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St. Matthias' Episcopal Church Fellowship, Community and Faith

## March 2022

# What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone will have a reflective Lenten Season.

The highlight of February was the annual Diocesan visit, this year by Bishop Reed. He confirmed Brooke Walters and Allison Soret. Bishop Reed saw the many improvements we've made to our buildings and grounds. He was very happy with our church family atmosphere with children running and having fun. Bishop Reed was able to hear our Psalmist. Pat Leece from New York, who is one of our online church family. Erika did a fantastic job serving as the Bishop's Chaplain. We had a delicious pancake breakfast including bacon, sausage, fruit salad, quiches and of course

pancakes! I want to thank everyone who made this day a memorable experience for Brooke and Allison.

#### **Continued Improvements**

I want to thank a couple who want to remain anonymous for fixing our church walkway. Your efforts a greatly appreciated. The kitchen is continuing to look more modern! The new floor is almost complete, thanks to Rob and Erik for figuring out how to put down the flooring. Painting the outside of the church continues, the warmer weather will help to get it completed. St. Matthias' Episcopal Church 901 N Teel Drive PO Box 682 Devine, Texas 78016 stmatthias.devine@gmail.com www/stmatdevine.org facebook.com/stmatthias.devine Your Tube: St. Matthias Devine

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#### **Bible Study**

We have 4 more weeks left in our study of Isaiah then we will start a study of Genesis. Everyone is invited to join us either in person or online anytime through Zoom.

Meeting ID: 815 4446 4619

Passcode: 088957

If you would prefer a direct link, just email stmattias.devine@gmail.com and we will send you one.



#### 118th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Both Meg and I attended the annual Diocesan Council. Meg was our delegate and I attended as clergy. This year's Diocesan theme is "Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up". Due to Covid, this year was an online event. It was wonderful to hear how the Holy Spirit is working among all the ministries and churches in the Diocese. St. Matthias was one of two churches identified in the World Missions report as leading the efforts in the Diocese for all the clothing provided by our parishioners. I also gave the Military Ministry report that highlighted the activities in the Diocese that supported our military, veterans and their families.

## Valentines for Vets

Thank you everyone who made and provided Valentine Day cards for residents at the Frank M. Tejeda Veteran's home. The cards were greatly received.







We now have a Saint Matthias the Apostle Icon in our Sanctuary in celebration of St. Matthias Day.



February Birthday Blessings for Meg, Harry, and Stacey. We also remember Evan, Tom, and April this month.



## Ashes to Go

We are excited about offering a community Ashes to Go in our church parking lot on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 11:30 - 1:00 pm. We are continually looking for new ways to serve Devine and our surrounding communities. We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 9:00 am in place of our Morning Prayer service.

## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday, 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 13, Tenebrae, 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 14, Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing, 5:00 pm

Friday, April 15, Good Friday Service, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 17, Easter Service 10:30 am with Egg Hunt after the service

### **Easter Lilies**

Remember a loved one this Easter Season by helping to purchase the Lilies to decorate the church for the holiday. Please fill out the slips, located in back of the church, and turn it in with your donation and your loved one will be remembered in the bulletin on Easter day.



#### Confirmation

The Right Rev David Reed visited St. Matthias on February 27<sup>th</sup> and confirmed two members of our church. Allison and Brooke completed the confirmation class with Fr. Dexter and the congregation was happy to join in the celebration! What a joyous occasion. We celebrated with a pancake breakfast after the service.







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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: <u>https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2727034</u> 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 Fr. Dexter Lesieur (BD)	2 Ash Wednesday MP 9:00 am Ashes to Go 11:30 – 1:00 Bible Study 5 pm	3	4	5
6 HE 10:30 am	7	8	9 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	10	11	12 Daylight Savings Spring Forward tonight!
13 HE 10:30 am Joe & Karen Martinez (A)	14	15	16 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	21	22	23 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	24	25	26
27 HE 10:30 am	28	2 <u>9</u>	30 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	31 Dorian Dalton (BD)		

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, MP = Morning Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary