

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP  
7PM COMPLINE**

After Compline, a conversation about how to encourage connection and deepen conversation at your gatherings

**WE GATHER TOGETHER....**

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**AFTER 10AM CHURCH**

Bring a dish to share! **POTLUCK  
LUNCH!**

[www.saintaidans.org](http://www.saintaidans.org)



[Calendar of Events](#)

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## News You Can Use for November 20 - December 2

[Click here to sign up for Bread+Belonging food Tuesdays at 6pm](#)

### For your calendar....

- Community Thanksgiving Events Nov 22 and 23\*
- Tuesday, November 21, 7pm Thanksgiving Compline & Conversation\*
- *Thursday and Friday November 23 and 24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday*
- Sunday, November 26 Potluck Lunch after 10am church
- Tuesday, November 28, 7:15pm The Art of Gathering\*
- Friday, December 1, 7pm CU Buffoons Holiday Concert, FREE, at St. Aidan's

*Watch your inbox in a day or two for an email with Advent,  
Christmas and Epiphany!*

*\*denotes more information below*

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

## Gifts for our Seminarians taking the General Ordination Exam (GOE)

We are assembling care packages for our 3 seminarians (Durango Jenkins, Charles Martin and Amanda Barker), collecting cards, letters, goodies and gift cards **until Sunday, December 10**. St. Aidan's is sponsoring this effort not only because we love them, but because they are facing their GOE examinations as part of their journey toward ordination. These are like bar exams, but for priests, and consist of 6 essays in 3 days.

**We'll have materials to write cards at the Potluck on November 26 after church.** Please bring anything else by the December 10 deadline so we can get it in the mail!

Keeping in mind that care packages are mailed must fit into one box, here are some ideas:

- personal cards and letters of encouragement
- a few tea bags, or packets of hot chocolate, or small snacks
- gift cards, such as Starbucks (you can purchase them yourself, or give cash or check to Mary or Scott Martin--see below)
- small inspirational books
- chocolates or other treats
- a sweet little candle
- checks written to individual seminarians are appropriate (they are not tax-deductible)

My Venmo is @Mary-Martin-175, with a photo of Scott, Charles and myself. With your donation, please let me know what you prefer I purchase with it. If there are enough funds, we'll also purchase a gift to be used at a restaurant in Denver after ordination (March 9 2024). Thank you for your generosity and support of our Seminarians! [Email me with questions!](#) Thanks, Mary Martin!

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

### Growing Our Generosity 2024

As of November 19, we have received 24 pledges toward our 2024 budget. **Please click on the image to the right to read and understand our invitation to Grow in Generosity** as the Vestry is making plans for our next year's budget.

We hope every household at St. Aidan's is a giving and sharing household, and all pledge commitments, small and large, help. Please

make your commitment soon.

Thank you!

## GENEROSITY + GROWTH

The cost of doing church grows. So does our generosity.

Find out where you are in this set of questions. Begin.

- If you don't give, **GIVE**. Start giving. Put something in the offering, mail a check, text a donation. We hope every household is a giving household, every time we gather.
- If you do give, **PLEDGE/MAKE A COMMITMENT**. Make a promise to yourself that you're part of the church, and that you'll show up, give regularly, and serve in ministry this year. Promise to give a specific amount and work to keep that promise. The Vestry makes a better budget (and can plan to pay staff and support ministries) when we know how much we will receive, more or less. A promise can be changed, increased or decreased, if your life circumstances change. Start now in 2024.
- If you have promised and made a commitment or pledge in the past, **INCREASE IT**. Strive to give a little more each year, and to give proportionally (a percentage of your income). The average charitable giving in the US is between 2% and 3% of annual income. Are you there?
- If you do give proportionally, **GROW** in generosity every year, by increasing the percentage. Is this the year to make a legacy gift, to give from your estate after you are gone? How can you share generosity with those who come after you? Do you demonstrate life-long generosity by remembering that all we have comes from God, and we take nothing with us--leave something for the church.

### Information and Goals for 2024

- We need *at least* **\$250,000** committed for 2024.
- In 2023, 73 households pledged a total of \$225,000.
- There are 115 households that call St. Aidan's home.
- We would like **every household to make a pledge or estimate of giving**. What is God calling you to give out of your abundance?
- Pledged income from members is the **most significant income for St. Aidan's**. It is supplemented, significantly, by income from our Parking Lot. Even with this, we budget deficit budgets most years in order to maintain our building and keep the staffing and ministries we have. M. Mary Kate Rejeouis is our only full-time staff member.
- We use Realm, a secure, online giving and membership platform. Please email [realm@saintaidans.org](mailto:realm@saintaidans.org) for your Realm Login information and for help setting up your account. It's easy and safe.
- You may pre-pay your yearly commitment (some do this to maximize the tax benefit in a calendar year, for example). Please contact us if you plan to do this by calling 303-443-2503 or emailing [realm@saintaidans.org](mailto:realm@saintaidans.org)



St. Aidan's 25th Anniversary on September 15

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## Community Thanksgiving Events

