

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team
March 21, 2023

Members present: Jack Behr, Karin Gilbertson, John Gilbertson, Naomi Baker, Scott Glup, Cathy Halbritter

Jack opened the meeting with devotion.

The minutes of the January 17, 2023 minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing
 - Creation Care Events Calendar 2023
 - The committee reviewed the calendar,
 - Earth Day Plans
 - Scott will work with the Sunday School children on April 16 to plant seeds for the atrium pots.
 - On the April 22/23 weekend the services will focus on Creation Care. The team discussed a gift to hand out to the congregation. Scott will check to see if he has seeds that can be used to make up 150 packets to hand out following the services. Information will go in the bulletin.
 - Naomi and Jack reviewed the packet for Earth Day week from Interfaith Power and Light and decided there wasn't a lot of useful information.
 - Naomi will review the worship service from Lutherans Restoring Creation and possibly put a link in the Messenger.
- Goal 2 – Education
 - Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador
 - Everyone felt the presentation by Karen Kraemer went very well.
 - EcoFaith Network of the NE MN Synod: Jack
 - April 13: Creation Care Connections online "Youth and Growth". This is the second of the year. Jack has shared this information with Erica since the focus is on youth. Register online if interested.
 - April 15: EcoFaith Summit in Duluth – "The Pollinator Plot – Cross+Pollination in a Time of Ecological Crisis" - Jack and Caryn and Joel and Cathy are registered and will be attending.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life
 - Reusable Communion Cups / Fundraiser / Thrivent Grant:
 - We raised \$418 at the fundraiser. Our current balance is \$2,775.40. The only step left in the process is the potential building of wooden racks for the acolytes to collect the cups.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
 - Energy Efficiency / Solar Power / Benchmarking: Jack / Joel
 - Energy Efficiency/Benchmarking - Les Halverson, Tom Gilbertson, and Joel Halbritter have agreed to work on the benchmarking software by Energy Star. Jack will be meeting with them on Monday and starting the process.
 - Solar Power - Kim Larson had indicated interest in the past on this but isn't able to help out at this time and has suggested someone else that may be interested. Jack will follow up on this. Not for Profit organizations can now also benefit from installing solar. Interfaith Power and Light is a good resource.
- Goal 5 – Worship
 - March 11-12 Worship: "Life-giving Water"
 - The worship service went very well. Thanks to Naomi for all of her work on this.
 - April 23 Earth Day Worship
 - Naomi will discuss with staff incorporating music and liturgy on this weekend's worship services.

- Goal 6 – Coordination
 - No report

New Business

- Scott brought up a discussion about purchasing books for the library that focus on Creation Care for youth. Will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.