



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THANK YOU TO H.T. SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

As the weather turns and trees light up with glowing colors, I cannot help but wonder where summer went—especially this year. It seems to me that just yesterday we were running a well-oiled machine on Holy Trinity’s property, in response to the needs of our neighbors. Today, I want to share with you all that by our concluding date of August 28, we had filled at least five complete legal pads with volunteer names and information. I am sure that (had we started taking down information right away following the Uprising) we may have gotten at least double that.

The thousands of volunteers who joined our efforts by giving so generously of their own selves are the reason we were able to do what we did for the entire summer. I am especially grateful for the volunteers who became a part of a crew Holy Trinity contracted with for the summer in order to make our operation run smoothly.

Each morning on the days of distribution, I would arrive at the church building by 8:00 a.m. and find our premises lively with folks—neighbors with shopping needs and volunteers ready to help. I never had to worry about numbers because **Grace Harrison**, our amazing volunteer coordinator, was tasked with making sure that we had the helpers we needed each day. As the volunteers arrived, they made their way to a table led by **Emily Campbell, Josie Hines, and Nya Brown**. At the table, Emily, Josie, and Nya shared the reasons why Holy Trinity was helping (Black Lives Matter to God and to Holy Trinity), got them registered, provided a name tag, and directed them to our site coordinator extraordinaire, **Jennifer Starr Dodd**.

Some volunteers were tasked with helping receive donations alongside the seemingly-never-tired **Alex Cahoy**. Others joined kind and generous **Maryan Hersi** in bagging the donations to make shopping easier and more equitable for our neighbors. Many more would help in setting up barriers, tables, tents, and water stations outdoors alongside the ever-helpful **Tanner Wyatt** and always patient **Khalid Osman**. Throughout the day as the sun beat down (we were only rained out once!) spirits were kept high by the wisdom of **Benhi !Khabeb**, the helpfulness of **Donna Goodlaxson**, the knowledge of **Fadima**, and the easy-going-nature of **B.K.** When our neighbors needed to return items, they encountered the beloved-by-all **Joe Nixon** at the return table.

Finally, the person who made sure everything ran smoothly in the background, **Amanda Vetsch**, was always busy answering phone-calls, emails, and other inquiries from the office. I’m telling y’all, we had an amazing team!

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

OCTOBER 11 “Palestine”

Bill Harper, Chief of Staff for Betty McCollum

At the invitation of the Palestine/Israel Task Force, Bill Harper, chief of staff for Congresswoman Betty McCollum, will discuss recent initiatives by the Congresswoman to advance the rights of the Palestinian people.

OCTOBER 18 “South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels

Mary Engen, Board Development Committee

Holy Trinity has been an active member of South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels for several decades. Mary Engen will share the story of the organization and its current needs in this time

I truly cannot emphasize enough how much every single one of our volunteers (including and especially the ones we contracted with over the summer) made this past summer fly by like a well-oiled machine. These folks gave so much of themselves in order to serve the neighbor, and I want to express my gratitude for that by naming them and telling you about them in this newsletter. As we enter into the harvest season and near a national holiday wherein we are invited to give thanks, these folks are at the top of my mind this year. Thanks be to God for the abundance shared with us through every-day folks who changed the summer for many, including me.

Deacon David Rojas Martinez



PARISH INFORMATION

MINNESOTA SECOND CHANCE COALITION TO HOST A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL, FRIDAY, OCT. 16, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

At the town hall, we will first introduce the legislative affairs work of the Minnesota Second Chance Coalition and then break out into virtual rooms by Minnesota region. In these breakout sessions, Minnesota Second Chance Coalition Legislative Affairs Committee members will present results from our legislative candidate questionnaire and moderate a conversation with you, your candidates, and your neighbors about shared values and goals in criminal legal system reform. Register for the (free) virtual town hall [here](#). Those interested in making a donation to support our work [may do so here](#).

BDC PUBLIC LAUNCH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:30 A.M.

