

## Faith Community Pathways

Faith Community Pathways will transform two acres of mown grass to a life-filled prairie blooming with native wild flowers and providing a home to numerous pollinators of bees and other insects. The pathways will weave through the prairie with four circle areas for resting and meditation, learning and interaction, and adults to sit and children to play. Informational signs will provide information about the prairie and its inhabitants, environmental stewardship, and guidelines for reflection. The pathways will be a place for community members to interact, connect, and find solace and renewal.

## The Prairie

The prairie will be 30% grasses and 70% wildflowers, all of which will be native to Southeastern Wisconsin.

Circle areas will be crushed granite with benches and logs for sitting and creative areas for children to have hands-on learning.

Plantings on the western border and scattered plantings within the prairie will include oak, elm, and maple trees, white pine and spruce, and viburnum and dogwood bushes.

## Your Contribution Matters!

The Faith Community Pathways project is a community mission and can only continue with your support.

### Donor Levels

Pathway	\$10,000 and up
Circle	\$6,000 - 9,999
Prairie	\$2,000 - 5,999
Pollinator	\$500 - 1,999
Seedling	\$10 - 499

Donations can be made by check using the enclosed envelope or by credit or debit card on Faith Lutheran Church's website:

[www.faithlutherancedarburg.com](http://www.faithlutherancedarburg.com)



## Thank you!

- For your interest in the project
- For your anticipation of walking the pathways
- For your thoughts and contributions of ideas for creative and educational uses
- For your partnership in creating this community space
- For your contributions

## Project Timeline

Late summer – hardscaping for sitting circles

Early fall – grass removal and ground prep

Late fall – seeding of the prairie

The prairie is designed for sustainability and low maintenance, with mowing as the primary method for enabling prairie growth and controlling weeds for the first two years. The established prairie may need an occasional burn, depending on the growth of the plants and the bio-diversity.



## Why Develop an Urban Prairie?

### *Environmental Stewardship*

Every living creature needs survival basics- food, water, shelter, and a place to raise their young. In Wisconsin, 25% of our native pollinators are at risk of extinction because of habitat loss. Faith Community Pathways will be filled with native wildflowers, grasses, and trees to give these creatures a fighting chance at survival.

### *Community Connections*

Faith Lutheran Church has been blessed with a large amount of green space that can be shared with the community. The prairie's walking paths are for everyone to use and enjoy. Studies have shown that spending time in nature has a positive effect on physical and mental health.

### *Education Outreach*

Faith Community Pathways is a natural extension of the Westlawn Woods project. This outdoor classroom will give Westlawn students, as well as other educational and community groups, the ability to study a native Wisconsin prairie along with all the creatures that will call it home.

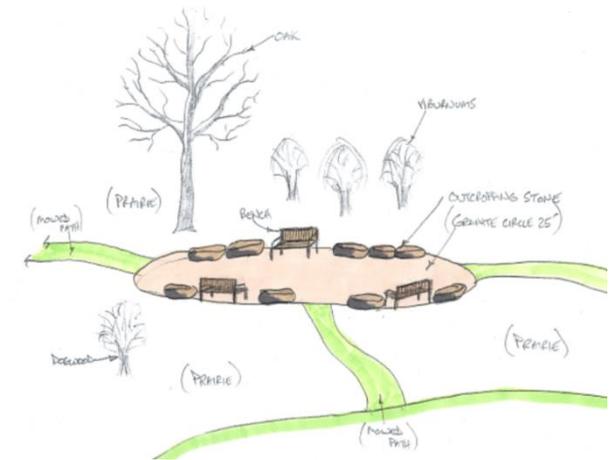


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