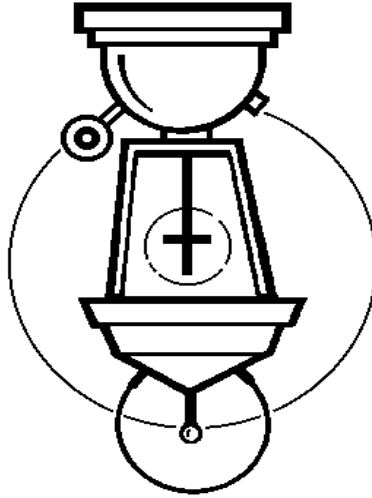


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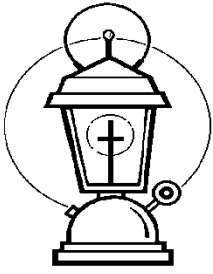
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**Jeff gives it up for Lent.**

*"Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God's creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!"*



**March 2025 Lantern**  
**“FRIENDS LOVING CHRIST.**  
**FRIENDS LOVING COMMUNITY”**

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*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.*

Dear Church family:

Greetings in the name of the Lord! A few weeks ago at Senior Fellowship, we talked about this passage, and I mentioned that David Suzuki had some business tips he learned from trees. I took his idea and ran with it regarding our faith. The first thing I mentioned was that we, as believers, needed to **be rooted**. Just as trees always send out roots to find the sustenance it needs, we need to do the same thing with our faith. Worship, prayer, bible study, devotions, acts of service are all ways that we can be rooted in our faith.

A few other lessons I shared: **Trees always grow toward the light**. Ever notice that leaves are always reaching out. Leaves don't fold in on themselves but spread themselves out toward the light. Trees teach us that it's not about grasping for what we want or need, it's opening ourselves up to receive the light. Live righteously and let your reach exceed your grasp. **Trees share their fruits freely**. You're walking by an apple tree in the woods or on the golf course and you pick one and eat it. The tree doesn't say, "you're not good enough to have one of my apples." It simply offers itself to others. We too, should proactively reach out to bring sweetness and sustenance to others. **Trees can only be as strong as the forest that surrounds it**. Same with us! Participate in a worshipping community. Co-operate. Collaborate. Support each other. Lift each other up in prayer. **Trees have a lasting impact**. Trees provide oxygen, clean air and water, enrich the soil and support other life after they fall. As believers, that is our call as well. As we lean into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of the greatest commandment Jesus gives: the one that all other laws and words of the prophets lean on: Love God, love others. Just as trees have a lasting impact while they are alive and even after they fall, we, too are called to leave the world a better place.

As we enter into the season of Lent, I hope you will recommit to the discipline of Lent: worship, prayer, fasting and the works of love. Find our mid-week Lenten schedule in this issue and I hope to see you on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings! See you in church!

Shalom,

Pastor Jeff



Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper



**Tuesday, March 4th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake**

**Supper!** Come and taste the awesome flapjacks as we clear the pantry for Lent. As we ply you with pancakes, sausage, etc... Donations will be happily received and will support the LMM Scholarship Fund at United Seminary. Dinner will be served continuously from 4:15PM– 6:0PM. It's a good meal for a great cause and you even have some fun while you're there!!



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON MARCH 5**

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with worship at noon and 7:00PM. We will also offer drive through ashes from 10:30AM – 11:30AM. Reception of ashes and celebration of communion will be our starting point toward the cross and the empty tomb.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES PLANNED! Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:30PM.** as we gather to **Experience Lent: Through the Senses.**

Our theme for 2025 mid-week Lenten services: Lent Through the Senses

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u>    | <u>Preacher</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Scripture</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| March 11    | First Lutheran     | Bishop Lozano   | Sight        | Luke 19:1-10     |
| March 18    | Trinity Episcopal  | Pastor Tara     | Sound        | Acts 2:1-10      |
| March 25    | St. Joe's          | Pastor Jeff     | Scent        | John 12:1-8      |
| April 1     | First Presbyterian | Father Rick     | Touch        | Luke 8:42b-48    |
| April 8     | St. Paul           | Pastor Heather  | Taste        | Luke 22:14-20    |

**FRIDAY NIGHT OUT ON THURSDAY**

Friday Night Out will be at the Peppermill on THURSDAY March 6th at 6PM. We will order off the menu. Sign up in the narthex. We hope you can join us!



