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POLICE AND SAFETY REFORM: CALL TO ACTION

As a faith community very active in the wake of the George Floyd murder, we may need reminders to keep the need for police reform in the front of our minds and to take action where we can. We witnessed racialized violence last year with the uprising, and it continues to be experienced daily by our siblings of color. Jesus and numerous prophets and prophetesses provide us with models for challenging rules and laws that are unjust: we are called to do the same with regard to policing. Most of us would agree that we need some form of safety protection like police, but systems with much greater equality, accountability, and transparency.

As cities and neighbors work to create a community response that ensures the safety of Black and Brown neighbors, one of the many hurdles is police unions and the contracts

negotiated with cities, including Minneapolis. As part of the larger Campaign Zero, the Nix-the 6 project requests and analyzes police union contracts throughout the country and works to negotiate new contracts. They also challenge unfair laws and language that blocks accountability for misconduct.

Six ways that unions block accountability are: destroying records of misconduct, tossing out misconduct complaints, delaying or restricting interrogations of officers, giving officers preferential access to evidence, restricting disciplinary consequences, and requiring communities to fund misconduct.

Nix-the-6 is one organization looking for volunteers to make Freedom of Information Act requests, screen union contracts for dangerous or ambiguous language, or assist in building databases of contracts soon to be renegotiated. This may be appealing to those who may not want to be on the frontline of defunding police but want to be active in aiding the cause. There are many ways for our energy and time to be changemaking.

While not experts on this topic, the Racial Justice Group at Holy Trinity hopes to learn more about police reform and share ways we can be active in addressing the issue. There are diverse perspectives on *how* to reform policing, but we need to keep the conversation alive. More information can be found [here](#). Other opportunities for involvement with police reform include:

- [Nix the 6th](#) or its larger organization [Campaign Zero](#)
- [MPD 150](#)
- The Department of Justice investigation of Minneapolis Police collecting stories (call 866-432-0268)

Corey Bardon on behalf of the Racial Justice Group

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Ezekiel 2:11-5; Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#).
Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

A recording of the forum from June 27 can be found [here](#).

JULY 4 NO ADULT FORUM

JULY 11 "The Link "
Beth Holger

The Link is a youth- and adult-led community-based non-profit in north Minneapolis. Holy Trinity member Beth Holger (CEO) and some of The Link's incredible youth leaders will tell us about their 23 programs which serve youth and young families experiencing homelessness, sex trafficking and/or involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice system, among other challenges. This is hands-on work that makes a big difference. See The Link's website www.thelinkmn.org and join us on Zoom.

View the worship service from Sunday, June 27, [here](#).

JULY PILGRIMAGES WITH DEACON DAVID & INTERN MOLLIE

Choose one Tuesday in July to put your walking shoes on and join Deacon David, as well as our summer intern, Mollie, in a pilgrimage around the neighborhood surrounding the church building. The pilgrimages will take place on **Tuesdays, July 6 and 20, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** and **July 13 and 27, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** The gatherings will be limited to 25 people, so please RSVP (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org / 612.729.8358 ext. 19) to reserve your space. We will meet at the church building and walk around the neighborhood as a spiritual practice. For some of you, this will be an opportunity to see what was destroyed and what is being rebirthed. We will have time to reflect, pray, and debrief after our walk as we discern what God is calling us into as members of Holy Trinity.

PARISH INFORMATION

TELL ME ANOTHER! STORY SHARING PROJECT (Episode 3)

We launched this Communities of Calling event last February in an effort to provide a venue to hear from members of ALL ages and to go a bit beyond the usual brief *hellos* and *how are yous*. Most participants were nominated by members of the Children's Choir and the *Cantate!* Youth Ensemble to share a story from their lives. Other participants simply wanted to be part of the project. **Deb Anderson**, one of our Intergenerational Conversation Project Team members, hosted this third event. In [Episode THREE](#), you will meet a wonderful cross section of Holy Trinity members sharing stories about everything from childhood call stories, to breaking scouting barriers, to the leanest but most bountiful boyhood Christmas, and a teenage boy who made a big difference in a shy, high school girl's life. **David and Carol Berg, Kristen Townsend, Dennis O'Brien, and Ann Schrooten** will give you many things to ask them about the next time you see them AT CHURCH, which we all hope will be soon. You'll also hear music by the Okey Dokey Brothers at the top of this episode and some classic Carole King to cap off the final story!