Please join Pastor Doug for the public launch of the Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council (BDC) on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. At the event, workers, Attorney General Keith Ellison, Mayors Melvin Carter and Jacob Frey, and other labor, political, and community leaders will introduce the Building Dignity & Respect Standards Council (BDC), a new standards-setting and monitoring organization for the Twin Cities' non-union construction sector. BDC will utilize the Worker-driven Social Responsibility (WSR) model, recognized internationally for its effective eradication of labor trafficking and other human rights abuses in the tomato fields of Florida.

- **Pre-register to join by Zoom:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L3PxTp07Sg-qE8aKPqjd5g
- **Join the Livestream** on CTUL's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CTULucha/>

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY OCTOBER 19-23

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of October 19-23. Volunteers can choose to deliver meals for 1-5 days. Pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square delivery area (35th Ave. S., between 50th and 51st St.). Delivery takes about 1-1½ hours. To volunteer please contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com). We have procedures to mitigate the COVID situation.

DIALOGUES ON RACE SERIES SUMMARY DISCUSSION

The Racial Justice Committee and Doctrine of Discovery Task Force are grateful for the active participation of all who attended the sessions on the *Dialogues on Race* discussion series and invite them to attend a final debriefing about this series and to discuss what comes next. This session will be Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Questions for discussion will be emailed in advance to previous attendees.

To join this session, click [here](#) or login to Zoom, (or dial 312-626-6799 from your phone) and enter the meeting ID 980 7875 7504 and passcode 16667.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Fare For All returns to the parking lot at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, October 14, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Drive by (only) to pick up your mega meat pack, a produce pack, and/or a hot buy. For more information, visit [Fare For All](#) the week of the distribution; you can see which hot buys will be offered.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The worship service for October 4 can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/464518961>. We welcome Rev. Justin Lind-Ayres and Rev. Babette Chatman as our preachers. We invite you to find bread or crackers, wine or grape juice (or any morsel of food and sip of liquid) in your house and celebrate Holy Communion with us.

HT RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP ENCOURAGES ALL TO VOTE

The election in November has profound implications for racial justice on both an individual basis and with regard to systemic issues. If you, family members, or friends are looking for ways to encourage others to vote, consider one of these resources:

- Faith in Minnesota (FIMN)—A political home for people of faith to act boldly and politically to create a more people-centered state of Minnesota. Includes training for volunteers. (<http://bit.ly/MetroTrainings>)
- Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL)—In partnership with faith communities aims to build transformative power and bring the lights of people's unique gifts to address climate change. Includes training for volunteers. (mnipl.org)
- Rock The Vote—Helps engage young voters in politics and building political power. (rockthevote.org).
- Kids Voting MN Network/Minnesota Civic Youth—A non-partisan, non-profit coalition helping K-12 kids learn about voting and participation in the political process. (mncivicyouth.org).

CONCERNING PEOPLE

We welcome the following as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation: **Erin Erdahl** and **Kent Erdahl**, and their son, **Elias Erdahl**; **Donny Daniel Hart** and **Jessica Daniel Hart**, and their son, **Cedar Daniel Hart**; **Mary Heltsley**; **Ryana Holt**; **Kris Holm**; **Hannah James** and **Shawn James**; **Margaret (Peg) Kolden**; **Carol Lerdal**; **Dennis O'Brien**; **Lisa Olson**; **Rachel Shands** and her daughter, **Eve Shands**; **Adam Welle** and **Anne Applebaum**, and their children, **Alice Welle**, and **Russell Welle**.

Donations to the **Coronavirus Assistance Fund**, the **Justice Fund**, and **Holy Trinity's General Fund** (for ongoing operating expenses) can be mailed to the church or given electronically (from your [bank account](#) or by [credit card](#)). All active households who have given financially in 2020 should have received giving statements for January-August. If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Holy Trinity's Financial Administrator, Kaia Ellis (kellis@htlcmpls.org).