

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team
Minutes
October 22, 2024

Members present: Jack Behr, Scott Glup, Bob Dickerson, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter

The meeting was opened with devotion and prayer.

The minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing:
 - Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant: Jack reported that the council approved the covenant and it was signed by the congregational president. It is posted on the website. Jack is looking for ideas to inform the congregation about it. Discussed a temple talk, information in the bulletin/Messenger along with a link to the covenant.
 - It was suggested to include in the notice of the monthly meeting that anyone from the congregation is invited to attend.
- Goal 2 – Education: No update
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life:
 - Silverware Library: Tabled
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
 - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: Joel reported that congregational president, Mary Jo, was going to bring forward to the council that the committee is moving forward with an initiative for solar power. He hasn't heard back from her but will follow up. Currently soliciting information from vendors. Hope to include 1-2 council members in a meeting with potential vendors. Looking at two vendors recommended by IPL.
 - Two pollinator signs have been placed at the plot. Thanks to Jack and Scott for putting them up.
- Goal 5 – Worship:
 - Creation Care Bible Study / Book Study:
 - i. LRC Connections Call re: 4-session Study Guide on ELCA's Social Message "Earth's Climate Crisis": This is something we could do on our own. Members are encouraged to look at the information on
 - ii. "The Planet You Inherit – Letter to My Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing" by Larry L. Rasmussen: Joel is reading this book and feels it may be difficult to use as a book study without a study guide.
 - 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 Scientists: Cathy has read part of this book and is concerned that the data might be too old for a current book study.
- Goal 6 – Coordination: Jack
 - Reminder of the EcoFaith Network Summit on April 5, 2025 in Duluth.
 - "Ray of Life" project with Vinje and Bethel: Jack reported that as of today donations add up to \$11, 400. Assembly will be next Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30pm at Vinje.
 - Healthy Earth Health Kids EcoFair – April 26, 2025. If anyone has any ideas for next year's fair, let Jack know. Bethel, Vinje, and Calvary have already agreed to share a booth again.
- PWELC - Scott shared that the nature preschool is hoping to begin in January. They have currently been having Nature Fridays for preschool children until the preschool opens.

New Business - none

Reminders: The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2024

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.