

## **Eco-Reformation Bulletin Board June 21**

### **May 14 - Global Strike Next Strike – September 20**

Did you see the coverage a brave, prophetic young woman, name Greta Thunburg received in recent months? Links to videos were posted in recent weeks. Greta Tunburg galvanized an interest and a passion that took her to the United Nations and included Pope Francis!

1.5 million people participated in a global strike May 24, calling for religious and political leaders to take action for climate change.

May 24 happened to be the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' extensive encyclical on the care for a planet in peril.

The next global strike is scheduled for September 20 – in the middle of the Season for Creation emphasis, September 1 – October 4.

How could your church – your community – listen to the prophetic voice of youth and support their call to action?

Next strike Sept 20 <http://laudatosigeneration.org/rise-up/>

### **Season of Creation September 1-October 4**

Are you wondering how you might introduce climate change and stewardship and faith and hope to your congregation in this context of what is now being called an “environmental emergency”? There are many resources available to you right now so you can plan for prayer, reflection, conversation, study, and action in the fall!

September 1-October 4 has been claimed as the “season of creation.” Your members have undoubtedly traveled all summer, enjoying the grandeur our country, benefitting for the advantage of fossil fuels, relying on clean air and clear water .... Maybe even complaining about smoky skies – we shall see. Let the fall and the return to the faithful community be a time of reflecting on what they have already most appreciated... and pledging to protect what they have most desired!

The Season of Creation is a time of commitment to worship, study and action, made by the Christian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. It is endorsed by the Lutheran World Federation. Christians across six continents will experience a month-long “season of creation”. Additionally, there will be a commitment to put the values and perspective of *Laudato Si'* into practice. This is a time to deepen the love for our creator – and Creation – and each other!

This will only work when local initiatives take seriously local necessities, opportunities and resources. This is a time to advocate to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and to work toward the healing of creation as it is wounded in your local context.

The Season of Creation was begun in 1989 under the initiative of the Orthodox church, marking September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation. This practice was adopted by Francis, including the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4.

The theme for this year's Season is "The Web of life", focusing on the necessity to be stewards of creation and the urgency to protect biodiversity.

Check the resource guide to the official website- [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

Distinctively Lutheran resources may be found at <http://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/>

Additional LWF resources may be found at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALiI8RwGgd1BoR3FpV1VtNGlpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTUIZv/view>

Watch this website for additional information regarding worship – education – and action oriented resources.

For now, set the dates... Pray... and listen for how God may be nudging you and your community to care for creation – part of the Body of Christ.

## **Our Common Home –**

Our Common Home is a special series from National Catholic Reporter exploring the role of faith and religion in responding to climate change. Here is an archive of articles since April 8, 2019.

<https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/our-common-home/stories>

## **BBC Videos Worth Watching**

### **Are You Suffering from Climate Change Anxiety?**

<https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/are-you-suffering-from-climate-change-anxiety/p073zgqd?playlist=sustainable-thinking>

There is a real fear about survival in the face of climate change. Three persons living with climate change anxiety discuss their experiences. 4:18

## **Climate Change- The Problem with the Enemy**

<https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/climate-change-the-problem-with-the-enemy-narrativ/p079qlwd?playlist=sustainable-thinking>

The “enemy narrative” is a cultural narrative of powerlessness in the face of malevolent forces. But focusing on blame distracts energy from addressing action on climate change. 6:20

## **What Would a World Without Humans Be Like?**

<https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/what-would-a-world-without-humans-be-like/p078352j>

Without assuming why humankind disappears, this video describes what the world would be like in the days, months and years that follow. This is a story about the regenerative nature of nature. Humanity may not be missed but it will have left its mark! 3:32

## **Can We Transform the World in Twelve Years?**

<https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/can-we-transform-the-world-in-12-years/p073j3z5?playlist=sustainable-thinking>

History shows humanity can accomplish the “impossible” in a limited time. Social change can happen when humanity decides to do so! 4:50

Looking for a little inspiration? Feeling the need for some hope? Need help imagining the unimaginable? Check these out!

There are many more short videos available at [www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/](http://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/)

*Climate Change Need Not Become the Legacy We Leave...*

*A Love Letter to Trees...*

*Imagining a World Without Fossil Fuels...*

*Could Circular Economics Fix the Planet?...*

*Climate Change: The ‘Grand Challenge’ of Our Generation...*

*The Problem with Plastic: A Ten Year-Old’s Take...*

*The History of the Universe in Four Minutes....*

*What’s Behind Denialism?...*

*There’s a Danger of Losing Our Tenure on This Planet...*

*The App Fighting Food Waste...*

*Opinion: The Superrich Are Damaging the Planet...*

*The Woman Who Planted 50 M Tree (With a Little Help)...*

*Could Plastic Roads Help Save the Planet?....*

*Can We Save Our Oceans?....*

*How Can We Source Clean Energy for All?....*

## **Manitoba Bulletin Board**

Climate Change Connection <https://climatechangeconnection.org/>

This has been a key player in promoting activities, sponsoring activities, and sharing timely information and resources. Currently facing financial stress, this connection may be lost in July. Please watch and assist if you can.

## **Alberta Bulletin Board**

I am just connecting with organizations and resources in **Calgary**.

Calgary Climate Hub <https://www.calgaryclimatehub.ca/>

Community Climate Hub <http://www.climatehub.ca/> seeks to link climate hubs across Canada

Here are some **Edmonton** sites...

Climate Justice Edmonton – Nothing posted in 2019, so I don't know how active or whether they are even continuing. <https://climatejusticeedmonton.com/>

Edmonton Services lists some environmental activities for the summer - Called "Greener Days"  
[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/environmental/calendar-greener-days.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/environmental/calendar-greener-days.aspx)

Edmonton also sponsors "Change Business for Climate" *A program to help corporations take action on climate change through active greenhouse gas (GHG) management across their operations*  
[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/environmental/corporate-climate-leaders.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/environmental/corporate-climate-leaders.aspx)

Alberta Environmental Network This warrants some monitoring. Non-profit, non-partisan, supporting collaboration in the environmental community. <https://www.aenweb.ca/>

Are there other regional nodes we should be monitoring? Red Deer? Lethbridge? Medicine Hat? Let me know

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