

Calvary Creation Care Coordination Team
January 16, 2024

Members present: Jack. Behr, Scott Glup, Leon Lentz, David Sehloff, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter

Opening prayer: The meeting was opened with a group recitation of the prayer from the draft Creation Care brochure.

The minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing:
 - Action Plans for 2024: Jack led the team through action plan priorities for 2024 and the team rated each item with 5 as highest priority and 1 as lowest priority. Did not have time to finish and will come back to the list later.
 - Brochure: Reviewed the draft brochure and the team gave input.
 - Interest in Emails: Jack asked the team if they wanted him to forward “climate” emails or would prefer not. Input was that most people already get enough emails.
- Goal 2 – Education:
 - NE MN Synod EcoFaith Network Summit: “Cross +Currents in the Flood – Building Arcs Together for a Livable Planet” / Saturday, April 6th 9am to 4pm at First Lutheran Church, Duluth. Jack will share more information if anyone is interested in attending.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life
 - Styrofoam Recycling: Leon reported that he met with Corky Berg and Gary Geer on this topic. There isn’t the money at this time. Discussed trying to get Styrofoam to Hutchinson but logistics are challenging.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
 - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: No report
- Goal 5 – Worship:
 - Meeting with Pr. Dwaine: Jack and Cathy met with Pr. Dwaine and shared that Pr. Dwaine is in support of this team; however, has not had much experience with Creation Care in his other churches. Overall, it was a positive meeting.
- Goal 6 – Coordination:
 - Healthy Earth Healthy Kids EcoFair – April 27, 2024 - Vinje, Bethel, and Calvary will be having a booth together and have a planning meeting on January 24.
 - SW MN Synod: Jack continues to encourage and visit with synod staff to reinstate Creation Care within the synod.
 - CERTS Energy Resource Team IRA Ambassador: David attended a webinar hosted by CERTS. The purpose was to find others to help within their communities by individuals having access to resources to share with others. It is not a training program but does provide resources. David now has access to those resources relating to the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act.

New Business - no new business

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held February 20, 2024.

The meeting was closed.