul Voakes).

[Waiting](#) by Marty Coffin Evans

[Granddad's Shirt](#) by Paul Voakes

[Smoking- The Smelly Experience of Love and Deception](#) by Maud Huey Kenyon

## St. Aidan's Book Group on Wednesdays

This group meets by Zoom Video on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. All are welcome, friends and neighbors too! The reading schedule is on the church [calendar](#).

## Monday Night Prayer at 7pm by Zoom

The Healing Team invites you to a quiet time of praying silently and voicing the requested prayers of our community. The prayer room is also open for individual, confidential prayer.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/aidanmeet1>

We are currently reading Thackeray's novel "Vanity Fair".

If you are interested and are not currently receiving book group emails, please email [Jim Paine](mailto:Jim.Paine@...) to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions).



# Epiphany!

Saturday, January 6 at 6pm

*Service of Light and Prayer*

*The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it (John 1:6)*



*followed by all hands on deck to help us take down Christmas until next year!*

Fanning the Flames of the

**DREAM**

# BOULDER COUNTY MLK JR DAY 2024

**SPEAKER: DR. REILAND RABAKA**

FOUNDER & DIRECTOR  
THE CENTER FOR AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES  
CU BOULDER

January 14, 2024 at 3pm

Boulder Jewish Community Center  
6007 Oreg Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80303

Featuring: Legendary Purnell Steen &  
The Five Points Ambassadors of Denver, CO

January 15, 2024 at 10am

Silver Creek High School  
4901 Nelson Road  
Longmont, CO 80503

Featuring: The 9am MLK Youth Workshop

EVENTS FREE & OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC

JOIN US!  
MUSIC, DANCE, SPOKEN WORD  
CELEBRATING DR. KING, THE DREAM &  
BOULDER COUNTY'S 2024 LIVING  
LEGEND!

We thank our sponsors for their support as we bring the  
"Beloved Community" together in celebration of Dr. King.  
MLK 2024 Planning Committee of Boulder County

Visioning, Partnerships, and Faithfully Moving Forward

## Next Steps

The leadership of our Partnerships Team, along with M. Mary Kate and Senior Warden Paul Voakes have been working with Trestle Strategy on the next steps, including some grant applications following our participation in the [Gift of Place Conference](#) in November.

Watch for a congregational update early in 2024!

Commended to our Prayers

For our [CU Campus](#), and especially the [Bread+Belonging community](#) and the [LCM Board](#) during this time of transition.

Pray for an [end to war throughout the world](#), for a ceasefire in the Middle East, and for all who have died, been injured, and lost homes and livelihood because of war.



**For those in need of bodily healing:** Roy Faverty, Kay Gibson, Troyanne Thigpen, Bob Moore, Dowell Williams, Ruth, Lou Patterson, Mike Metzдорff, Greg Smith, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello, Kevin Costello, Sally Chesnick Ingraham, Mary and Dave Kraus, Emily, and Dave, Kristen MacDonald.

**For those seeking God's guidance and strength** all who seek employment, Patrick Costello and family, Diane Hayes, Luke, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff, Tyler, Jack, Jennie, Christianne, the Ingraham family, for all who struggle with addiction.

**For those in need of prayers for our mission abroad:** Richard and Catherine Ranger, former parishioners of St. Aidan's, are missionaries with SAMS, (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and serve Uganda Christian University (UCU).

**For those who serve in the US Military, especially:** Parker Rost (Marine Corps), Commander Michael Stengel, for soldiers deploying and their chaplains and families.

**For those who have died:** Brenda Kroge, Alex.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Leanne Walther and Mary Martin (12/26), Joy Linfield (12/30).

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#### **Office Hours:**

Mon, Tue, Fri 8am to 1pm  
Wednesday 9am to 12pm

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