Caring for God’s Earth
Christ Lutheran Church Athens
Earth Justice Advocates
The Beginning

- An Ecumenical Sermon on Creation and the Care of the Earth

- An ecumenical Earth Justice study group which graduated to an action group, The Earth Justice Network

- Formation of Earth Justice Groups in each Church, Including Christ Lutheran

Invitation

The newly formed Christ Lutheran Church Earth Justice Advocates is a group of church members who are dedicated to promoting the care of the earth which God has created through:

- educational programs
- energy audits
- gathering resources for church use
- encouraging energy saving practices

We welcome interested persons to join us at our monthly meetings which will be announced in our church bulletin.
Low Carbon Diet Program
Lending Library
Bible School Program
Energy Audits of Church and Church House

CLC CHURCH ENERGY AUDIT SUMMARY

AUDIT DATE: APRIL 19, 2008
PRESENTE: Jeanne Haseley, Rick Zilinski, Dana and Ileana Carlson, John Laughlin, Tim Prange, Tom Lovdal, Auditor: John Ritters

The CLC Eco Justice Group, along with Members of the Episcopal Church and Energy Auditor John Ritters performed a general energy audit of the main CLC Church building. The student house next door was not evaluated. Findings are summarized below:

1. Health & Safety
   a. All materials placed on furnace in utility room for second floor office need to be removed ASAP as they are a fire hazard!

2. General
   a. Track usage for all utilities, electric, gas and water monthly. Plot electric and gas consumption. Can get last three years electricity data from AEP website. Watch for patterns in consumption. Watch for reductions when equipment and energy conservation changes are implemented. Examples:

   Monthly usage

   Seasonal electricity consumption

   The graph shows two huge spikes in electricity usage in January and April 2000 and 1999. This is not unusual and can be explained by malfunction in a heat pump. Since electricity is used for heat, the highest usage
Energy Announcements
Light Bulb Exchange
CFL Bulb Recycling
Sponsored Luncheon Seminars for Church Members

- Weatherization Workshop
- "Global Warning" film
- "Mountain-Top Removal" Program
- Speakers on Impact of Energy Extraction on Climate Change
- OIPL’s Greg Hitzhusen
- "Journey of the Universe" film
Energy Remediation in Church and Church House
Book Review Group

PLAN B 3.0
Mobilizing to Save Civilization
LESTER R. BROWN

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We should all read this book!
—President Bill Clinton
Co-sponsored or Participated in Community Programs

- Global Warming Café
- Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream
- Visit of Dr. Mathew and Nancy Sleeth for Earth Week
- Athens Cool Cities Campaign, including Green Landlord Campaign
- Energy Audits of Public Buildings
- Toured Energy Efficient Homes Built by Group Member
- Workshops and Programs on “Fracking”
Global Warming Cafe

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Taking a Stand on Global Warming:
From Conversation to Action

Global warming is a dangerous reality, one that will increasingly touch our lives, those of
our children and grandchildren, and many of the poorest people on our planet.
The good news is that there are many ways we can lower our “carbon footprint,” and it is
easier when we all do it together.
Come find out how:

We invite you to join us for an exciting World Café – a powerful social change
technology that enables us to experience the power of community.

You’ll interact with a broad cross-section of neighbors in frank and open
conversation that will help us reflect deeply on what global warming means to
us, individually and as a community. We will exchange views, feelings and ideas.

We will then learn about a program, Low Carbon Diet, to help us lower our
carbon footprint and transfer this knowledge to our communities and
workplaces.

Saturday, March 1st
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Christ the King Catholic Church

The film An Inconvenient Truth will be
shown prior to the café, beginning at noon
Activities for school-age children
& child care provided

To register, contact:
Jeanné Huessey (huessey@ohiou.edu) Ph. 740-592-3430
Carol Kuhre (carol.kuhre@yahoo.com)
If bringing children, please indicate ages

Co-Sponsored by Earth Justice Network & the Southeast Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club
Planned Earth Week and Outdoor Worship Services

- Planned Earth Justice Liturgy
- Sermons Based on Care of Creation
- Aimed Toward Zero Waste Picnic Lunch
- Displayed Earth Justice Materials
Participation in OIPL Cool Congregations Program

- The contest considered quantities of electricity and gas consumed, energy usage in transportation and the amount of garbage sent to the land fill.
- The Church plus five households reduced their carbon footprint from 601,578 lbs. of CO2 in 2009 to 473,057 lbs. of CO2 in 2010 with a total reduction of 128,521 lbs. of CO2.
- Received OIPL Prize of $500.00
Future Plans

- Purchasing Audio Visual materials for Lending Library
- Movie and Popcorn Nights for congregation to show environmental films
- Involving church youth in environmental activities, e.g. Low Carbon Diet program
- New series of announcements about saving energy and available library books and materials
- Wonder Camps or Nights such as viewing stars with telescope
- Using Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream materials with church groups