



Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. (Psalm 65:8)

## St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Fellowship, Community and Faith

# July 2021

## What's Happening

Rev. Dexter Lesieur

Winter Freeze repairs continue. We had plumbers working very hard to repair the broken waterlines from last winter. They spent several days but now we have water in the Parish Hall.

We were able to remove the very old organ and the piano from the Sanctuary and Sacristy. They both served the congregation well in years past (before my time). St. Matthias will be getting an electronic keyboard system in the near future with the hopes we will have someone who's musically inclined to play (it is being donated by a sister church). With our newly created space, Meg moved all the sound and music equipment to the wall behind the last pew. This will allow Meg and Rob a direct view of the service to be able to see anyone needing help and an easier time giving me hand signals as needed. We also rearranged the Sacristy to be more functional.

### Yard Sale

We had a wonderful opportunity to connect with members of the community. We had folks from St. Matthias as well as friends of St. Matthias donate items for a parish yard sale. We had everything from antiques and furniture to camping gear. We collected, advertised, labeled and put out the items. We didn't know who would show up. All our volunteers had St. Matthias contact cards that they gave folks who purchased something. Many seeds were planted. These folks now know where we're located, they met several of our parishioners and left with a treasure they found. I wonder if it was really the item they purchased, or will it end up being the contact card they were given that will have the most value?



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# Bishop High's Visit

We were blessed to have the Rt. Rev. Bishop Rayford High visit us on Father's Day! This was his first visit to St. Matthias. He said it was a powerful morning receiving both Erika and Rob into the Episcopal Church and meeting everyone. He was excited to see all the improvements we've made to include a youth ministry room and Nursery as well as our vision as we grow in our community of faith. He told us he's willing to come to St. Matthias for a Wednesday Evening Prayer service anytime we have parishioners that would like to be Confirmed or Received. He sent us a wonderful letter that closed "Have crozier, will Travel"!



Fr. Dexter, Erika, Bishop High, Rob

## POSM

We hope you have been enjoying the take home POSM bags. Please send us photos of your family working on the projects. Also, let us know if you have any ideas for a take home project! We'd love to hear from you and let us know what we can do to make it fun for the family.



## Outreach

### *Helping Those in Need*

St. Matthias was able to bring another truck load of clothing and other items to the Diocese. These items will be sorted and given to those in need at Navajo Land, Lakota Nation and immigrants on the border. Thank you to everyone who donated these items!

### *Mission Devine*

St. Matthias was asked to lead a morning Devotional for Mission Devine. This is an annual event where about 100 volunteers gather to help repair the homes of low income and disabled folks. You could feel the energy of the Holy Spirit at work. After the devotional, folks came up wanting to know where we were located and to know more about St. Matthias. Just like the mustard seed, your efforts make substantial impacts to those in our communities.



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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. We recently received a check from Amazon!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Eric & Janet Fenton (A)	3
4 HE 10:30 am Fourth of July Erika Gibbs (B)	5	6	7 EP 6:00 pm Jackson Hagdorn (B) Karen Martinez (B)	8	9	10
11 HE 10:30 am Take home POSM Project	12	13	14 EP 6:00 pm	15	16 Halle Hagdorn (B)	17
18 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	19	20 Robert & Sandra Pace (A)	21 EP 6:00 pm Hailey Walters (B)	22	23	24
25 HE 10:30 am	26	27	28 EP 6:00 pm	29	30	31

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