This is the last of our pre-recorded *Tell Me Another!* Episodes; watch for more LIVE events this summer!

LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (LVC)

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is preparing for the 2021-22 cohort of volunteers, to begin in August. Help support the Wellstone House LVC Community Volunteers. The many ways to connect and support can be found [here](#). Tasks range from "packing the pantry" at the Wellstone House (purchase and deliver food and household staples now and throughout the year) to serving as a direct connection to—and interacting with—the community. For more information, contact Rachel Kennedy (651-419-8201 / rkennedy@lutheranvolunteer corps.org.)

SOLAR PANELS AT HOLY TRINITY

Our solar energy rooftop project is commencing on Friday morning, July 9! Our installation crew, which will include trainees from the BIPOC community, will be onsite with a crane to upload panels and equipment to the roof. This will complete a longstanding goal of our faithful stewardship of the earth. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. outside to meet Jamez Staples, the president of Renewable Energy Partners, and Joaquin "JT" Thomas, master electrician and the president of Solar Solution Services, along with their crew. This will be a brief meet and greet as they will be busy! Thanks to so many faithful servants over the years for their tireless work towards this project. The final crew who pushed this across the finish line are Sean Gosiewski, Rodney Johnson, Kathy Hollander, Jack Hanson, and Aric Sorenson.

CLARIFICATIONS ON GRADUAL REOPENING

With recommendations from the COVID Task Force, CDC, State of Minnesota, and City of Minneapolis, the Council recently relaxed restrictions for in-person gatherings at Holy Trinity. Here are highlights from the most recent changes to our COVID plan:

- Sunday worship will remain online for now, but two in-person, outdoor worship services are being planned for the evenings of July 21 and August 25.
- Small groups, social, and educational gatherings of up to 25 people can be held indoors, both internal and external groups. If you would like to meet at the church, contact Pam in the office to reserve a suitable space.
- Attendance at indoor baptisms, weddings, and funerals in the sanctuary is increased to 50 people.
- The upper limit for outdoor gatherings is increased to 100 attendees.
- Singing will be allowed outdoors for groups of up to 25.

Distancing of 6' between household groups and masks are still required at all gatherings (regardless of vaccination status).

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS MONDAY, JULY 26

Lutheran Night at the Twins is Monday, July 26, at 7:10 p.m. vs. Detroit Tigers. Our participation in this event has been approved by the COVID Task Force. Tickets are \$29. Scholarships are available. To reserve a seat or for questions contact Pam Kildahl (612-729-5836 / pkildahl@gmail.com) or the church office. Deadline to sign up is July 5.

The Church Council decided in March that once the COVID vaccination rate (column A) in Hennepin County reached 50-69% and the case and test positivity rates (columns B and C) were consistently low enough, we would start considering a return to some in-person events, including worship services. Good news: the vaccination rate reached 50% in late May and has been very slowly increasing since then. The case rate (B) has been below 5 since early June, and the average test positivity rate (C) has been under 2% since June 17. The COVID team will continue to monitor this information. If the case and/or test positivity rates were to increase, that would be a cause for concern.

June 17, 2021	Column A Vaccination rate*	Column B Cases/100,000 population	Column C Test positivity rate (weekly rolling average)
Threshold/goal	>50-69%	<5-10/100,000	<10%
As of 6/24/21	59.6%	2.4	<2%

- percentage of Hennepin County residents (all ages) who have been fully vaccinated