

Calvary Creation-Care Team
Accomplishments

2019

- Team formed in May
- Purpose statement formulated
- Team authorized by the Church Council to report to the Outreach Committee
- Strategic Plan Developed establishing goals, objectives, and action plans
- Teams formed
- Sunday, September 1: special prayer in observation of World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- Sunday, September 8: God's Work / Our Hands-on Rally: tree planted and advocacy letter-writing project
- September 18: Presentation to Confirmation Class
- September 26: Willmar Municipal Utilities education on Renewable Credit Certificates
- October 22: Co-sponsored showing of "Paris to Pittsburgh" documentary at Vinje
- October: Four session education program for congregational members entitled "Awakening to God's call to Earthkeeping"
- December 10: Building and Grounds Team arranged a presentation on Solar Power to the Coordinating Team. Presentation made by Hal Kimball, from Blue Horizon Energy

2020

- February 16: "Love Our Earth" display in the Narthex.
- March 22: Adult Forum CANCELLED
- April 19: Calvary Earth Day CANCELLED
- July: Creation Care webpage added to "calvarywillmar.org" - https://www.calvarywillmar.org/creation_care.html
- September: Seasons of Creation Worship Service by Lutherans Restoring Creation
- December 20: "And Heaven and Nature Sing" display at the Drive-thru Advent Journey to Bethlehem event.

2021

- Creation Care Tips began to be posted regularly in the Weekly Messenger and Facebook
- A "Connect with Us" tab was added to the webpage to allow feedback
- February 14: Valentine's Day / "Love Your Earth" Sunday CANCELLED
- February: New hymnal "All Creation Sings" added for worship use
- March 2: Lenten Service offerings established new Creation Care Special Fund
- April 17 NE Minnesota ELCA Synod Eco Faith Summit
- April 24: Encouraged attendance at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Earth Day Event
- April 25: Rogation Sunday service
 - Faith Circles pollinator planting project for the Courtyard
 - Gift of Wildflower seed heart to all in attendance
 - Lutheran's Restoring Creation (LRC) creation-focused service
- April 27 – 29: Eco-America Climate Leadership Summit
- May 13: Met with Willmar Area Climate Action Group and City of Willmar representative to discuss the status of the City's GreenStep program
- Summer:
 - Outdoor Wednesday Services

- Willmar Public Schools discussion regarding re-instituting Prairie Woods YES Program
 - Visit with City Council member about the University of Minnesota phosphorus recycling project
 - Fall:
 - Co-sponsored “Share the Bounty” project with the Social Concerns Committee
 - Trex plastic bag recycling program started
 - Cornerstone Construction textile recycling program started
 - November 13: Retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp
- 2022
- January 18: Public thank you to Building, Grounds and Maintenance Committee for their work in Creation Care over the years
 - March:
 - NE MN ELCA Synod EcoFaith Network training sessions X 5
 - March 23: Lenten Service Offering to Creation Care Special Fund
 - March 26: NE MN ELCA Synod EcoFaith Network Summit
 - April 24 – Earth Sunday
 - Earth Sunday Worship Services
 - Sunday School Atrium Pollinator Planting Project
 - 150th Anniversary Tree Giveaway in conjunction with the Vinje Community Tree Project