



Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

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Labyrinths have a long history in the Christian tradition beginning as early as 350 AD. Stopping at various spots, prayers and/or meditation guide the participant toward a deeper understanding – in this case nature and God's creation. You can walk the labyrinth alone or in a small group. Ground was broken for the labyrinth on the synod property on September 22, 2015. After digging a full circle, a gravel and sand layer were tamped and pavers were put into place in a pattern. Three benches and a walkway from the parking lot was created. The Synod's Green Team is working with Synod staff to add native trees and shrubs to the property, including around the labyrinth.

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