Hundreds of people from across the globe have joined our monthly Connections Calls for inspiration from experts, practitioners, and peers. Topics included: Reflections from the Young Adult Climate Summit, Shame as a Toxin or a Tool?, Pollinator Pathways, Alternative Energy Sources for Churches, The Significance of Sabbath, The Lead-Free Superhero, Growing Sacred Grounds, and Responding to Climate Disaster.

25 young adults from across the country gathered in Chicago to engage with ELCA social teaching at the Young Adult Climate Summit. Photo courtesy of Kayla Zopfi.

Since the Just Transition to Reduce Greenhouse Gases Memorial was passed at the 22 Churchwide assembly, LRC has played a pivotal role in connecting passionate voices across all expressions of the church. From the pastors and lay members who initiated the movement, to staff who are poised to respond to the calling, to our global partners in collaboration: LRC has consistently gathered together voices that offer a way forward together.

In 2023, LRC began hosting the ELCA’s Creation Care Network, bringing together ministries and organizations that support creation care across our churchwide community.

Our Actions Speak Loudly! program has grown from recognizing and connecting active individuals and groups on our network map, to publishing a full database of actions growing from our ELCA communities.

In addition to receiving accompaniment from LRC, those who implement Creation Care Ministry also share their insights with others. Rather than waiting for top-down resources, LRC ensures that the brilliant work occurring in small congregations, farmer’s markets, seminary projects, and innovative worship services are included in the training.

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cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God’s promise of hope and healing for all.

2023 in review

Support from churches, individuals, and organizations allows LRC to remain grassroots and fiscally responsible. We can operate because of your generosity! Last year we received 91 individual gifts totaling $26,328 – 26 of which were under $100! Thank you!

This year’s congregational and synodical donors include:
- Advent Lutheran Church (Madison, WI)
- All Saints Lutheran (Port Orange, FL)
- Augustana Lutheran Church (Fergus Falls, MN)
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Grand Marais, MN)
- Christ Lutheran Women (Jefferson, IA)
- Deaconess Community of the ELCA (Chicago, IL)
- Faith Lutheran Church (Leavenworth, WA)
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church (Torrance, CA)
- Good Soil Lutheran Ministries (Cleveland, OH)
- Grace Lutheran Church (Woodstock, IL)
- Holy Cross (Creve Couer, MO)
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Port Angeles, WA)
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Falls Church, VA)
- House of Prayer (Hingham, MA)
- Immanuel Lutheran Church (Vancouver, WA)
- King of Kings Lutheran Church (Fairfax, VA)
- Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (Cincinnati, OH)
- Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church (Long Beach, CA)
- Resurrection Lutheran Church (Chicago, IL)
- South Dakota Synod-ELCA
- St. John Lutheran Church (DePere, WI)
- St. Mark’s Evangelical Lutheran Church (Baltimore, MD)
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Fort Collins, CO)

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- Consulting
- Legal Fees
- Lodging Travel Event Fees
- Software & Office Supplies
- Synodical Support
- Church Green Teams
- Grants & Endowments
- Direct Pay & Employment Taxes

In 2023, our income (inner pie chart) totaled $75,054, and our expenses (outer ring chart) totaled $32,904. Over half of this income is designated for 2024 to support our growing team (see below!)

Thanks to the generosity of the Sharron Blezard Innovation Fellowship from the Stewardship of Life Institute, and in partnership with the Young Adult Ministry’s Vocational Fellowship program of the ELCA, Lutherans Restoring Creation grew to include an Outreach Coordinator! Grant funding will cover the position through September - however, we are optimistic that fundraising and gifts such as yours can enable us to continue the position!

Meet Gabrielle!

Out of 31 applicants for the new Outreach Coordinator position, LRC happily offered the role to Gabrielle Irle (they/she). Gabrielle brings a renewed sense of wonder about the energy and power churches and communities can bring to justice issues in our society. We are thrilled to welcome Gabrielle in 2024 as LRC’s first full-time role, greatly expanding our ability to support your grassroots creation care efforts! Currently living in Washington State, Gabrielle enjoys playing their bassoon, tabletop gaming, and turning their family Christmas tree farm into a permaculture food forest.

You can reach Gabrielle at Outreach@lutheransrestoringcreation.org

Thank you again for your support!

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