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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  [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 , [www.eorinc.com](http://www.eorinc.com)
* Stacy Anderson, **Earth Wizards**, 612-366-6487 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
* **Louann Waddick,** Master Water Steward,  612-715-3158 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 [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 [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,

**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 , [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 |
| * + **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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