

## **“SPOTLIGHT ON GLOBAL WARMING”**

We can almost say it in our sleep, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”. Old as it is, the earth is still His. Because it is His, we are accountable to Him for its care. Even self-interest should prompt our being good stewards. Dr. Luther wrote, “Besides, he makes all creation help provide the benefits and necessities of life”. At stake is the earth’s capacity to provide life’s necessities. So, how have the stewards done caring for the earth? Stories sadly indicate our selfishness. We have been rapacious, short sighted, even in denial about how we have treated mother earth.

In small steps, individuals, governments, agencies, and organizations proactively are attempting to reverse the perilous and proliferating trend towards human self-extinction. The creator must be pleased that recently the church has begun to collaborate in addressing such issues as air and water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, global warming.

I have become a crusader, for the last four years joining the growing throng of hybrid car owners. Purportedly, my over-all savings are not significant considering the higher cost of the car. My greater satisfaction comes in knowing that I am operating a vehicle whose polluting factor is minimal.

As Christians we can all do our part in being good stewards of God’s good earth. Lutheran congregations are now receiving information about how they can participate along with many other congregations throughout the nation in “Spotlight on Global Warming” on Sunday, October 8. The national office of Interfaith Power and Light has received funding to provide DVD’s of Al Gore’s new film, “An Inconvenient Truth”, for showing at local congregations free of charge. To register, go to the website: <http://www.theregenerationproject.org>

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