



## Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

On Instagram, a poster “itsthegarbagequeen” posts about global climate change. She shares a lot of bad news, but once a week, she highlights the good news of ways we are healing and saving the world. She made a post last week where she talked about this and said when she started about 5 years ago, she had a hard time finding good news. Now, she tells us she has a hard time choosing what to share because there is no way she can share all the good news that is happening. Her good news for 4/3/2024. New England is planning to retire its last two remaining coal plants by 2028. Aruba is considering amending their constitution to give rights to nature, not just humans in their country, as well as giving humans the right to a clean environment. KLM, the Dutch airline, has been found guilty of greenwashing and is being held responsible for lying about how they are ‘offsetting’ carbon. Yurok Tribe in California is being made a partner for managing their historic lands found in National Parks.

As we, in the month where we celebrate “Earth Day”, work our way towards the Earth Day Fair on April 20th. We can continue to learn and grow in our knowledge and in our day-to-day routines that can slow global climate change and work towards the healing of our planet. We must continue to apply pressure to all levels of government to lead the way and to the big corporations, such as did you know that half of the ships on the ocean are transporting either coal or oil?

Rooted and Rising will continue to work on rain gardens this year, we have started a patch of lawn to enhance the diversity of our yard, and our raised bed gardens will again help people in our community have a chance to grow some food. The average travel of a food product to come to our store is 1,300 miles, the more we can grow in our community, the less our carbon footprint of our community.

Olya, Naomi, and Martin are still working with Cook County Commissioners to create a plan for our county to reduce its carbon footprint as they did with the city of Grand Marais.

Let us continue to care for the Earth and all life on it.

Peace