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***A prayer for our earth....***

*God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Source: New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, p. 569)*

**Article Headline**

**Diocesan News**

**Safe Church Training Cancelled**

The Safe Church training for this Saturday at Saint Christopher's in Roseville is cancelled. Check our website for [upcoming dates for other Safe Church trainings](#) around the state.

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**Journal Updates Due**

If your congregation has not yet completed your [2008 Congregation Update form](#), please send it right away. The deadline for submitting changes for the next Journal is

next Tuesday, April 29.

### **Shoptifted Clothes Donated to ECS, Ready for Success**



The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has helped make sure a very large donation got into the right hands after a recent shoptlifting bust in the Twin Cities. In partnership with Macy's, the Sheriff's Office turned over \$185,000 worth of women's clothing to Ready for Success, a program of Episcopal Community Services (ECS). [Read more...](#)

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*In honor of Earth Day, St. Clement's children learn how to build and use Solar Ovens.*

### **Opportunities**

#### **Grants Available for Small Congregations**

Honoring 125 years of serving Minnesota's vulnerable children and 25 years as a foundation with this mission, Sheltering Arms Foundation trustees announce a special one-time grant round. Small grants are offered (\$1,000 maximum) to Minnesota Episcopal congregations supporting their efforts in building potential for vulnerable children. [Read more...](#)



#### **Church Organ for Sale**

Lowry Grande Royale organ. Mint condition, purchased in 2002. Currently located in Braham, 12 miles north of Cambridge. Please contact Dorothy Lang, 320-396-2928.

### **Upcoming Events**

New events added to the Diocesan Calendar include:

April 26, [Lay Leaders' Seminar](#), Christ Church, Austin

April 29, continuing for 2 weeks, ["The Life and Works of Mahatma Gandhi"](#), Center for Religious Inquiry

May 5-7, Clergy Conference, King's Conference Center, Buffalo

May 7, [Diocesan Finance Summit](#), St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis

May 7-8, "[Seeing the Face of God in Each Other](#)" anti-racism training, Multicultural Commission of the Diocese of Iowa

June 6, "[We Are the Ones We Are Waiting For,](#)" One-Fifty Committee, St. Paul's on the Hill, St. Paul

June 9-13, [Summer Institute in Spirituality and the Arts](#), United Theological Seminary

June 10-11, "[Seeing the Face of God in Each Other](#)" anti-racism training, Multicultural Commission of the Diocese of Iowa

*A complete [Calendar of Events](#) is available on our website. Also, visit the [Trips and Pilgrimages page](#) on our website for a complete list of upcoming opportunities to explore your journey with God through travel.*

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