**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

Worship with Communion begins at 11:00AM., and lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 11. If you are not on a call list, please contact Jess at the church and we will be sure to get you on one for a friendly reminder each month!

**JESUS, THE MODEL OF SALT AND LIGHT**

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, “You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world.” Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means. “The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person,” writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. “He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his Father, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets.”





## TAKE-OUT RANGU SPAGHETTI DINNER ON A THURSDAY?

### WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

First Lutheran will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on **Thursday, March 13** to help support the **Warren Area Refugee Resettlement Network**. This take-out dinner will feature spaghetti (duh!) with homemade sauce (YUM!), along with salad, bread and a dessert. Drive in, make a donation and enjoy a great meal! Dinner will be served from 4:31PM – 6:17PM

**NOTE: all donations made will be matched by a generous benefactor, so your gift will go twice as far!!** Hope you can join us!

**WARREN AREA HOLIDAY HOT MEALS** ministry, after two decades, continues to deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the day before Easter throughout Warren and Forest Counties.

Around 50 volunteers, some first timers and some old hands, make these meals happen. Gifts through the “Warren Gives” appeal provide the funds for these meals. The ministry started at Trinity Episcopal Church then over the years First Lutheran, First Presbyterian and First Methodist joined the ministry. Local human service agencies, home health and therapy groups, hospice care givers and others provide the ministry with names. Watch soon for more about the volunteers needed for the Easter Meal. For more information or to volunteer email [rev.geo.mason@gmail.com](mailto:rev.geo.mason@gmail.com)



### SPEAKING OF FOOD... DID YOU KNOW?

Our Stewardship for Life committee will be providing a potato and salad bar for the faculty and staff at Sheffield elementary/middle/high school on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. It's just a simple way for First Lutheran to say “thank you” for their work with our county's students.

Our Social Ministry committee is currently meeting the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30PM**. in Niewoehner Hall. Social Ministry follows the example set for us in Matthew 25 where Jesus says: “Just as you did it to the least of these, you have done it to me”. It's a committee that seeks justice and equity for all. It is the committee's call to **reach out to those in the church, community & world**. We hope you can join us!



### DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL?

Every year we elect new church council members at our annual meeting. We entrust our Church to guide us and lead us where they discern God is steering our church. They also deal with business side of the church. Each council member serves alongside our church members on the committees of our church. These are people you can turn to if you have any questions or concerns of the church. They meet one the third Monday of every month.

#### Staff Members

Pastor Jeff Ewing  
Cheri Kellogg

#### Officers

President- Randy Britton  
Vice President- Barb Hill  
Secretary- Sandy Wachter  
Treasurer- Don Reed

#### 2025 New Members

Kerry Bussoletti  
Barb Hill  
Steve Horsely  
Lyn McDaniel

#### Veteran Members

Jane Beardsley  
Dave Campbell  
Cathy Hall  
Addy Landrio  
Siby Thomas  
Mary Worley

**AMID LIFE'S STORMS** The hurricanes that battered the East Coast in fall 2024 also battered my soul. I was over the rain and humidity. I was tired of lugging my two preschoolers through the downpours and driving through flash floods at night. Yet I had no reason to complain. Our house was still standing, with no damage.

The news around us was worrying and heartbreaking. “What if that was us?” I wondered. “Would I be strong enough?” Then the kids asked to play outside. Even though I knew they'd get wet and muddy, I gave in. When a rainbow appeared, I'd never been more humbled as I remembered: I don't need to be anxious. I don't need to be strong enough. God watches over us all. He knows the hurt and sorrow. And he promises to be “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1, ESV).

Lord, forgive my unbelief. “Hear my cry, O God ... when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I” (Psalm 61:1-2, ESV). —Kristen Greene





**ON THE PATH TO VICTORY** After moving to a college town, Pastor Kendra Thompson learned about the athletic phenomenon known as March Madness. And after a nondenominational upbringing, as a young adult she learned about Lenten traditions.



Lent and the NCAA college basketball tournament, which usually coincide, both point to the divine, Thompson argues. “In Lent, with each day we are drawn closer to the crushing reality that we’ve crucified our God. And yet we are also faced with an impossible victory: that death did not win, that our God is raised in Jesus Christ,” she writes. “Likewise, watching college basketball invites us into a season of hoping in unlikely possibilities, marveling at upsets, and giving thanks to God for the connection we find as his people.”

