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|  | **Spring Water & Energy Stewardship**  **Workshop for West Metro Congregations**  **Mon April 13** 6 to 9pm **St. Luke Presbyterian,** 3121 Groveland School Rd  Co-sponsored by the Alliance for Sustainability, MN IPL & Hennepin County  [www.afors.org/congregations](http://www.afors.org/congregations) [www.afors.org/faithcommunitysolar](http://www.afors.org/faithcommunitysolar)  **Learn from successful projects from other congregations!** |
| **Questions? call Sean Gosiewski**, **Alliance for Sustainability** 612-250-0389 sean@afors.org | |
| **6:00pm** **Tour the new rain gardens and permaculture gardens at St. Luke**  **6:30 pm Congregations will share their current projects** – and  **6:45 pm**  **Presentation from St. Luke Presbyterian on their Rain Gardens & Solar project**  **7:00 pm Energy & Water Action resources -** Alliance, Hennepin Co. EOR, Enerchange, CEE, MN IPL, etc.  **7:30pm Hands on Watershed Stewardship & Energy Stewardship Workshops** | |
| **Watershed Stewardship**   1. **Funding Opportunities**   **Minnehaha Creek Watershed** [www.minnehahacreek.org/grants](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/grants)   * **Brett Eidem Cost Share Grant Administrator (952) 641-4523 beidem@minnehahacreek.org** * **Project Cost Share Grants –** Institutions may apply year round * [www.minnehahacreek.org/grants/cost-share-grants-clean-water-landscaping](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/grants/cost-share-grants-clean-water-landscaping)   **Education Grants - due in the fall** [www.minnehahacreek.org/grants/cynthiakrieg](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/grants/cynthiakrieg)  **Hennepin County Environmental Services** [www.hennepin.us/GreenPartners](http://www.hennepin.us/GreenPartners)  Patience Caso Green Partners Program Manager 612.348.9352 Patience.Caso@hennepin.us   * **Green Partners Environmental Education Grants** – Grant Deadline in Mid Oct * Branch organizations may be awarded up to $15,000 to implement a project that engages at least 200. * Root groups may be awarded up to $8,000 to implement a project that engages at least 150 people.   **Natural Resources Grants** Jim Kujawa at 612.348.7338 or [James.Kujawa@hennepin.us](mailto:James.Kujawa@hennepin.us)  [www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding)  **Business Recycling Grants** [www.hennepin.us/business/recycling-hazardous-waste/business-recycling](http://www.hennepin.us/business/recycling-hazardous-waste/business-recycling)   1. **Design help**  * Brett H. Emmons, PE, ENV SP, LEED AP **EOR, Inc.,** 651.203.6003  [bemmons@eorinc.com](mailto:bemmons@eorinc.com) , [www.eorinc.com](http://www.eorinc.com) * Stacy Anderson, **Earth Wizards**, 612-366-6487 [stace@earthwizards.com](mailto:stace@earthwizards.com) , [www.earthwizards.com](http://www.earthwizards.com) * **Master Water Stewards**, [www.masterwaterstewards.org](http://www.masterwaterstewards.org) **Metro Blooms** [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org)   **Metro Blooms Workshops** – [www.metroblooms.org/workshop\_signup\_B.php](http://www.metroblooms.org/workshop_signup_B.php)   * Plymouth April 21, 2015 (Tue) 6:00 pm St. Barnabas Lutheran Church * May 5, 2015(Tue) 6:00 pm Minnetonka Community Center * May 21, 2015 (Thu) 6:00 pm St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (Mpls.) * May 28, 2015 (Thu) 6:00 pm St. Louis Park Recreation Center  1. **Members Taking action at home** Master Water Stewards [www.masterwaterstewards.org](http://www.masterwaterstewards.org) [www.afors.org/waterstewards](http://www.afors.org/waterstewards) **Grace Sheely,** Water Master Water Steward,  952-974-1286  [gracesheely@gmail.com](mailto:gracesheely@gmail.com)  * **Louann Waddick,** Master Water Steward,  612-715-3158 [lawaddick@gmail.com](mailto:lawaddick@gmail.com)  1. **Maintenance Workshops for staff & contractors** [www.fortinconsulting.com/calendar-of-events](http://www.fortinconsulting.com/calendar-of-events)  * Summer & winter maintenance classes and videos [www.minnehahacreek.org/education](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/education)  1. **Community Service Projects –** Earth Day Clean Ups   **July 26, 2015** **Minnehaha** **Creek Cleanup** [www.minnehahacreek.org/events/2015-minnehaha-creek-cleanup](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/events/2015-minnehaha-creek-cleanup) and  **Fall** **Community Clean Ups for Water Quality** <http://freshwater.org/community-clean-ups-for-water-quality> | |
| **Energy Stewardship**  **Save money with your congregation’s building with energy audits from Enerchange & Energy Star Portfolio Mngr**   * Michael T’Kach, Enerchange  612/374-8787 [mtkach@enerchange.org](mailto:mtkach@enerchange.org) [www.EnerChange.org](http://www.EnerChange.org) * Energy Star Portfolio Manager [www.energystar.gov/buildings](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings) , [www.energystar.gov//congregations](http://www.energystar.gov//congregations)   **Help members save energy at home with MN CEE’s** – Home Energy Squad - Enhanced.   * Hannah Strong. Community Outreach, MN CEE. 612.335.5828 [hstrong@mncee.org](mailto:hstrong@mncee.org) [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org) <http://mncee.org/Find-Programs/Congregation-Energy-Savings/>   **Cool Congregations – MN Interfaith Power & Light** <http://mnipl.org/programs/becoming-a-cool-congreation.html>   * Caitlin Olsen, MN GreenCorps (952)-221-7821 [caitlin@mnipl.org](mailto:caitlin@mnipl.org),   **Learn how to buy affordable renewable energy for your congregation and members**   * **Wind Source** [**www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-citizen/buying-green/buy-green-power.html**](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-citizen/buying-green/buy-green-power.html) * **Holy Trinity’s campaign -** <http://htlcmpls.org/justice/faithful-energy/>   **Community Solar Gardens –**   * **AforS – Faith Community Solar Project –** helping congregations choose quality on site & community solar garden options – Sean Gosiewski, 612-250-0389 [sean@afors.org](mailto:sean@afors.org) , [www.afors.org/faithcommunitysolar](http://www.afors.org/faithcommunitysolar) * **MN IPL Solar Team –** Working to develop 1 or 2 projects. <http://mnipl.org/teams/mnipl-solar-team.html> * **Values Statement** [**http://mnipl.org/teams/mnipl-solar-team/community-solar-gardens/community-solar-values-statement.html**](http://mnipl.org/teams/mnipl-solar-team/community-solar-gardens/community-solar-values-statement.html) | |

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|  | **Spring Water & Energy Stewardship**  **Workshops for Congregations**  Please plan to bring 2 to 4 volunteers and/or staff from your congregation  **Free! RSVP** at [**http://tinyurl.com/aforsrsvp**](http://tinyurl.com/aforsrsvp) [www.afors.org/congregations](http://www.afors.org/congregations)  **Questions? call Sean Gosiewski**, **Alliance for Sustainability** 612-250-0389 [sean@afors.org](mailto:sean@afors.org) | |
| * + **Mpls & Edina**- **Thurs March 19** 6 to 9pm, **Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer** 5440 Penn Ave S, Mpls MN   + **North Suburban** – **Tuesday March 24** 6 to 8:30pm, **Maple Grove Lutheran** 9251 Elm Creek Blvd. Maple Grove,   + **North & NE MPLS** - **Thurs March 26** 6 to 9pm **Mississippi Watershed Management Organization** [www.mwmo.org](http://www.mwmo.org) * **Mtka & West Metro** – **Mon April 13** 6 to 9pm **St. Luke Presbyterian,** 3121 Groveland School Rd [www.stluke.mn](http://www.stluke.mn) | | |
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