

NORTHWESTERN PA SYNOD GREEN TEAM – ELCA

The Green Team’s purpose is to “raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation”.

The Green Team’s mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries and to raise awareness of and model creation care advocacy that is consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

Here’s a list of the Green Corner topics that have been shared since January 2023.

January 2023	Environmental Justice	Sept. 2023	Planting Trees for Earth Care
February 2023	Creation Friendly Clothing		
March 2023	Creation Friendly Cleaning	October 2023	Herbs
April 2023	Meadowscaping	November 2023	Eco Friendly Gift Wrapping
April 2023	Earth Day	December 2023	Earth Friendly Celebrations
May 2023	Green Team Update – “Our Story” told at Synod Assembly	January 2024	Waste Audit
		February 2024	War and the Climate Crisis
June 2023	Electric Vehicles Part 1	March 2024	Earth Day
July 2023	Electric Vehicles Part 2	April 2024	Monarch Butterflies
August 2023	God’s Work Our Hands	May 2024	Plant Natives
		June 2024	LEEP

We have worked on inspiring youth to be active in creation-care and invite inquiries from congregations. As a starting point we have learned about congregations that have youth active in their congregation in any way, including Youth Gathering participation. We have provided instructional materials to some congregations and will extend that to others in the coming year. We have been in contact with Lutherlyn about the Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program (LEEP) and hope to collaborate with them in some way and encourage youth participation.

The Green Team meets monthly via Zoom. Currently we meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Contact us at nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to be on the NW PA Synod’s **Green Team’s email list** to receive our monthly “Green Corner” contact us at nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com with your name and email address.

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