

## **Advent's Stewardship of Creation June 2010**

### ***Preamble***

As disciple's of Christ we recognize that all of creation is a gift from God, a gift that we are called to be stewards of. Advent Lutheran Church thereby commits its self to care for creation in how we live our life together as a church. We commit our self to live out this stewardship in the following ways.

### ***Worship***

As a part of worship we will celebrate our stewardship of creation, through prayer, the Word and as a part of our regular celebration of the Sacraments.

### ***Purchasing Policy***

When feasible and affordable we commit ourselves to purchase products that are less harmful to the environment. An emphasis will be placed on products that are recycled, use renewable materials, use less energy and produce less waste.

### ***Energy Usage***

Advent will purchase power from renewable sources.  
On an ongoing basis we will look for ways to reduce our energy use.

### ***Waste***

Advent will seek to reduce its waste production and will practice composting and recycling as feasible.

### ***Transportation***

Advent will encourage people to take alternative transportation to and from church. We will make a bike rack available to encourage riding a bike to church. We will encourage people to walk, take public transportation or carpool.

### ***Water***

Advent will seek to limit its water use. This will be done though the use of low water consumption fixtures, the use of rain barrels as feasible and through our water use practices.

### ***Care of our Green Space***

Advent will practice stewardship of creation in how we care for our green spaces. We will seek to eliminate the use of herbicides and pesticides. We will also use other practices such as keeping our grass longer and seek out other ways to care for the land we have according to the wisdom of God's creation.