

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COVENANT WITH CREATION

Please give thoughtful consideration to the ideas listed below, and check off items that you agree to do, as a covenant with yourself and God's creation.

Recycle

- ___ I will recycle all materials according to my city's program (e.g. glass, paper, plastic).
- ___ Whenever possible, I will use rechargeable batteries and learn how to recycle non-rechargeables.

Reuse

- ___ I will reuse plastic grocery bags or start using canvas or string bags for groceries.
- ___ I will use the reverse side of papers and cut up old paper for scratch paper.
- ___ I will bring my coffee mug with me to church, work, etc. to avoid using styrofoam cups.

Conserve energy

- ___ I will lower the thermostat whenever possible.
- ___ I will insulate doors and windows.
- ___ I will turn off lights and electrical devices when not in use.
- ___ I will switch to fluorescent lighting whenever possible (to cut CO2 emissions by 50%).
- ___ I will walk or bike to short destinations to cut down on CO2 emissions and conserve fossil fuels.

Conserve water

- ___ I will turn off the water when not actively using (e.g. brushing teeth, washing up).
- ___ I will shorten my showers.
- ___ I will limit my use of lawn watering or do so in the evening to prevent evaporation.

Commune with nature

- ___ I will spend more time outside and appreciate the beauty of the natural world.
- ___ I will visit nature centers and learn more about the environment.
- ___ I will plant flowers and trees on my property or consider decreasing my lawn and replacing it with flower or prairie plantings.