

him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

### **2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest**

The annual EcoFaith Summit will occur on April 18, 2026 (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) at First Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN. The Summit theme is: “From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril” Summit goals are: Ignite courageous community across the Upper Midwest to spark:

- An unquenchable fire of love for Creator and Creation.
- A controlled burn of holy fear, wonder, and joy - across generations and divides.
- A germinating fire seed of collaborating and creative networks.

In the morning will be opening worship, and a series of speakers who specialize in community and creation. The afternoon will include a variety of breakout enrichment sessions to give you practical tools for kindling action.

Additionally, there is a special session on Friday, April 17 from 12:30-4:45 PM titled “Ishkode at Wisconsin Point: Rekindling Indigenous Fire Relationship.” This special session will delve into the story of intercultural collaborative action on Wisconsin Point and includes a 90-minute walking tour of the Point.

One can register for the Summit, for either in person or livestream, at: [ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2026](http://ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2026)

Registration costs \$30 for adults and \$0 for young adults (under 30), youth (under 18), and those Livestreaming. Note, onsite registration fee includes lunch.

- Lawrence Burkhard, Creation Care Chair

### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

### **Psalms 103:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.  
<sup>6</sup> O Lord, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;  
<sup>9</sup> you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup> You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,

so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,

so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

### **John 9:1-41**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say

about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to