St. John's Lutheran Recycles

St. John's Lutheran in Cedar Falls has cut their garbage removal fees in half by recycling! In addition to cutting their congregation's carbon footprint by nearly 14 tons, the congregation is saving almost $600 a year in garbage removal fees!

It was a congregational effort with many people helping. They sold reusable travel mugs to their congregants with St. John's name and contact information on them to raise the funds to purchase the recycling bins. Congregants drink their coffee from their new mugs on Sundays and use them throughout the week as a quiet witness to St. John's efforts to go green.

The church administrative assistant researched and ordered the recycling stations and negotiated the contract with the disposal company.

The Cool Congregations team kept the "green" concept and the savings it can produce in the forefront of the congregation's minds.

The preschool staff is very intentional in recycling the milk jugs, juice containers, cracker boxes, etc. from the preschool snacks.

The custodians monitor the dumpster levels, break down boxes, collect the plastic and assist the recycling volunteers on pick up day.

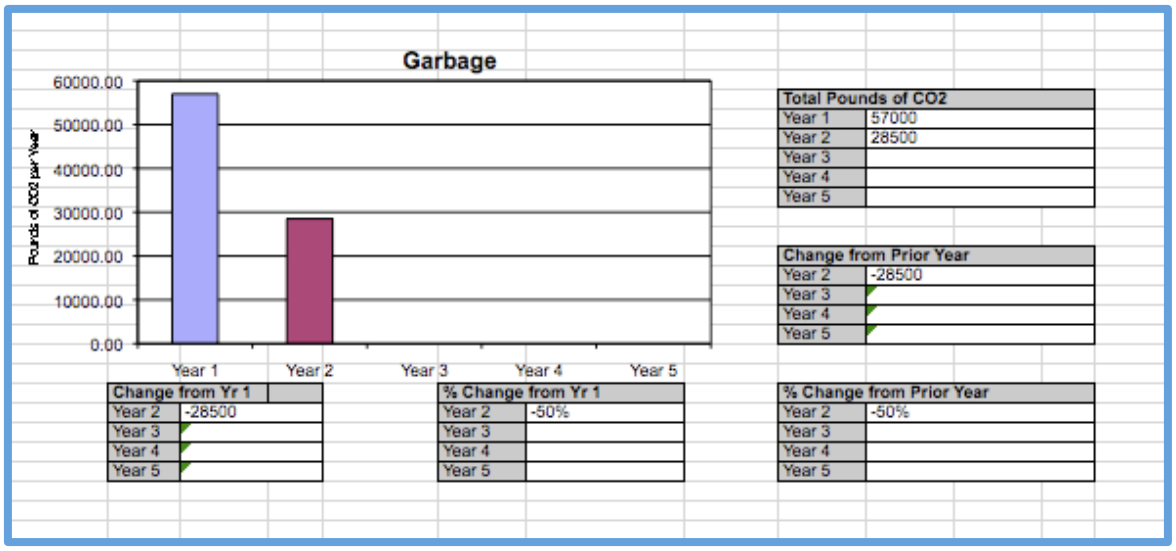
The recycling volunteers take the plastic bags of recycling to the recycling station.

Pastor Dave Kebschull remarks, "Stewardship of God's Creation is a natural part of St John's ministry."

For more information contact the office administrator, Jenny, at office@stjohncf.org

Clearstream bins at www.cleartainers.com.

We used the Cool Congregations Carbon Calculator to measure St. John's progress. St. John's saved 28,500 pounds of CO_2 in one year. Divided by 2,000 pounds per ton = 14 tons of CO_2 saved! See below for the graph.



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