

A group of young children are engaged in a gardening activity outdoors. They are standing around a wooden planter box filled with green leafy plants. One child in the foreground is wearing a white t-shirt and has long brown hair in pigtails. Another child next to them is wearing a green floral dress. A boy in the center is wearing a white t-shirt and blue gloves, using a small yellow shovel. Other children in the background are wearing a red cap, a grey shirt, and a blue shirt. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day for outdoor work.

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church

Tending to Creation

- 5 Anglican churches agreed to merge in early 2020, and by the end of 2020 Immanuel was born
- In creating our vision and mission, the Stewardship of Creation was very high on the list of things that are important to us
 - Caring for God's world
 - Caring for God's people
 - Caring for the earth
- We identified ways in which Immanuel could educate, participate, and advance actions for sustainability



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Earth Day April 22

Celebrated annually on April 22, Earth Day encourages environmental education and stewardship of natural resources. The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970 and was created by Senator Gaylord Nelson of the United States as a way to put environmental concerns on the front page. You



can read more about the history of Earth Day at this [LINK](https://www.earthday.org) to the earthday.org website. The theme for this year is 'Invest in our Planet'. The theme is designed to persuade businesses, governments, and citizens around the world of the need to invest in our planet to improve our environment and give our descendants a better and safer future.

How can you participate in Earth Day activities? On their website, [earthday.org](https://www.earthday.org), there is a toolkit you can check out that list items such as Climate Literacy, End Plastics, Plant Trees, Vote Earth, Global Cleanup, and Sustainable Fashion



What can you do for Sustainable Fashion?

- Buy less and shop for quality over quantity
- Choose natural materials – cotton, linen, hemp
- Buy recycled fabrics
- Research brands to identify those that are ethical and practice transparency and sustainability
- Buy secondhand clothing

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the original and traditional lands of the Nehiwayak (Cree), 'ai Assiniboine and Metis Nations. We respect and honor the Treaties that were made on all territories; we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past; we are committed to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in reconciliation and collaboration.

- Think about participating in a swap start one
- Learn how to repair your clothes you longer clothes are kept, the lower their footprint.

Check out this YouTube video [Beauty in the Beholder](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Beauty in the Beholder)

Composting at the William House

A new item has found a home in our house – a countertop compost bin! This makes it easy for us to collect items suitable for composting instead of putting them in the garbage to go to the landfill. Alas, we do not have a compost bin in our yard, so the search has been on to find where we can take our compost in Regina. Later in 2023 the city will be rolling out compost bins to households, but until then, what should we do?



Although there are compost collection bins at many of the City of Regina sites visited this week unfortunately they are not there for people to take their compost. If anyone knows where we can take our compost, please let Jenny know.

Did you know....

That RONA is committed to reducing environmental footprint of its operations? In 2022 the retailer became the first in its industry to eliminate single-use plastic shopping bags from its stores. As an alternative, RONA offers its



Tending to Creation – what we did



- Ensure our building was set up with blue bins, as well as collections for used batteries, stamps, drink tabs, and eyeglasses
- Monthly newsletter – The Greenwise Gazette, emailed to our parishioners and posted on our website
- Applied for and received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to build a Children's Garden in 2022 and run a program for children
- Started building a Native Plant/Pollinator Garden



Tending to Creation – what we learned



- There is a lot of information easily available about how we can contribute to a sustainable environment – both locally and with a wider view
- It is relatively easy to make small changes in our environment
- We now see so many opportunities to do more on our church grounds
- Many of our parishioners are enthusiastic, especially when children are involved
- We built relationships both within our parish and also with others in the community



Tending to Creation – Sustainable Development Goals

- Zero Hunger – sharing the produce from our garden
- Good Health and Well-being – gardening activities are beneficial to both mental and physical health
- Responsible Consumption and Production – articles in our monthly newsletter to reduce, reuse, and recycle
- Life on Land – our native / pollinator garden