



## **Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina**

### **Supporting documentation for the 2023 RCE Award Application**

Our website [www.immanuelanglicanregina.ca](http://www.immanuelanglicanregina.ca) is a good place to start to see what our church is doing with respect to a sustainable environment. Our Tending to Creation page can be found here: [Tending to Creation](#). This page has a lot of links to get additional information.

One of our great success stories is the Children's Garden that we started in 2022. Our website has some great news articles about the progress of the garden through the summer, and we were featured in both the Saskatchewan Anglican newsletter and the Anglican Foundation's. This project was made possible by a grant from the Anglican Foundation. The links are included here, as well as shown in the appendices of this document.

[Children's Garden Article 1](#)

[Children's Garden Article 2](#)

[Children's Garden Article 3](#)

[Saskatchewan Anglican Article](#)

Our participation in the David Suzuki's Butterflyway project is also a success story. The progress of our garden is documented in various issues of the Greenwise Gazette, and they are summarized in Appendix E.

## Appendix A – Saskatchewan Anglican article

# Growing God's Garden

Children's garden at Immanuel Anglican Church Regina produced tasty food and educated kids

*Article and photos by Jenny Williams.*

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The children's garden at Immanuel Anglican Church Regina came to life in 2022 thanks to a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada's *Say Yes! To Kids* (SYTK) initiative.



Meagan Krajewski, centre in blue shirt, is surrounded by enthusiastic young gardeners at the Children's Garden at Immanuel church, Regina.

Volunteers led by construction superintendent Jordan Williams erected the 60-foot-by-three-foot structure in early April 2022. It varies in height from 18 inches to 28 inches to accommodate toddlers to adults and is located on the south side of the church hall.

Maegan Krajewski, armed with her experience with community gardens in Regina, was hired as the director, and she put together the planting plan and the program for children. Near the end of May, things got going with a program on Tuesday mornings for pre-schoolers, and another one on Wednesdays after school for elementary school-age children.



The kids had great fun digging, planting, and watering the garden. By July the garden had started producing, and children enjoyed eating what they had grown. Who knew how delicious lettuce is when you pick it yourself?

The children also learned about sustainability, ecosystems, and how insects, birds, bees and butterflies are all important in the world God created for us.

## **Appendix B – Children’s Garden Article 1**

See separate document

## **Appendix C – Children’s Garden Article 2**

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## **Appendix D – Children’s Garden Article 3**

See separate document



## Appendix E – The Native Plant/Pollinator Garden

**From Greenwise Gazette February 2022:** The west side of our property is currently grassed, and is a storm channel. The city has agreed to allow us to plant a native garden in that space, attracting butterflies, bees, and other essential insects for a healthy ecosystem.

We will then be able to become part of the Butterflyway project. [Butterflyway website](#) This is a volunteer-led movement that is growing habitat for bees and butterflies in neighbourhoods throughout Canada.



**From Greenwise Gazette March 2022:** Planning and some work has begun on the job of making the storm channel at the west end of our parking lot into a Native Garden that will attract birds, bees, butterflies and all kinds of pollinators. Gail Fennel from Native Regina has helped us to put together a plan...starting with identifying the area we will target for 2022, and removing the grass.

We have started to cover the grass with cardboard, which will kill the grass. We used up most of the boxes that were taking up space in the Hall to do this!



Gail will be supplying the plants that we need – nearly 100 plants we are thinking for this space approximately 16 feet wide by 10 feet deep. Some of them she will just be supplying us with the seeds for, and we'll need to get some people starting those soon. Note that if you have some old garden containers like you see here – Gail will take them off your hands!



### **From the Greenwise Gazette June, 2022:**

A few people braved the scorching hot weather on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to plant our Native Plant/ Pollinator Garden. We were joined by several teens from the Wild Outside program.

The cardboard and then the tarp covering it, didn't kill the grass as successfully as we had hoped. For the next section we'll try using a double layer of cardboard. We had quite a bit of work to get rid of all the grass and weeds!



We had to work around the SaskPower and SaskTel lines that run underneath the garden.

### **From the Greenwise Gazette, September 2022:**

## **Pollinator Garden Update**

Our Pollinator Garden is growing! At the end of August, we added another section of our garden, so it is now approximately 32 feet long. Next summer, it should be quite showy and attract lots of bees and butterflies. Thanks to Gail Fennel, Maegen Krajewski, Terry Gates, Dave Williams, Terry Page, Maegen Plumb, and Jenny Williams for making this happen. Note that there has been some concern about the garden impeding water from getting to the storm drain, just south of the garden. We have been assured that the water will go under the mulch and not impact the drainage.

