# The Greenwise Gazette

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

## **Immanuel Community Garden**



Our community garden is planted, and growing thanks to Pat Hall. And tucked in beneath the shrubs

is a red/orange bin where Susan MacPhail has planted squash. It has long been a tradition for Susan to plant some squash on the church property and share the harvest with those in need.



## Immanuel's Pollinator Garden



On June 15, several people helped to prepare the next

section of our native/pollinator garden — another 16 feet. Then on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, the children attending our VBS School Days off program helped to plant. Unfortunately, we were too busy managing the chaos to take any pictures of the planting process. Shown above are some of the plants — Sunflowers, Evening Primrose, and Aster to name a few. Shown on the right is our Yarrow in bloom.



#### **Fun Facts about Sunflowers**

From thespruce.com

- The current world record for the tallest sunflower was set in 2014, at a towering 30 feet, 1 inch, grown by Hans-Peter Schiffer in Germany.
- Sunflowers are bee magnets; each flower head produces a large volume of pollen and nectar that lures in bees and other pollinators.
- At the bud stage, sunflowers exhibit a unique trait called heliotropism, where the sunflower face turns toward the sun at all times throughout the day, starting the day facing east and ending it facing west.

Note that we have sunflowers growing in the children's garden as well as in the native/pollinator garden.

#### The Secret Life of Roots

This exhibit was at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, DC. Native plants are drought resistant as their roots grow very deep and act like sponges to control flooding



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These activities will help you fill your summer in ways that help make our world a better place. You may even take a few trips to your local MCC Thrift shop to help you complete the challenges!

Plus, we've got even more ideas to keep you busy this summer. Sign up for the Sustainable Summer Challenge today and receive 30 ways in 30 days: An eco-friendly activity guide. It's full of little changes your family of choice can do to help make a big difference in being kind to our planet. Turn it into a fun learning activity or a friendly competition to see who can do the most tasks! <a href="https://thrift.mcc.org">https://thrift.mcc.org</a>



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How do you find out what kind of material you might have?

**Ferrous**(**Metal**): Use a Magnet ,if it sticks to the subject ,it is METAL with no doubt.

**Non-Ferrous:** Magnet will not stick to any Non-Ferrous material.

**ALUMINUM& STAINLESS STEEL**: From the color or use a Grinder to find out – if it sparks it is

stainless steel, if there are no sparks, it is aluminum.

**COPPER & BRASS:** Make a scratch on it - if the colour is yellow, it's Brass, and if it's a reddish colour it's Copper.

### **Green Carts are Coming!**



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