

# Resources for Earth Day, April 22

It's not too early to be planning ahead for Earth Day, April 22, as we celebrate God's Creation and our call as stewards of God's created goodness. Here are some resources from the Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table that might be of help to you.

## 1. Lutherans Restoring Creation –

- a. A downloadable creation-focused worship service for April 25 will be available at [https://lutherans-restoring-creation.kindful.com/register/lrc-earth-day-service-2021?utm\\_source=Friends+of+LRC+-+Looking+for+Good+Green+News&utm\\_campaign=d115c68e36](https://lutherans-restoring-creation.kindful.com/register/lrc-earth-day-service-2021?utm_source=Friends+of+LRC+-+Looking+for+Good+Green+News&utm_campaign=d115c68e36)



- b. Since there are so many members of our ELCA community who live in agricultural areas and *we all* depend on food to sustain us; let's explore how we can deliberately share the spectrum of ways our churches can inform members of opportunities, practice mindful eating, and love the wide array of neighbors who help feed <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/food-faith-farming/>

## 2. Faith Climate Action Week from Interfaith Power & Light -

<https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/>

Plan ahead for Earth Day: Sacred Ground organizer's kits are now available! The resources in this kit will help you dig in to a faith-based discussion with your congregation on the intersecting challenges of food insecurity, racial injustice, and the climate crisis, AND discover what you can do about it.



Faith Climate Action Week is Interfaith Power & Light's annual program of climate-themed worship services and sermons that spans ten days of activities around Earth Day, with this year's dates being April 16-25. Join the

community of people of faith preaching, teaching, and acting to heal the climate in 2021! **The theme of this year's Faith Climate Action Week is "Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between our Faith, our Food, and the Climate."** We will examine how our food systems contribute to injustice and to climate change, and how our faith traditions call us to respond with practical solutions.

[Sign up here to purchase your pre-printed organizer's kits that are now available.](#)

The kit includes a Sacred Ground Guide, with information on how the ways in which we grow our food can be part of the climate solution and also bring about a more just community. In the kit there are faith-based discussion materials; suggested short films; a Garden Blessing ceremony; and suggestions and resources for how to get engaged in supporting food justice and healthy soil. Also included are advocacy postcards addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture and a handy wallet shopper's guide, "Pesticides in Produce".

There's also an option to add a DVD to your order of this year's featured film, ***Kiss the Ground***, a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. The DVD includes screening rights and a screening kit. Faith Climate Action Week 2021 offerings on our website also include sample sermons and talks, and resources for worship services.

### **3. Drawdown Ecochallenge -**

<https://ecochallenge.org/global-ecochallenge/?email-feb11-sls>

April 1-30: Help the world reach "drawdown" by taking action on the 80 most substantive solutions to climate change. Dedicate your Earth Month to Drawdown Ecochallenge. Registration opens March 1. You may download The Drawdown Review to help prepare.

#### 4. Creation Justice Ministries -



## JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PLANET AND GOD'S PEOPLE

### [2021 Earth Day Sunday Resource – A Letter from the Editor](#)

Earth Day is just a few months away (April 22, 2021). This year's theme is "A New Heaven and A New Earth" and will focus on Health, Environmental Racism, & Eco-Justice. It will include Christian education materials, sermon starters, case studies, actions to take, and much more. We invite you to check out the [letter from editor](#) of the resource-- Susu Lassa. Susu is also a proxy board member of Creation Justice Ministries and a seminary student.

#### 5. Earth Day website – <https://www.earthday.org/>