

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
September 17, 2024

Members present: Jack Behr, Scott Glup, Joel Halbritter, Naomi Powers-Baker, Leon Lenz

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing:
  - Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant: Jack reported that the Church Council unanimously adopted the Covenant at their September 10, 2024 meeting. Discussion was held on the need to communicate the approval of the Covenant to the congregation. It was suggested that a short notice (with a link to the signed covenant) be placed in the Messenger two or three times and that Mary Jo mention it at the Annual Meeting.
- Goal 2 – Education: No Report
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life:
  - Silverware Library: Tabled
  - Dental Recycling: collection is planned for Sunday, October 20.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds:
  - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: Joel reported that he met with David S and Tom G yesterday. They plan to invite a couple of vendors to provide proposals. Prior to doing so, they plan to consult with the Church Council for input.
  - Pollinator Plot Signage: Naomi shared the sign with the Team. It was the consensus of opinion that a second sign be ordered. Scott has access to signposts.
- Goal 5 – Worship:
  - Creation Care Bible Study / Book Study: No report
  - Naomi announced that she was planning on a creation care service for October 20
  - God’s Work Our Hands Sunday – September 8: Six people joined in a weeding project. Joel recommended that the Building and Grounds Committee sponsor a spring spruce up and consider hiring an expert to periodically evaluate improvements to the grounds
- Goal 6 – Coordination:
  - EcoFaith Network Leadership Retreat: Jack reported that he decided not to attend the annual retreat due in large part to the fact that there were no other representatives attending from the Southwest Synod.

New Business:

- “Ray of Life” Project with Vinje and Bethel:
  - A motion was made by Leon, seconded by Joel, and passed unanimously to participate in the project as outlined and to contribute up to \$500 from the Creation Care Special Fund. The tentative date for assembling the lights is Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Vinje.

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held one week later than regularly scheduled on October 22, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Behr, Co-chair