Summit Agenda

9:00a.m. Registration and Coffee in the Narthex

**Morning:** Marked by the cross of Christ forever, we are GATHERED for the sake of the world

9:30a.m. Welcome and introductions
9:45a.m. Gathering Worship – From Hope to Lament
10:15a.m. What Motivates Young Activists to Address Climate Change? (Speakers listed below **)
10:45a.m. Logistics for the day
10:55a.m. Green Blades Rising! Breakout Sessions I

**Afternoon:** Marked by the cross of Christ forever, we are SENT for the sake of the world.

Noon Lunch (Choir members go first)
12:30p.m. Summit Choir Rehearsal
12:55p.m. Green Blades Rising! Breakout Sessions 2
2:00p.m. Networking Tables
3:00p.m. Sending Worship – From Death to Resurrection
3:30p.m. Conversation/Departure

**Speakers**

Johanna Bernu – 7th grade, Minnesota Virtual academy; Bethesda Lutheran, Carlton, MN.
Anna Grace Hottinger – Minnesota Youth Climate strike leader; 11th grade, EdVisions Online School.
Izzy Laderman – Education Director for Minnesota Youth Climate Strike and Disabled Climate Activist, 11th grade, Duluth East High School.
Kayli Skinner – Conservation Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy; Bethlehem Lutheran Creation Care team member; Gustavus Adolphus College Class of 2018
Jordan Stone– M. Div. Jubilee Scholar, Luther Seminary, Distance Learner; Care and Health Coordinator, First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Breakout Sessions “Green Blades Rising”

Breakout sessions are facilitated by multi-generational leadership from congregations and non-profits throughout our region. A full listing of session leaders will be available in March at http://www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html

Morning Breakout Sessions 1  10:55a.m. – 11:55a.m.

- **Creation Care Congregations – How to Start or Grow a Team**
  Care of creation is integral to every faith practice. Find out how to start or build and energize your creation care team, regardless of your congregation’s size!
- **Gardening for Your Neighbors, the Birds, Bees, and Butterflies**
  The “whys and how-to” of Monarch Way Stations, pollinator planting, and native habitat for your church or home from people who know.
- **Green and Clean Energy in your Church Building and Home**
  From energy efficiency to solar, home to church facilities, from purchasing credits to financing your own project, we’ll put you in front of experts who have been there, and give you a basic plan to get started on a cleaner energy future.
- **How to Have Productive Environmental Conversations**
  How can we have productive and respectful conversations about environmental issues that result in people feeling heard and engaged? Join us for an interactive conversation about active listening, thoughtful questions, and how to continue these vital conversations.
- **The Human Face of the Climate Crisis**
  Millions of people are already impacted by hunger, poverty, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, drought, or fire, intensified by the climate crisis. Others’ jobs are affected in the transition from fossil fuels. Hear stories of real people and their efforts to adapt in Minnesota and globally.
- **Music and Worship in Time of Climate Crisis**
  Music has the power to move us in ways that words alone do not. What is the church’s song for the whole creation in this time of climate crisis? What music, liturgy, and hymns already exist in our tradition? Where are new resources? What is missing that we can create?

Afternoon Breakout Sessions 2  12:55p.m. – 1:55p.m.

- **Climate Crisis Stories and Actions by Young Leaders**
  Led by young climate activists, this breakout session will help us identify with the marginalized people most affected by climate change, and invite us to join them in actions young leaders are taking to address the crisis they see us facing.
- **Community Networking for Earthkeeping**
  Personal passion deepens and congregational ministry multiplies when we engage community organizations as partners in earthkeeping. Ecosystems, watersheds, and the one world we share can benefit from our collaboration.
- **Creation Caring Congregations – What is Happening? What Could Happen?**
  Get ideas, and get inspired as congregations with active creation care teams share some of the things they are doing to involve their whole congregations and reach out to their communities.
- **Gardening for and with Your Human Neighbors**
  Community gardens can teach your children, restore the soul, and serve your neighbors in more than one way. Hear stories of how community gardens have started and how to make them work.
- **Green Energy – Community Initiatives, Public Policy and How You Can Advocate for Them**
  Learn about cutting edge community initiatives and statewide policy for clean, affordable energy, including current environmental legislative proposals. How people of faith can actively participate in a healthy, fair, clean energy future.
- **Preaching in and for a Wounded Creation**
  How do we preach the Easter gospel for the whole creation, not just on certain designated Sundays, but as part of the heartbeat and horizon of the gospel itself? Discover how to hear in the Sunday scriptures the voice of God in and for the whole creation.