The risen Jesus said to his disciples, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” - Mark 16:15.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Grace and peace to you!

Scriptures abound with wonderful images of the whole creation as participants with us in worship. We hear not only of the creation “groaning” and waiting “with eager longing” to be “set free from its bondage to decay” (Romans 8:18-25) but also of the mountains and hills “breaking into song,” the trees of the field “clapping their hands” (Isaiah 55:12), and the creative Spirit of God that is “renewing the face of the ground” (Psalm 104:30). The Easter preface for Holy Communion joins our voices “with earth and sea and all their creatures” in singing “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; heaven and earth are full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

How do you lift up creation’s voice and care in your congregation’s worship?

The Northeastern MN Synod Creation Care Team invites you and a team from your congregation to participate in a special training retreat that will focus on worship, the heart of everything we do and are as people of God.

Don’t forget to bring: pillow, towel, Bible, ELW, sleeping bag, comfortable clothing

Questions: Pastor Kristin Foster 218-741-7057 or Pastor David Carlson 218-722-3381

Directions to Camp Hiawatha:

Address: Please note that GPS maps will not be completely accurate. Use the directions below in addition to any mapping system you use.

Camp Hiawatha
36944 Camp Hiawatha Rd.
Deer River, MN 56636
218-246-8604

To: Camp Hiawatha
Hwy 169 (or Hwy 2 from East) to Grand Rapids (Camp Hiawatha is about 90 miles from Duluth)
- Hwy 38 North out of Grand Rapids – Travel 12.4 miles
- Left (West) onto CR Rd 19 – Travel 2.3 miles
Camp is on the Left
-2 driveways are available, park in upper lot.

FROM Deer River..... Hwy 6 North out of Deer River travel 4 miles......Right onto CR 19 Travel 7 miles and the camp will be on the right

MISSION of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Creation Care Team:

To nurture a growing network that inspires our congregations and their members to live out God’s call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of the whole creation.

The Season of Creation

A retreat to equip congregational leaders

February 22-23, 2013

Camp Hiawatha

Brought to you by the NE MN Synod Creation Care Team
Season of Creation?

One way to integrate a specific focus for reflection, prayer, song in worship is by considering an alternative lectionary – though the Scripture readings and resources for preaching from this retreat could be useful for Bible studies or small groups, as well.

Developed by the Lutheran Church in Australia and adapted for use in the ELCA, this is a four to six week liturgical season typically inserted mid-way through the green season after Pentecost. It corresponds to our three year lectionary cycle with weekly themes that include, for example, earth, sky, mountains, humanity and world communion.

During the retreat, congregations will experience the Season of Creation in worship, learn how other congregations are practicing creation care, share success stories, and go home equipped with many resources.

Part of the mission of the Synod’s Creation Care team is “nurturing a growing network” – so some of our time will be spent on team building and networking.

The cost for the retreat will be $50 per person, which cost includes dinner Friday night, overnight accommodations, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We are seeking scholarship assistance to help defray the participant cost.

General Schedule

**Friday, Feb 22, 2013**
4pm registration
5pm welcome/introductions
5:30pm supper
Evening opening worship
  team building

**Saturday, Feb 23, 2013**
8:00am Breakfast
Morning Season of Creation overview
Lutherans Restoring Creation
Lunch
Afternoon Additional Resources
Congregational Planning
Sending worship
3:00pm Depart

Facilitators:
This retreat is a model for grassroots leadership in the congregations of our synod and will be led by the whole creation care team, including:
+ Joel Abenth (Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry)
+ Anders Meier (Camp Onamia)
+ Pr. Mark Peters (Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in MN)
+ Pr. Krehl Stringer (Faith United, Iron)
+ Rosie Loeffler-Kemp (Good Shepherd, Duluth)
+ Pr. Kristin Foster (Messiah, Mt. Iron)
+ Tom Uecker (Gloria Dei, Duluth)
+ Pr. David Carlson (Gloria Dei, Duluth)
+ Pr. Vicki Taylor (Northeastern MN Synod)
AND...
... we hope to include you!

Registration Form

Name ______________________________
Address _____________________________
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E-mail _______________________________
Phone___________________________
Congregation and city __________________
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Your involvement in your congregation:
__ worship committee
__ youth and education ministry
__ council
__ staff
__ green team
__ other: __________________________

Please complete, detach, and send, with $50 check per person payable to “Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry”:

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