

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
July 16, 2024

Members present: Jack Behr, Scott Glup, Joel Halbritter, Naomi Powers-Baker, Kelly Welch, Cathy Halbritter

The meeting was opened with the prayer from our brochure.

The minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing:
  - Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant: Jack and Cathy
    - Passed last month by the team and waiting for feedback from Pastor Dwaine.
- Goal 2 – Education: No report
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life:
  - Silverware Library: Tabled
  - Jack reported that the Glacial Ridge Trail bike ride on July 7 included 10 participants. Discussed naming the annual bike ride in John Gilbertson’s memory since this was his original idea. The team liked this idea.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: No report, Joel shared that they hope to meet before our next meeting.
- Goal 5 – Worship:
  - Season of Creation Service June 23, 2024 Critique:
    - No negative feedback, positive comments from members are that it is appreciated when there is a theme to a service.
  - Creation Care Bible Study / Book Study: Jack encouraged the team to watch the Lutherans Restoring Creation Connections Call reviewing "Our Kairos Moment" Study Guide. It is available on the website.
    - i. LRC Connections Call re: 4-session Study Guide on ELCA’s Social Message “Earth’s Climate Crisis” - June 25 Critique: All
    - ii. “The Planet You Inherit – Letter to My Grandchildren When Uncertainty’s a Sure Thing” by Larry L. Rasmussen
    - iii. “A Christian’s Guide to Planet Earth: Why It Matters and How to Care for it” by Betsy Painter
    - iv. Cooler Smarter – Practical Steps for Low-Carbon Living” by the Union of Concerned ScientistsNo discussion at this time on the above possible book studies. Joel shared that he has begun reading Larry Rasmussen’s book.
  - Outdoor Services: Naomi
    - i. Robbins Island Vinje / Bethel / Calvary – August 18, 2024
    - ii. July 21, 2024
  - God’s Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 8 - The team discussed cleaning up and weeding the church grounds on September 8.
- Goal 6 – Coordination: Jack
  - Willmar Middle School YES Team: Currently no leader, PWELC is looking for a leader.

- Naomi offered to check on signage for the pollinator plot, Kelly is going to check into getting the hydrant painted, some issues will be referred to the Building and Grounds Committee (tree removal, etc.)
- EcoFaith Leadership Retreat is Aug. 25-27 at Camp Onamia. Jack is hoping to attend and has invited members from Vinje and Bethel to attend.

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Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2024. Please note there will NOT be an August meeting. In lieu of the August meeting the following individual projects will be worked on:
  - God's Work Our Hands Sunday planning
  - Covenant planning
  - Bible Study options
  - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.