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SUMMER ONLINE BOOK STUDY

The synod's **Community Accompaniment Table** will be hosting a summer online book study focused on power and evil. In the killing of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, we saw a manifestation of an evil -- white supremacy. This book study will assist in our spiritual development as Christians by challenging us to see and appropriately respond when confronted by evil, whether it's hiding in our hearts or revealed in our world.

All are welcome and encouraged to read "Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and the Devil for Doubters and the Disenchanted" by Richard Beck. We will host four bi-weekly online discussions of the book via Zoom on July 8, July 22, August 5, & August 19 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Please sign up to participate by filling out this form to receive log-in information for the meetings. We will be discussing Part 1 of the book, "Wickedness in High Places: Spiritual Warfare as Social Justice" at the first meeting on July 8.

Please register by going to the following link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCg75Vh0fzLXfmPgoUa1K6JAnD-CKkxRrTC7yGai-Ls9w84w/viewform>

STAY SAFE MN

On May 23, Gov. Walz announced his emergency executive order limiting indoor religious gatherings to 10 people or less would be amended to allow larger indoor gatherings of people beginning May 27. However, a key requirement for hosting services with over 10 people is that churches must develop and implement a "COVID-19 Preparedness Plan" in accordance with guidelines developed by the Minnesota Department of Health.

The Congregation Council met on June 3 and voted to work on a plan to reopen the church in July. Rhonda Schmelzer has agreed to be the plan administrator and will be consulting with others to develop and implement this plan. Rhonda, along with other individuals from various organizations and staff, will be working to develop a state-required COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. This health safety document will establish practices and protocols for MFLC to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection for our staff, ministry volunteers, and all people who wish to gather for services or meetings in the church.

More information on this subject will be shared following the next council meeting on July 1.

In the meantime, we will continue offering Livestream worship services via ZOOM. Information and instructions on how to participate in livestream services is available online at mabelfirst.org/worship/livestream-services.

CAMP AT HOME

Good Earth Village has been offering a weekly series that we call "**Camp at Home.**" For this week's edition, we lift up our siblings in Christ who are working to end systemic racism. Throughout the day, beginning at 9:30am, we will post resources and reflections on our Facebook page .

Many of us are hurt and confused by recent conflicts sparked by the murder of George Floyd. Over and over images of violence are flooding television and social media. Children are asking many questions of the adults in their lives about their own safety, and many adults are struggling with grief and hurt. The resources that we share today are meant to support all of us.

We would love for you to follow along and take time to pause and listen. Please consider this an interactive opportunity and leave your reflections in the comments section.