**NOV 22ND**



**LAFAYETTE: COAL CREEK CAFE**

Josephine Commons, 455 N Burlington Ave  
Lafayette  
Free Thanksgiving meal  
11:30 - 12:30 pm  
Call 303-665-0566 for reservations



**LONGMONT MEALS ON WHEELS**

Longmont Senior Center  
910 Longs Peak Avenue  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Call 303-772-0540 for  
reservations



**BOULDER MEALS ON WHEELS**

The Cafe is hosting  
Thanksgiving dinner  
11:00 - 1:00 for \$13.99.  
Reservations are highly  
recommended Call 720-780-3380

Thanksgiving meals can be ordered  
& picked up on Nov. 22 between  
1:30 - 3:30 at either the Niche  
Market, 3701 Canfield St or the  
Eat Well Cafe, located in the  
West Age Well Center, 909  
Arapahoe Ave. Each meal is \$15.99  
and should be ordered online at  
[mowboulder.org](http://mowboulder.org)



NOV 23RD

### ALLENSPARK: HILLTOP GUILD

Kelley House 18720 Highway 7

Allenspark

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Bring a side dish or dessert if able.

Please RSVP at (303) 747 2001

#### WARD: MILLSITE INN

544365 Hwy 72, Ward

Potluck Thanksgiving meal Doors open at 2:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm Bring a dish to share.

RSVP (720) 547-9438



### BOULDER: SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

5300 Baseline Road Boulder

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

A meal and limited seasonal clothing and supplies for those experiencing homelessness

### BOULDER: CENTRAL PARK

1236 Canyon Blvd, Boulder

8:00 - 10:30 am

A meal and limited seasonal clothing and supplies for those experiencing homelessness



### BOULDER BRIDGE HOUSE

1419 Pine Street, Boulder

4:00 pm

Grab and Go Thanksgiving dinner. No on-site eating. At St. John's Episcopal Church, served outdoors.

### LONGMONT: OUR CENTER

220 Collyer Street, Longmont

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Call 303-772-5529

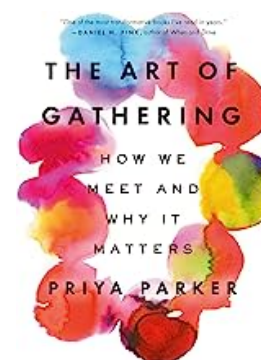


## The Art of Gathering--A Study together

Continuing on Tuesdays in November from 7pm to 8:15pm you're invited to come join a study of *The Art of Gathering*, by Priya Parker.

Start at 7pm with Compline with the B+B Community in the Chapel and plan to stay until 8:15pm. All ages are welcome--if you need nursery care, let me know and we'll have it staffed.

If you don't have time to read the book, or haven't started it yet, this [podcast](#) with Brene Brown and Priya Parker (60 minutes) is a good start.



## 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** after a break! Enjoy! If you are curious about joining the Writers Group, email [Paul Voakes](mailto:Paul Voakes).

[Rovena](#) by Ellen Weekley

[When the Old Folks Gather](#) at Church by Kay Cook

[Getting New Material](#) by Marty Coffin Evans

[An Honest Look in the Mirror](#) by Beverly Coolidge Shaw

[Prudence](#) by Paul Voakes

## 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](#).

Note: NO meeting on Nov. 22. We will resume meeting on Nov. 29.

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).

## 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>



Visioning, Partnerships, and Faithfully Moving Forward

## Leadership Attending Conference

November 15-16, Paul Voakes, Pam Greene, and Bal Patterson attended the

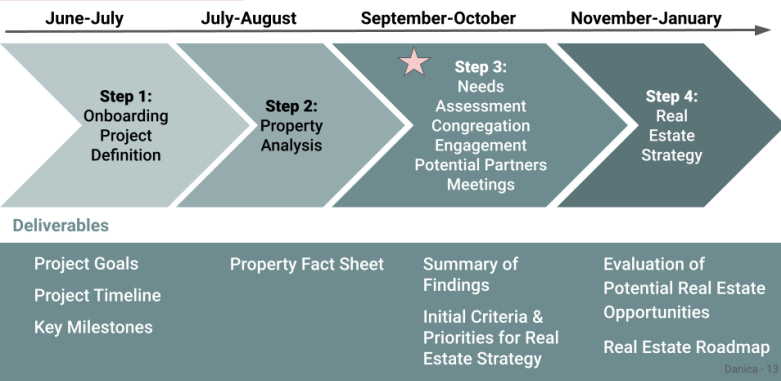


**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church | Strategic Real Estate Planning  
Congregation Meeting | October 8, 2023**

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**Gift of Place Conference**, an offering of Trinity, Wall Street (online). After applying for entry, St. Aidan's was accepted for this opportunity to share practices with other congregations in transition and visioning processes. This conference and our ongoing work with Trestle Strategy Group are helping us identify next steps and paths forward.

**Project Timeline**



**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.

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

**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:** Kuldip Kaur Reha, Patricia Huggins Moore.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Ellie Poehlmann and Scott Fraser (11/23), Elisabeth Patterson and Annika Bjorklund (11/24), Jennie Garcia and Christopher Meloche (11/26), Scott Menard (12/2)

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Mon, Tue, Fri 8am to 1pm  
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