

Grace Creation Care

April, 2024

Emerging Spring and Earth Day!



Loving Formation

Sitting among the bluebells
in my sorrow, for lost time
and the never forgotten dead,
I saw a hummingbird stand
in air to drink from flowers.
It was a kiss he took and gave.
At his lightness and the ardor
of his throat, the song I live by
stirred my mind. I said:
“By sweetness alone it survives.”



-Wendell Berry, section 4 of “The Strait,” from New
Collected Poems (Counterpoint 2012)

Liberating Advocacy

Americans purchase about 50 billion water bottles per year, averaging about 13 bottles per month for every person in the U.S.! That means by using a reusable water bottle, you could save average of 156 plastic bottles annually.[5]



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When plastics end up in landfills, they aren’t harmless. They break down into tiny toxic particles that contaminate the soil and waterways and enter the food chain when animals accidentally ingest them. [12]
Researchers in Germany indicate that terrestrial microplastic pollution is much higher than marine microplastic pollution– estimated at four to 23 times higher, depending on the environment. This could ultimately have adverse health effects on humans and animals

<https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-single-use-plastics/>

Life-giving Conservation –

Planet vs. Plastics

For Earth Day 2024 on April 22nd, EARTHDAY.ORG is unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040.

Ways you can participate!

- **Highway Clean-up, Saturday, April 13th, 8:00 am meeting at Veldheer’s Tulip Farm on US 31 and Quincy!**
- **Holy Hike, Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 pm at Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary! 31788 Frost St., Dowagiac, MI 49047**

POSTER CONTEST around the theme of Earth Day/Recycling Plastics! All are invited to participate! Any kind of group/family/all ages/friends/neighbors!

Bring your entry to church by Sunday, April 14th to the Undercroft

*Loving Creation Holy Hike –
Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm at
Millennium Park, Grand Rapids, MI
Stay tuned for carpooling
information!*