



Northern Illinois Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **Creation Care Committee**

Annual Report

2022-2023

Beloved people of Northern Illinois Synod, your Creation Care Committee (a subcommittee of Our Social Ministry committee) has been working hard to provide educational workshops and book studies to encourage action on behalf of God's amazing creation.

### Highlights of this past year

- Over this last year Creation Care has been fortunate to add several members and (everyone is invited- if care of creation is important to you we love to have you be part of our team) that has been a blessing. Additionally, our use of zoom has allowed to meet remotely thereby enabling us to lessen our carbon impact.
- At our 2022 NIS Assembly we presented and ultimately saw approved, a resolution calling for us to align with a just transition to a 50% Reduction in US Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030.
- In an incredible massive project involving speakers, musicians, and choirs from all across Northern Illinois we created, invited, and led an amazing team in producing a series of Advent devotion using the book *All Creation Waits*. This event culminated with a December 25<sup>th</sup> devotion led by our very own Bishop Stacie Fidler. Thanks again to all who participated!
- As part of our desire to provide best practices and current information in regard to creation care we did an online book study on *Saving Us* written by Katharine Kayhoe. This study lasted over 6 weeks and had as many as 30 participants.
- At our 2023 Congregation Resourcing Event we shared... good news climate change items (where the world and creation minded people are doing things well and seeing good results) and we looked at opportunities for improvement in our own carbon footprint.
- We were a part of Four Earth Church gatherings... what's earth church, a wonderful way to share in worship in the midst of God's creation, involving food, fellowship, and worship all held at the Soderholm Prairie.