



RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

Land Stewardship Committee

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

According to a multitude of dictionaries Lent is the "Season following winter, first of the four seasons of the year; the season in which plants begin to rise" , a special sense of an otherwise now archaic spring, the act of springing forth or appearing, the season of birth, rise and origin. Lent in the church was drawn from the concept of plants and animals springing forth to new growth. Lent is 40 days before Easter and ends with the Easter Sunday, which this year as on April 4th. A bit early but not unusually so. In 1951 Good Friday was March 23 and that early date wont happen again until 2035. Easter as well as Lent drifts since it is calculated by the Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal equinox. The Vernal equinox was March 21st, the first full moon was March 28, so Easter was the Sunday following.

The inclement weather of March, which came in like a lion but left like a lamb has been very disturbing to migration of elk, deer, bison as well as the birds. The week and a half of 70's weather belied the hurricane winds, heavy snows and freezing temperatures of much of March. If you doubt that jitney into Yellowstone Park and see the huge trees snapped off at the base.

But now we have farmers addressing their fields, and poultry appearing at Murdoch's, as well as a plethora of Uinta ground squirrels dashing about the church grounds and, of course all over the new community garden. Spring has sprung and the Covid is fading....God is in heaven....and soon all will be right with the world. Because He has risen.



HELP WANTED

**GOT PRINTERS INK IN YOUR BLOOD?
FEEL LIKE EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS?
WANT TO BUILD A HABITAT SPACE WITH NATIVE MONTANA PLANTS?**
Call Paul Gore at 587-2001 / Ellie Weber at 406-587-2001 for more information

GREEN LENT



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

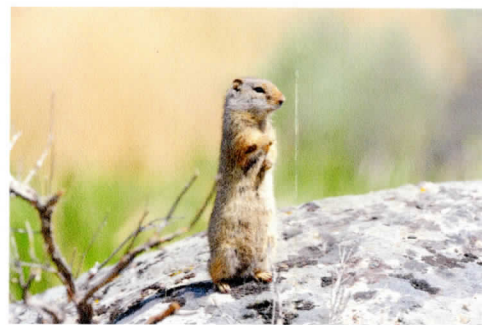
Theologian St. Augustine once called us *terra animata*, or “animated earth,” reflecting our sacred connection to the soil. On April 17, 2021, members of Resurrection’s Creation Care Team and Catholic Campus Ministry put those words to work by building 6 additional raised garden beds near the west-end parking lot. Thanks to Land Stewardship, we have expanded our growing space to 9 total raised beds (4 feet x 8 feet each) on the church property.

You can join the Creation Care Team (CCT) in our community garden for the 2021 growing season. The CCT plans to plant vegetables and share the produce among shareholders. Instead of renting a specific garden box, the communal gardening arrangement allows us to coordinate what we raise to optimize food output. We will also donate 10% of the harvest to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. A “full share” will cost \$25 for the season or a “half share” will cost \$15 (as a value comparison, the City of Bozeman charges \$60 per season for use of its garden plots). We shareholders hope to meet regularly during the summer for workdays and potluck dinners, because the fellowship is as important as the food we raise.

All levels of gardening skill are welcome. We will learn from each other. We are seeking shareholders, as well as one or two people who would supervise the garden design and planting schedule (mentoring available, so no experience needed). Please call Mark Burr, 406-600-6298, for details about the caretaker positions and/or to subscribe as a shareholder.



MSU students with Resurrection Catholic Campus Ministry fill the new raised beds with soil. The beds were lined with hardware cloth on the bottom and built 18 inches off the ground for easier tending (no back aches!) and to rodent-proof them (we have gophers in the adjacent field!).



"Think you can keep me out, huh?"

"Just bring it on, little fella, and see what happens!"

"Don't you preach that we are all God's children?"