Like fans swept up in high-stakes games, Jesus’ disciples abandon everything to follow him. Lent might be “holy madness,” Thompson muses. It’s “an opportunity to ‘feel’ our religion, not just in our heads but with our skin, our voices, even in the anxieties of our prayers.”

### Church Council Meeting Update

February 17, 2025

- **Please welcome your Church Council’s new Vice President Barb Hill.**
- **Mark your calendars:**
  - **Lutheran Men in Mission Pancake Supper – March 4, 2025**
  - **Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner to benefit WARRN – March 13, 2025 (take out)**
- **Offering of Letters to Congressmen and Representatives:**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>.** *Please plan to participate in this important letter-writing campaign to make our voices heard regarding cuts to funding for Bread for the World, and SNAP and WIC.*

## MEETING MINUTES



### MISSION TRIP EASTER CANDY SALES

This year our mission trippers will be headed to Detroit . To help fund our trip we will be selling Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy. You can purchase candy from any person attending the mission trip and they will deliver it to you in plenty of time for Easter! We will have someone who is going on the trip at a table located in the narthex after both services until March 2<sup>nd</sup> to make it easier for you to identify a mission tripper and to order your candy. Thank you so much for your support!

### SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP

Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA is offering a production of *Noah* this year! If you have never been, then you must add it to your Bucket List! Simply put, this is where the Bible comes to life! The Social Ministry Committee will put a 1-day bus trip together if there is enough interest. Seats fill up fast and we need to book soon if we want to see this show as a group. Tentative dates are Friday, November 7, 21, or 28 (Black Friday). Tentative agenda; 8am departure on coach bus, brown bag lunch, 3pm show, dinner afterwards at Hershey Farm Restaurant, back home by midnight. Trip cost \$225 per person includes coach bus transportation and show ticket. Please sign up by 2/23, in the Narthex, under the November date you are interested in. You are NOT committed by signing up at this time, but we need 34 people to make this trip happen! Questions? Please see Cathy Southwell or call at 814-730-1155.



*Of one thing I am perfectly sure: God’s story never ends with ashes.*

—Elisabeth Elliot

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SCHEDULE

I would encourage you to open your bible and read the upcoming week's scripture passages on Wednesday in one sitting. Let them soak into your spirit and reflect on them throughout the week. Look to see what the threads are that connect the readings together. What themes do you see? Our regular devotional book, *Christ in Our Home*, has readings on the week's lectionary readings beginning on Thursday. – PJ

March 4 – Ash Wednesday

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17** - *Return to the LORD, your God*

**Psalms 51:1-17** - *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*

**2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10** - *Now is the day of salvation*

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21** - *The practice of faith*

March 9<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11** - *The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

**Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16** - *God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)*

**Romans 10:8b-13** - *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*

**Luke 4:1-13** - *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

March 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Lent

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18** - *The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

**Psalms 27** - *In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

**Philippians 3:17--4:1** - *Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

**Luke 13:31-35** - *I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

March 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Lent

**Isaiah 55:1-9** - *Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD*

**Psalms 63:1-8** - *O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)*

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13** - *Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians*

**Luke 13:1-9** - *Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree*

March 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent

**Joshua 5:9-12** - *Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land*

**Psalms 32** - *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)*

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21** - *The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** - *The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son*



# SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

*Please be sure to note when you are scheduled to serve this month.*

| <b>CANTORS</b> | <b>8:00AM</b>  | <b>11:00AM</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| March 2        | John Beard     | John Hyde      |
| March 9        | Carolyn Worley | Dave Campbell  |
| March 16       | Anne Benson    | Adri Hunt      |
| March 23       | John Beard     | Heidi Colosimo |
| March 30       | Carolyn Worley | Tom Pierotti   |

| <b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b> | <b>8:00AM</b> | <b>11:00AM</b>  |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| March 2                    | John Kersey   | Keith Hedges    |
| March 9                    | Lori Nowacki  | Barb Luce       |
| March 16                   | Don Reed      | Denise Pearson  |
| March 23                   | Kris Whitaker | Linda Ross      |
| March 30                   | Randy Britton | Cathy Southwell |

