

An Invitation to a Care for Creation Lenten Journey

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Preface</p> <p><i>Lent is a time to reflect on what gets in the way of our relationship with God and all that God loves!</i></p>	<p><i>On this Lenten journey, we are saying YES to the fullness of life God has in mind for all of creation.</i></p>	<p><i>By making these choices, we are choosing to say YES to the whole of life of which we are all a part.</i></p>	<p>Feb 17</p> <p>Ash Wed reminds us to be faithful in action even when no one is looking.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Commit to purchase only what is necessary during Lent.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Commit to meatless Mondays and Fridays, a powerful choice to reduce one's carbon footprint.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Increase the portion of your groceries that is grown within 100 kms of your home.</p>
<p>Feb 21</p> <p>Commit to shutting all lights when leaving a room.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pledge to bring your own shopping bags, no plastic.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mature trees are a best option to sequester carbon. Send a card to Premier Horgan: https://tinyurl.com/yrtb74l</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Let your dishwasher breathe! Use only when there is a full load.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Use a reusable water bottle when out and about.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Once at Net Zero, we can finally get rid of stockpiled carbon. Learn how natural forests do this sustainably. https://tinyurl.com/y36v8ptu</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Buy free range eggs. They are more sustainable than factory farm eggs.</p>
<p>Feb 28</p> <p>Resolve to completely shut off electronics when not in use.</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Support an organization that sells sustainable products.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Think about how you can be in your car and on the road less.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bring toxic waste to a recycling depot and medications to pharmacies.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Inventory your cleaning products. Start to use simple, non-toxic products.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Support the use and maintenance of tap water.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Resolve to eat sustainably sourced seafood. seafood.ocean.org</p>

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<p>March 7</p> <p>Talk to your pastor about raising up Creation Care from the pulpit.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Turn the thermostat down by 1°. Make a habit of putting on a sweater at home.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>As spring gardening begins, resolve to do it organically and pesticide free.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Stop buying bottled water. Pledge: https://tinyurl.com/yyr8wmaw</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Use a laundry rack or an outside line to dry clothes.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Reduce the time that you let the water run for dishes & brushing teeth</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Plan your meals well and make sure all leftovers are eaten to reduce food waste.</p>
<p>March 14</p> <p>Explore ways to save energy at home/school/church https://tinyurl.com/y59vjqvb</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Are you recycling everything you can? Refresh your memory of what is allowed locally.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Seek out shared commuting arrangements as often as possible.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Get on the Canada Post “no junk mail” list & save trees. https://tinyurl.com/m34wk9k</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pledge to sweep outdoor areas instead of using a hose or blower.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Meet your MP to discuss your concern about the privatization of water.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Help organize a 100-km menu pot luck event at your church after the pandemic.</p>
<p>March 21</p> <p>Switch light bulbs and fluorescent tubes to LED alternatives.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lobby your MLA and MP about moving forward with clean energy</p>	<p>23</p> <p>If you have two cars, consider becoming a one-car family.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Petition your local grocery store & lobby against excess packaging.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Purchase Fair Trade chocolate for your Easter Baskets. (support farmers not child labour)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Experiment by reducing your shower to half the usual time.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Participate in Earth Hour today. Turn off all electricity & power between 8 and 9 PM.</p>
<p>March 28</p> <p>Consider green electricity alternatives: Bullfrogpower.com</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Show reverence for life and the earth by obeying the speed limit today.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Audit your carbon footprint. epa.ie/climate/calculators/</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Resolve not to buy the “next best thing” in electronics for this year.</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>Don’t be fooled. Keep learning. climateactionnetwork.ca; davidsuzuki.org</p>	<p>2 Good Friday</p> <p>It’s hard to face the reality of our warming planet. www.350.org/science</p>	<p>3</p> <p>It can be difficult to contemplate our own end. Think about greening your final arrangements.</p>
<p>4 Easter Sunday!</p> <p>Alleluia!</p> <p>Celebrate new life today and plant a native plant or tree.</p>	<p><i>Jesus’ appearance changed the world. His disciples were being asked: speak truth to power, love your enemies, but</i></p>	<p><i>most of all love God and your neighbor. This was a new way of being in relationship. Today’s seemingly ‘impossible</i></p>	<p><i>appearance’ is that humans are changing the climate. This calls for a new way of being in the world, to relate differently to</i></p>	<p><i>each other and to nature. There is hope, to change the world for the good of all, as we commit to this work of love together.</i></p>	<p>Prepared by members of the BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group. Comments? louislouisiguere@gmail.com</p>	