

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
February 20, 2024

Members present: Jack Behr, Scott Glup, Bob Dickerson, Kelly Welch, Leon Lentz, David Sehloff, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter, Naomi Baker

Guests: Steve Medin

The meeting was opened with the prayer from the Calvary Creation Care draft brochure.

The minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing
  - Complete Action Plan prioritizing for 2024: The team finished rating action plan priorities that began at the January meeting.
  - Brochure Approval: Jack thanked Naomi and Kelly for their work on the brochure. The team discussed some minor changes which will be made prior to approval at the March meeting.
- Goal 2 – Education
  - Luther Seminary “Rutlen Lecture on Faith and Creation”: Tuesday, February 27 at Vinje. Several members will be attending from the Calvary CC team.
  - NE MN Synod EcoFaith Network Summit: “Cross +Currents in the Flood – Building Arcs together for a Livable Planet” / Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm at First Lutheran Church, Duluth. Jack, Joel, and Cathy will be attending. All members are encouraged to consider attending in person or livestreaming. Bob made a motion to donate \$100 from Calvary Creation Care to the NE MN Synod Ecofaith Network. The motion passed.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life: No report
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: Joel reported on a recent meeting with David, Jack, Tom Gilbertson, and Les Halverson. Joel has reached out to Interfaith Power and Light to seek a contact who can provide guidance to our congregation. Joel has entered data that Les had collected in 2019 into the Energy Star Portfolio Manager website. Current data will be updated to include 2023 numbers. Tom met with John Herron at Willmar Municipal Utilities and gathered information about the local utilities’ programs for energy credits. David has been reading about options available and possible financial incentives. The link to our Portfolio Manager comparative data on the Energy Star site is <https://portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/login>; username is CalvaryWillmar; password Elca2508\*
- Goal 5 – Worship
  - Lenten Service – February 28: Scott will be speaking about Creation Care.
  - Earth Sunday:
    - i. The team agreed to celebrate Earth Day at Calvary on Sunday, April 21. Members of our team are asked to consider giving a temple talk.
    - ii. Scott suggested meeting with the Willmar Middle School YES Team to learn what they are doing and for them to learn what we are doing.
- Goal 6 – Coordination
  - Healthy Earth Healthy Kids EcoFair – April 27, 2024: Jack reported that a team representing Calvary, Vinje, and Bethel is working on putting together a joint booth.
  - SW MN Synod:
    - i. Lakeland Conference Assembly – Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: Jack shared that information was briefly shared at the assembly regarding Calvary’s CC team. Pastor Pflibsen will be at other conference meetings and will be sharing our brochure.
- Other -
  - Set date for next oral products collection - April 21.

- Discussed moving the next pollinator plot update to April.

New Business

- Naomi shared that several local churches have asked for information about our plastic film recycling.

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2024 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer