

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!



[Calendar of Events](#)

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

News You Can Use Every Other Monday

Dear Friends,

*O God, whom neither time nor space can limit, hold, or bind,
look down from heaven, thy dwelling place, with love for human kind.*

*Another year its course has run; thy loving care renew;
forgive the ill that we have done, the good we failed to do.*

*O help us here on earth to live from selfish passions free;
to us at last in mercy give eternal life with thee.*

(The Hymnal 251 v. 1, 2, 4)

Begin this year with a **commitment to be connected to the WORD, God made flesh** and to share that love with the world. Here are some suggestions from me:

If your skin is like mine, take some dedicated time to build capacity to talk about **systemic racism**, with this free, online group called **[My Work to Do](#)**. Five sessions of 60-90 minutes from the comfort of your Zoom space. It is worth it to learn how to talk about hard things. Start today.

Take a few minutes to view **[photos from 2023](#)** of religious activity across our big beautiful **globe** from Religious News Service. Then subscribe to their newsletter for excellent journalism throughout the year.

Join us for the **next two Sundays, January 7 and 14 after 10am church** for two conversations about our congregational life this year. We'll talk about "I WISH/I WOULD." Do you have an idea for a small group? A ministry? A dream? And then what do you bring

to our common life to make this and others happen?

As much as you possibly can, plan to worship every week this year. Be generous, seek kindness and understanding. "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:18)

With gratitude for our life together, on this 8th Day of Christmastide,

M. Mary Kate+

For your calendar....

- Office Closed January 1 and 2
- Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser (Sign up by January 2)*
- Last chance to 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)*
- Sunday, February 4 ST. AIDAN'S ANNUAL MEETING!
- Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

**denotes more information below*

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

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.



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--59 households have made a commitment. Are you one of them? Our goal is for every household to be a giving household. Please help us by making your 2024 pledge commitment now.

Thank you!

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



Christmastide at St. Aidan's

Sunday, December 31 + First Sunday of Christmas

8am Zoom and 10am Worship

Saturday, January 6, 2024

6pm Epiphany Service of Light

*stay after worship to help put away
Christmastide*

Sunday, January 7 + The Baptism of Jesus

8am Zoom and 10am Worship



Zoom information is always found on our
calendar at www.saintaidans.org/calendar

Louisville and Superior Scout Troop 69/278/575 Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser

If you live in Louisville or Superior, why haul your own tree to the recycling yard? Let the Scouts pick it up for you!

-Sign up [HERE](#) by Tuesday, January 2.

-Have your tree ready to go by 8am Saturday, January 6, 2024 (all decorations removed).

-A \$15 - \$20 donation is requested for the service either online or by check made payable to "BSA Troop 69". Questions can be emailed to scouthut69@gmail.com.

Important Announcements

2023 Giving Statements will be emailed by the third week of January. If you are able to login to Realm to check your giving, please do so by January 7. If you'd like to be able to login and see your giving, and need an invitation, please [email Kelly Champion](#), our Donation Manager.

If you use the **Zoom account associated with office@saintaidans.org**, please [email M. Mary Kate](#) and let her know by January 7. We are changing some Zoom account information in order to use the Chapel as a hybrid meeting space. Please include which meetings, and how long the meeting generally is.

Starting mid-January, **our Office Hours will change to be open consistently in the afternoon**, in order to allow for a changing class schedule for Corey Priebe, our Office Administrator. Watch the schedule at the bottom of this email for changes.

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](#).

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](#) to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions).

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>



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: Edith Presler-Barr (1/9), Yuri Sokolov (1/12), Cynthia Shaffer (1/16).

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Mon, Tue, Fri 8am to 1pm
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