

EARTH DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 23, CELEBRATION IDEAS

Pray and Plan an Earth Day themed worship service

- **Sundays and Seasons – “For the Healing of Creation”** from Holden Prayer Around the Cross
- www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources.
- www.lss-elca.org/resources-for-honoring-earth-day/
- www.earthdaysunday.org

Educate

- Have bulletin inserts or handouts for congregation members. www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/the-green-corner.html
nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com
- Invite a guest speaker for after worship to talk about your Earth Day theme with a local focus. <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/creation-care-ambassador-program>
- Educational Resources - www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources.html
- 52 Ways To Care for Creation - www.creationjustice.org/blog/52-ways-to-care-for-creation
- www.ecoamerica.org
- www.blessedtommorrow.org/resources
- www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/
- www.interfaithpowerandlight.org

Lead by Example

- Host a special "Creation Justice Fellowship Time." Serve **organic, fair-trade coffee** and treats from a local organic bakery; use re-useable plates, cups, silverware, and napkins, or **recycled or biodegradable disposables**; and post easy-to-read signs to educate people about what makes your fellowship oriented toward "Creation Justice."
- Have a **Creation Justice Church workday** to set up **rain barrels**, install faucet aerators, do **native landscaping**, replace light bulbs with **energy efficient bulbs**.
- **Examine your church's energy use** by performing an **energy audit** and present your findings on Earth Day Sunday. Hold a "town hall" discussion about how your church can reduce energy use.
- **Plan to officially join your denomination, fellowship, or communion's ecological ministry** and announce/celebrate it on Earth Day Sunday. nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

Serve Your Community

- **Plan a community service project** like a Clean-Up in a local park, along a local body of water, or near a highway.

Revel in -- and Celebrate -- God's Good Creation

- **Organize a hike at a local trail, park, or natural area.** Make sure you organize carpools for transportation to and from the site. If you're not sure where to go, check www.findyourpark.com for ideas.
- **Plan an Earth Day festival.** Ask local environmental groups to set up informational booths. Invite local growers/food producers and artisans to set up booths to showcase and/or sell their products. Arrange for a variety of brief informational or practical workshops where people can go to learn about Eco-Justice issues (especially your Earth Day theme) or learn how to do something (like make an effective call to an elected official, adopt sustainable office practices, or start a compost pile at home).