

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
Minutes  
April 19, 2022

Members present: Jack Behr, Bob Dickerson, John Gilbertson, Scott Glup, Pastor Naomi Mahler

The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Naomi.

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 2 – Education:
  - Creation Care Training by ELCA NE Synod EcoFaith Network: A brief review was held by those who attended. Others in attendance will discuss at May meeting.
  - March 26 ELCA NE Synod EcoFaith Network Summit/“*Holy Ground Holy Table*”: No Report.
  - Outdoor Book Walk: Pastor Naomi reported that Kirsten Zumwalt has volunteered to assist her.
  - Tammy Walhof: Jack announced that Ron has communicated with Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota and she will be willing to speak in Willmar, possibly in cooperation with Vinje.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life
  - Growing Congregational involvement: No report.
  - Reusable Communion Cups: Pastor Naomi stated that Cathy has had conversations with the altar guild about returning to the use of the glass communion cups. Cathy will present an update at our April meeting.
  - Creation Care Tips have restarted.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  - Pollinator Plot: No new information was presented.
  - Sunday School Atrium Planters Project: Scott discussed his plans for Earth Sunday’s event
- Goal 5 – Worship
  - Earth Sunday
    - i. Pastor Naomi discussed her plans for both services.
    - ii. Scott presented his plans for the forum following both services that will relate to the benefit of trees to the environment.
    - iii. Jack discussed updated plans for the tree project and reviewed all the different things that need to be done. Due to forecasted weather, it has been decided to distribute the trees in the Narthex instead of the garage. Volunteers for Friday morning preparations and Sunday distribution were identified.
- Goal 6 – Coordination
  - ELCA / Synod: No Report
  - City of Willmar: No Report

New Business / Other

- Reducing Paper Use: Discussion was postponed until the May meeting.
- Kindness Committee: Jack reported that the Kindness Committee plans to have the “Share the Bounty” project again this year. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that we should co-sponsor the project.
- Jack announced that he was informed by the Vinje Creation Care Committee that Vinje will be stating a “Season of Creation” worship service program
- Jack also announced that United Methodist Church is starting a community garden.

Reminders: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Naomi.