

Faith Lutheran Creation Care Native Tree Selection – May 4th



White Pine

A large fast-growing tree with long bluish green needles that are very soft and flexible. Has a spreading crown & is the tallest conifer in Minnesota. Can reach heights of 80-100'.

Moderately shade tolerant but is intolerant of drought and salt spray.

Will grow in a variety of soils but prefers loam and loamy sand soils.

Good food for game birds, squirrels, rabbits.

Good cover: Winter cover, summer nesting and perching.

Fruit: Cones.



Red Maple

A moderately fast-growing tree with three-lobed green leaves that turn a spectacular red color in the fall.

Can reach a height of 40-60'.

Moderately tolerant of shade but intolerant of drought or salt spray.

Will grow in a variety of soils but prefers moist sandy loams.

Fair food for squirrels.

Excellent cover: Nesting, perching, feeding, den for cavity users.

Flowers: Inconspicuous.

Fruit: Small "helicopter" seed with bract.



Red Splendor Crabapple

A moderately fast-growing small tree.

Can reach heights of 20-30'.

Intolerant of shade and drought.

Grows in a variety of soils.

Excellent food for insects, nectar, songbirds, browse.

Good cover: Nesting and perching.

Flowers: Showy pink in spring.

Fruit: Small edible tart in fall.



Red-osier Dogwood

A fast growing shrub providing winter interest of red twigs and branches.

Can reach a height of 10'.

Moderately shade tolerant but is intolerant of drought.

Prefers loamy organic soil.

Good food for songbirds, grouse.

Fair cover: Nesting, escape.

Flowers: White clusters in May-Aug.

Fruit: White berry clusters on red panicle in July-Oct.