



Food and Land Justice in a Time of Climate Crisis

One of the values we have as a faith community is our concern for creation. The Earth is an essential resource and we have been entrusted with her care. With our members and neighbours we come together to learn, share, and grow.

*2022 events and activities
at 1691 Bloor St West shown below:*

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We are buzz'd to let you know that we are supporting **No Mow May**, providing for our local pollinator population by refraining from mowing our lawn during the month. This will let flowers, including dandelions, bloom on our lawn, providing an important and early source of nectar and pollen for wild bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects.

Started in the U.K. and now picking up steam in Canada, No Mow May is a call to help wild pollinators and other wildlife in the greenspaces where we live.

According to Dr. Chris Watson of the University of Québec at Trois-Rivières, lead author of *Ecological and Economic Benefits of Low-Intensity Urban Lawn Management* as published in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* (British Ecological Society), “Even a modest reduction in lawn mowing frequency can bring a host of environmental benefits: increased pollinators, increased plant diversity and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, a longer, healthier lawn makes it more resistant to pests, weeds and drought events.”

We encourage everyone to also be involved at home, offering you a great excuse for extra Me-Time by keeping your lawnmower locked up throughout the month of May.

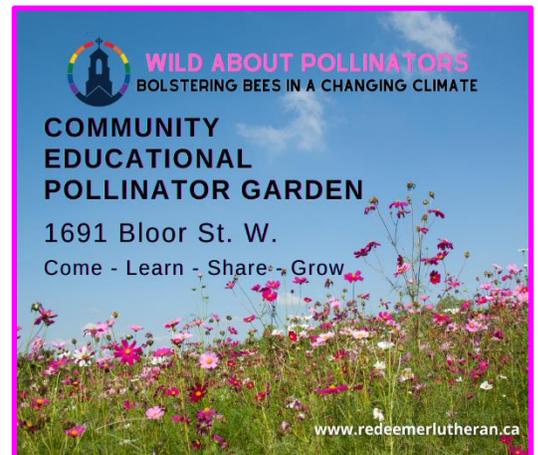
Lawn signs expressing our “BEE-lief” will be available for you to use, as shown above. Please touch base with to pick-up one for your lawn.

Thanks to grants from the City of Toronto and the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC we are also planting a Community Educational Pollinator Garden.

We began with the creation of a new community group **Wild About Pollinators - Creating a Buzz Climate Action Initiative** taking responsibility for implementing pollinator-friendly actions on land managed by the church by:

- Planting perennial flowers for pollinators
- Helping spread the message in the community and beyond

We meet monthly to work on all aspects of a series of **new pollinator gardens underway** at 1691 Bloor St West. Volunteers needed to design, plant, and maintain the gardens. You don't need to be Lutheran or go to church to work on the garden. Please join us.



Past Events in the 2022 Series:



 **WILD ABOUT POLLINATORS**
BOLSTERING BEES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

**DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE LAND**

April 23 - 2:00 PM

**Nature and Wildlife
through Indigenous Eyes**
with Alan Colley

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