| <b>ACOLYTES</b> | <b>8:00AM</b>  | <b>11:00AM</b>     |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| March 2         | Jen Kersey     | Allyx Hoden        |
| March 9         | Jen Kersey     | Allison Kellogg    |
| March 16        | Jen Kersey     | Justin Klenowski   |
| March 23        | Braedyn Knupp  | Allison Bussoletti |
| March 30        | Isabella Knupp | Ryan Knowski       |

| <b>GREETERS</b> | <b>8:00AM</b>   | <b>11:00AM</b>                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| March 2         | Lori Nowacki    | Romaine Stanton & Elsa Redding |
| March 9         | Don & Kate Reed | Sunny & Siby Thomas            |
| March 16        | Diane Stenstrom | Melody Traub                   |
| March 23        | Debbie Backhus  | Denise Whipp                   |
| March 30        | Andy Beardsley  | Lynn Williams                  |

| <b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b> | <b>8:00AM</b> | <b>11:00AM</b>    |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| March 2                   |               | Anna Bielawski    |
| March 9                   |               | Cheri Kellogg     |
| March 16                  |               | Pastor Jeff       |
| March 23                  |               | Adri Hunt         |
| March 30                  |               | Cynthia Klenowski |

| <b>USHERS</b> | <b>8:00AM</b>                 | <b>11:00AM</b>   |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
|               | Bob Beurkle<br>Andy Beardsley | *Jim Rapp<br>Joe Whipp<br>Tim Huber<br>Mark Simpson<br>Steve Horsely<br>Mike Wachter |

| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b> | <b>8:00AM</b>                   | <b>11:00AM</b>                              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
|                    | Jane Beardsley<br>Kris Whitaker | Amy Downey<br>Brenda Hunter<br>Robin Kersey |

| <b>DIGITAL DEACONS</b> |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| March 2                | Denise Whipp   |
| March 9                | Keith Hedges   |
| March 16               | Heidi Colosimo |
| March 23               | Keith Hedges   |
| March 30               | Penny Lester   |

| <b>COUNTERS</b> |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| March 2         | Randy Britton & Kerry Bussoletti |
| March 9         | Kerry Bussoletti & Dave Campbell |
| March 16        | Dave Cmapbell & Cathy Hall       |
| March 23        | Cathy Hall & Barb Hill           |
| March 30        | Barb Hill & Siby Thomas          |



## FIRST LUTHERAN MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

|      |  |      |   |
|------|--|------|---|
| 3/1  | Sarah Stewart<br>Cameron Bussoletti              | 3/17 | Sarah Lyon  |
| 3/2  | Eunice Herrington<br>Tim Huber<br>Justin Justice | 3/18 | Kris Whitaker   |
| 3/3  | Trina Campbell                                   | 3/19 | Bonnie Abplanalp<br>Jeff Granger  |
| 3/4  | Kyle Labowski<br>Stephen Horsley                 | 3/20 | Loren Ferrie<br>Karen Schumacher<br>Maci Miller<br>Gary & Sue Candreia (32) |
| 3/5  | Gerald Lyon<br>Mandy King                        | 3/21 | Lori Howard<br>Liam Stevenson   |
| 3/6  | Kris Campbell                                    | 3/22 | Branden Rowland<br>Krystal Rowland  |
| 3/7  | Caitlin Flannery                                 | 3/24 | Beth Vierra   |
| 3/8  | Connor Hecei<br>Jen Check                        | 3/25 | Alana Marcinko  |
| 3/9  | Aidan Flannery<br>Allison Koebley                | 3/26 | Alex Johnson  |
| 3/11 | Zack Ballard<br>Charlie Bielawski                | 3/27 | Adrienne Hunt<br>Elizabeth Koebley<br>Jim & Amy Justice (26)                |
| 3/12 | Madelyn Rodgers<br>Carol Shaffer<br>Mike Wachter | 3/28 | Bonnie Gray   |
| 3/13 | Max Enos   | 3/29 | Tom Schultz<br>Maryann Long   |
| 3/14 | Barb Olsen                                       | 3/31 | Benji Bielawski   |
| 3/15 | Chris Donaldson<br>Keith & Cathy Bertch (39)     |      |   |

### SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- Zero Discrimination Day, *March 1, 2025*
- Transfiguration Sunday, *March 2, 2025*
- Ash Wednesday, *March 5, 2025*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 7, 2025*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 9, 2025*
- St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2025*
- National Let's Laugh Day, *March 19, 2025*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2025*
- National Puppy Day, *March 23, 2025*
- World Theater Day, *March 27, 2025*



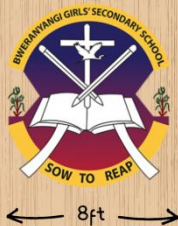
### APRIL LANTERN

- All information for the April Lantern is due to the office by Wednesday, March 12, 2025. You can send it via email or by dropping it by the office.
- Come join us for fun, fellowship and service as we assemble the April Lantern on Tuesday, March 25 at 10AM.



