



The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

(Song of Solomon 2:12)

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Fellowship, Community and Faith

August 2021

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur



Comfort Dog

There are many Episcopal Churches in the USA that have comfort dog ministries. They can provide a soothing presence to those suffering and in need. They calm individuals, facilitate conversation, with special needs individuals, veterans, elderly, children, homeless, and more. Luna, our St. Matthias comfort dog will begin her training very soon. She's a 9-month-old Lhasapoo (9 lbs.)

and won't get much bigger than she is right now. She'll be trained to provide love and affection to those in need. We are very excited to offer this new ministry. We'll keep you updated on her training progress.

Water, water everywhere!

Oh No! When I arrived at the church on the 19 of July, I saw a broken water pipe under the Parish Hall. The lawn behind the Parish Hall was flooded. I was able to get a plumber to fix an elbow joint that came apart. I'm not sure how many gallons leaked or what our water bill will be like but praise the Lord, at least the inside of the building was spared.

Central Convocation Gathering

The Diocese will be hosting a Central Convocation Gathering Host

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Churches - September 25, 2021: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. George Episcopal Church in San Antonio. The Gathering will give us opportunities to celebrate being together, to consider the hardships and challenges endured, to explore lessons learned and blessings gained, and to look toward ways we can live and serve faithfully going forward. If you would like to join me, let me know so we can get our reservations in.

Spilled Coffee

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Incorrect answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So, we must ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility?

Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

Life provides the cup; YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

(Author Unknown)



Annual Diocesan Council Dates

The dates for next year's annual Diocesan Council will be February 24 – 26, 2022 as an in-person gathering, at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in San Marcos. We can have up to 2 delegates to accompany me. Meg will be attending as a clergy spouse.



Join us for social time after the service and see what yummy treat is in store! Or just come and get to know everyone a little bit better. We'd love to see you!

See what's new

New (to us) Keyboard

We were blessed with the gift of a fancy electronic keyboard by the parishioners of St. Francis by the Lake. I listened to someone play it when I picked it up and it played as a piano as well as an organ. Since disposing of our non-reparable piano and organ, we now have the capability to have someone play live music.

Confirmation Class

Our confirmation classes are going very well. It's wonderful to explore the Book of Common Prayer, liturgics, the Episcopal Church history, and so much more.



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GIVING LINKS

We've added a new online giving link on our St. Matthias Web Site and Facebook pages. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/d9b59938-5252-4e7f-8828-75939fd5be8c>

Amazon Smile update:

Here is a direct link for you: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2727034>

Use this link and then just shop as you normally would, renew your smile organization every 6 months. What an easy way to support St. Matthias!

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 EP 6:00 pm	5	6	7
8 HE 10:30 am	9	10 Chelsea Walters (B)	11 EP 6:00 pm	12	13	14
15 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering Eric Fenton (B)	16	17	18 EP 6:00 pm	19	20	21 Savannah Walters (B)
22 HE 10:30 am	23	24 Kristin Dalton (B)	25 EP 6:00 pm	26	27	28
29 HE 10:30 am	30	31				

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, EP = Evening Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary