

The Greenwise Gazette

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

Native Plant Garden 30th Anniversary

Saturday, June 15 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. There will be a garden talk at 11 am and a native bees talk at 2:30 pm. There will be free Swamp Milkweed seed packages to give away. Tours of the Garden will be happening throughout the day at 10, 11, noon, and 2:45.



Spring Seedling Sale

Children's Garden

Our children's garden started up again May 14th. Each Tuesday morning we are joined by as many as 30 preschoolers. We planted seeds the first week – carrots (lots of them!), peas, beans, beets, lettuce, and radishes. The second week we planted seedlings – tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkin, zucchini, celery, and broccoli. The older kids helped on May 10th by getting the garden ready and planting potatoes. The children have lots of fun keeping the garden watered!



Bees

Bees have a built-in superpower: they can see ultraviolet light! They also have five eyes! Each bee also has 170 odorant receptors, which means they have one serious sense of smell! They use this sense of smell in addition to their sight to navigate and find nectar-rich flowers more easily.



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Goats for Weed Management

For the third year in a row, goat shepherd Florentine Maathius of No Kidding Weed Management brings her four-legged friends to Regina from Elbow, Saskatchewan. The goats are there to reduce the invasive species in Wascana Park. Invasive vegetation like clover, alfalfa and thistle, that grow in the prairie are the targets for these weed-eating goats. It's a natural solution for weed control. The goats are in Wascana Park for 10 days until the end of May and then will be back sometime in July.



Plants for Pollinators

"These are native flowers that are mobbed by just about anything with wings" – Chet Neufeld, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan.

- Wild Bergamot
- Meadow Blazingstar
- Giant Hyssop
- Canada Milkvetch
- Goldenrod
- Wild Asters
- Wild Sunflowers
- Prairie Coneflower
- Gaillardia
- Black-Eyed Susan



We have many of these planted in our Native / Pollinator Garden. We are working on labeling our plants so you can check it out sometime.

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Making a Difference from Your Backyard

Research shows that even though your backyard or garden is small, it can have a big effect for conservation. This means that your gardening and landscaping choices matter and makes a difference for pollinators, wildlife and conservation. You don't need to have a massive yard to grow food for wildlife or for yourself; there are many varieties of flowers and vegetables can be grown successfully in containers that can be placed on your balcony or front step.

Have stuff you don't need anymore?

A perfect way to stop items from going to the landfill is to offer them to someone else who can use them. Immanuel is holding a **Garage Sale** on June 27, 28, and 29.

When you're doing your spring cleaning, save anything that you don't need any more for our Garage sale.



SARCAN – Drop and Go for Immanuel! **SARCAN** RECYCLING A DIVISION OF SARC

Remember to drop off your cans and bottles to help us with environmental projects at Immanuel. The code is our phone number **3065864420**. If you prefer to bring your cans and bottles to the church, just let Max in the office know, so we can get them to Sarc.

This year we have improved our rain barrel system by connecting them and having a pump! Watch for more information next month.