## Boards for Lent

4ft



8ft

Our Lenten project this year is to raise funds for the Bweranyange Girls School in Tanzania. This year, our synod is supporting the school with a building project. **“Boards for Lent”** is an effort to raise enough money to help build a church in the area. We are encouraging people to donate \$10 a week (cost of a 4x8, pictured

above) toward this effort. It will take about 500 4x8s to build the church. We hope you will support our congregation’s and synod’s efforts!

### **THANK YOU** to all the TAP helpers and volunteers!

You hear this repeatedly, “If it wasn’t for your caring thoughts and helping hands, TAP wouldn’t have happened.” But it is so true, **GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS!!** I appreciate each and every one of you. Believe it or not, you do make a difference as well as making memories with our youth. Also, thanks to the children who attended, it is great having you in the TAP family and sharing God’s love with all of you. Even thou TAP has ended for the year, keep spreading your Love and Respect. See you all again in September.



### **TAP MAY BE OVER FOR THE YEAR, BUT NOT SUNDAY’S COOL!!!**

We have 3 more months of Sunday’s Cool. Come and join us, it is **NEVER** too late to come. Bring your neighbors and friends. All children from 3 years old-12<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the Narthex at 9:25AM. We start the morning off with a lesson on learning about God’s love,

snack, craft, and games until 10:30a.m.

There is also an Adult Sunday School in the dining hall from 9:25AM-10:30AM. So, come and grow in your faith and learn more deeply about how much God **LOVES** us!

**LOSERS:** Where is your 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders on Sunday nights from 6-7:30PM? The months of March, April and May lets invite your friends to come and join our devotions and games. Come and join the fun! Need a ride? Call Cheri @ 814-688-0640.



## Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

### **AS LUTHERANS, WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO?**

**“Climate change to obliterate \$1.5 trillion in U.S. home values”**

“2024 first year to pass 1.5C global warming limit”

*Headlines in the news! What does it all mean? Why are U.S. policies changing? Are you confused? Scared? There’s nothing to be worried about, is there? WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO DO?*

“The foundational creation stories in Genesis 1-2 express God’s love for creation and how God commands humans to participate in the creation God declares good.”... “God’s charge for humans to “have dominion over” and “subdue” the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28) has been woefully misunderstood and misused to justify rapacious economic exploitation, human subjugation, and racist notions of manifest destiny. That interpretation betrays and undermines why God creates and how God acts in the Scriptures. Both the Creator’s model of dominion in Genesis and the example of our Lord Jesus, teach us to serve others rather than dominate and degrade them. Created from the earth’s dust (Genesis 2:7), human beings are given the responsibility to keep or care for the earth just as God keeps and cares for us (Numbers 6:24-26). The Hebrew word shamar, translated as “keep”, means to protect and sustain Earth’s life for future generations.” Source: “A Social Message on Earth’s Climate Crisis” [elca earth’s climate crisis social message - Search](#) Copyright © 2023 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Americans.” **“For Christians, care of the Earth is not an “environmental cause.” Rather, it is central to our holy calling to treasure the Earth and to care for it as our common home, fully integrating creation-care into our love of God and neighbor.”** Source: “Why Lutherans Care for Creation” [180911WhyLCareForCreation BuildingOnOurFoundations.indd](#) ELCA September 2018

- ✓ [52 Ways To Care for Creation 2025 - CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES](#)
- ✓ [Devotional resources for use with the Bible and nature – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)
- ✓ ["Our Kairos Moment:" An ELCA Climate Care Study Guide – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

*Lord, preserve your people. Maintain righteous government everywhere, so that all things may take place in an orderly way and peace may not be destroyed by revolution or secret enmity, nor the eternal good order be corrupted by debased living or disturbed by other offenses. Amen.* Source: Attributed to Martin Luther, modified slightly from <http://www.antiochchurch.ca/famourQuotes.html>.

The Green Team’s purpose is to “raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation.” Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

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