

May 14, 2022 at 11:30am-6:30pm

Join the Just Solar Coalition for a tour in Northern Minnesota promoting the renewable economy. This is a great opportunity to visit solar sites and learn more about investments in the northland that are supporting a just transition to a green and sustainable economy for all.

A featured part of the tour is our closing event in Brainerd. We'll share a light meal, enjoy live music, and engage in climate conversations. Join this last stop on the tour as we imagine a just transition to a renewable economy—not only in metro areas, but everywhere and for everyone.

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SCHEDULE

Pine River Backus High School	11:30 am
Balsam Moon	1:00 pm
Hunt Utilities Group	2:30 pm
"Boys-N-Berries" farm Live music and Food. Performance by Hans Blix and the Weapons Inspectors	4:15 pm



Northland Renewable Energy Tour
Join MNIPL and the Minnesota Just Solar Coalition on a Renewable Energy Tour in Pine River and Brainerd ending with live music and food!

Saturday, May 14th
Tour starts at 11:30
4:30-6:30 Food, Music, and
Envisioning a new renewable economy in Brainerd

Learn more and register [here](#).

Church's Gardens

Thursday, May 12, 2022
7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. via Zoom

Learn ~ Connect ~ Share ~

Learn how to start or expand a pollinator garden and/or a Monarch Way station on your church grounds; explore mulching and other practices to protect pollinator friendly plants and pollinators.

Presenters
Tom Uecker, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth
Rev. Mark Ditmanson, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Marais
Laura Raedeke, Creation Care Team Chair, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa

Hosted by: NE MN Synod, ELCA — EcoFaith Network Accompaniment Outreach Team and the new Pollinator Pilot Project Steering Group
Facilitated by: Rachel Wyffels and Kali Kadelbach
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Register through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-care-connections-pollinating-our-church-gardens-tickets-328923096837>

This event is free
Donations welcome to support EcoFaith ministries.



Pollinating Your Church's Garden
Thurs. May 12th

As a follow up from the Creation Care events, join the EcoFaith Network in discussing ways you could expand or add pollinator gardens in your community!

Poster [here](#) and Bulletin Insert [here](#)

Register [here](#)

Preaching Roundtable



Rev. John Sippola
May 1st
3rd Sunday of Easter
John 21:1-19 Acts 9:1-6

Most sermons on today's Gospel reading usually focus on the dramatic encounter between Peter and Jesus. For this sermon, I invite you to come down to the shore of Lake Tiberias (the name of the modern-day freshwater Sea of Galilee, the lowest freshwater lake in the world) and hop into the boat and go fishing with Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, and the sons of Zebedee, James and

John. Before we push off, I need to tell you about my relationship with Lake Superior. The big waters of Lake Superior are one of my spiritual directors, and I consider myself a Lake Superior watershed disciple.

Read the whole reflection [here](#).

Claire Repsholdt
May 8th Fourth Sunday of Easter
Psalm 23

This week we reflect on one of the most essential scriptural ruminations on nature of all time—the 23rd Psalm. I choose to concentrate my reflection on this one text of the week because it seems to me that it is at the heart of all of the selections. In fact, it's hard to miss the connections the lectionary makers must have seen as they sought to plan this Sunday. A

famous Hebrew poem about a peaceful shepherd, and a tidy lesson from Jesus to his disciples about how to be sheep. Here we have faith at its most distilled: we have a caretaker who not only guides us in life but offers lavish gifts of rest, beauty, protection, nourishment, goodness, and mercy along the way.



Read the whole reflection [here](#).

Rachel Wyffels
May 15th Fifth Sunday Easter

In the first reading for this Sunday, Peter finds himself explaining to his fellow Judeans in Jerusalem how he could possibly have baptized Gentiles and eaten with them, thus becoming ritually unclean. Peter narrates how he fell into a trance and experienced a vision that transformed his understanding of God's presence and promise in the world. In the vision, a great cloth like a linen sheet or a sail descends from heaven at four points, the number that symbolizes the completeness of creation. As Peter looks closer, he sees that on the sheet are a multitude of animals that are considered unclean, and a voice tells him to do something unthinkable: to kill and eat one of these animals, thus becoming ritually unclean himself.



Read the whole reflection [here](#).



Rev. Melinda Quivik,
May 22nd, Year C, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23–29

This day God's Word preaches community, including the women praying at the river and the tree of life feeding and healing the nations. The Trinity will make its home in the midst of those who keep God's Word. At the center of this resurrection celebration is the river of the water of life

nourishing the tree of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (22:1-2). Scripture builds faith by giving us images, visions, insights, and sudden illuminations much like the teaching that comes when we take notice of the structure of trees.

Read the whole reflection [here](#).

Pr. Daphne Urban
May 29th
Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17: 20-26



The gospel reading talks about the love between God and Christ and how it is now in us. God's love for us and for His son are amazingly intimate. Regardless of how we react to the love of our God, Christ continues to dwell within us, and we continue to receive the divine indwelling of love. The love for us continues outward into the creation all around us that God so lovingly made. We humans and the creation around us cannot live apart. Nature can live without us, but we cannot live without nature. By God loving us to no end, we are to love back, with such a force that allows us to take care of not only those around us, but all that is around us too. The unity we have in our love for God is what ties us together with all creation.

Read the whole reflection [here](#).

If you missed the 2022 EcoFaith Summit,
[Here](#) is where the recordings and summit booklet
are located.