

The Creation Care-giving group met August 31, 2010 to brainstorm ideas to make the church building and the church community more eco- friendly.

The ideas we explored are:

1. Education of the OSLC community in lifestyle changes that reduce carbon footprint and encourage sustainability.
  - Fellowship time speakers and workshops
  - Challenges to the OSLC members with a reward bonus possible
  - Youth group involvement
  - Evaluation of the church utility bills and water usage
  - Carpooling options for Sundays and other events
  - Monitor paper usage, plastic usage, recycling efforts, composting, water collection systems
  - Look at Eco-friendly cleaning products
  - Replace existing appliances with Low-E alternatives when possible
2. Using the OSLC property for community outreach
  - Farmer's market
  - Community garden
  - Venue for educational workshops.
3. Explore Ecumenical resources and existing ELCA programs
  - Creation Care (non-profit)
  - Online resources are plentiful
  - Need to meet again and develop a plan of action
4. Meetings set for fourth Thursday of each month, 7-8pm.  
Next meeting is September 23, 2010