



Annual Report 2021-2022

For Annual Meeting June 12, 2022

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**Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
2021-2022 Annual Report**

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**Annual Congregation Meeting
June 12, 2022**

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer**
- II. Determination of Quorum and Agenda Approval**
- III. Approval of Minutes from December 2021 and March 2022 Meetings**
- IV. Presentation of Annual Report/Celebration of Ministry from 2021-2022 Program Year**
- V. Nominating Committee**
 - a. Open Nominations for Congregation Council
 - b. Election of Congregation Council for 2022-2024 Term
- VI. Closing Prayer**



Good Soil Congregation Meeting – December 12, 2021

1. Opening Prayer, Pastor Marissa
2. Determining a quorum (More than 25 people attended, 32)
3. Minutes Approval – June congregational meeting.
 - a. Motioned by Alex Alusheff. Seconded by Dave Blocksom. Approved.
4. Bring Good Soil's Constitution and Bylaws language into conformity with Model Constitution language, based on Northeastern Ohio Synod Constitution Committee's recommendations.
 - a. No questions or discussion from congregation.
 - b. Motioned by Alex Verdova. Seconded by Alex Alusheff. Approved.
5. Budget approval
 - a. No questions or discussion from congregation.
 - b. Motioned by Kim Wiley. Seconded by Tom Smith. Approved.
6. Selection of Nominating Committee
 - a. Tabled for next special congregational meeting. Date TBD.
7. Reminders of Good Soil's holiday worship schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Alusheff



Special Congregation Meeting

March 27, 2022

- 1.) Establishment of quorum: 37 attendees (17 required)
- 2.) Opening Prayer
- 3.) Agenda Approval
 - a. Motioned by Joan Zeager. Seconded by Barb Munch. Approved.
- 4.) Agenda Business items
 - a. Election of Nominating Committee:
 - i. Proposed members: David Blocksom, Joe Lanter, Barb Munch, JoAnne Wancata, Pastor Marissa Harrison
 - ii. Motioned to approve by Alex Alusheff. Seconded by Sharon Hollowell. Approved.
 - b. Roof Replacement Funding Resolution (see attached)
 - i. Considering quotes to repair the flat and sloped section of the roof.
 - ii. Legacy Roofing has provided a quote for \$50K. Exact funding has yet to be finalized but the idea is to use a mix of funds from the Sylvia Rosenbush Trust (\$104,151) and fundraising from the congregation (20% would be \$10,000).
 - iii. Motioned to approve by Mike Wancata. Seconded by David Blocksom. Approved.
- 5.) Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Barb Munch. Seconded by Tom Smith. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Alusheff

GOOD SOIL LUTHERAN MINISTRIES RESOLUTION

The Congregation Council of Good Soil Lutheran Ministries (Good Soil) offers the following Resolution for consideration by voting members of the Good Soil Congregation:

WHEREAS, the roofing materials (roof) of the building (Church) owned by Good Soil and located at 20300 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, OH 44116 have reached the end of their useful lifespan and are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, replacing the Church roof may be completed in one or more phases in the timespan of one or more years:

THEREFORE, on this 27th day of March 2022 by majority vote of the of the Good Soil Congregation,

IT IS RESOLVED that the Congregation Council be authorized to enter into a contract greater than \$5,000.00, for purposes of replacing the Church roof; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congregation conduct a fundraising campaign, for purposes of replacing the Church roof.

Submitted By:

Eric Carlson, Congregation Council President
Sharon Hollowell, Congregation Council Vice President
Alex Alusheff, Congregation Council Secretary
Tom Smith, Congregation Council Treasurer
Dave Blocksom, Congregation Council Member
Amanda Inman, Congregation Council Member
Joe Lanter, Congregation Council Member
Barb Munch, Congregation Council Member
The Rev. Marissa Harrison, Pastor

ACTION TAKEN:

Adopted by majority vote of the Good Soil Congregation

Not Adopted

DATE: March 27, 2022



President's Report

Submitted by
Dave Blocksom

Dear Siblings in Christ at Good Soil,

The Spirit of God comes and goes as God pleases and brings forth life when the imperishable seed of God's Word is sown in good soil **(Mark 4:8; John 3:8).**

Indeed, God's word has been sown in the last 12 months! The Congregation Council and the Congregation have continued to work with God to build a garden where the soil will be more fertile, where more seeds will be planted, and where God's word will flourish. This year's Annual Reports for 2021-2022 shares with you the work put forth by many this past year to ensure God's word will be told and God's work will be done both inside and outside our church walls.

Inside our walls, the Gathering Again task force continued to strategize and advise as to how we could congregate safely this last year as COVID ebbed and flowed. How wonderful it is to see again the smiles on our fellow worshipper's faces and while also providing a specific area for those wanting or needing a masking-only safe space. The Property Committee was hard at work maintaining the church as well as bidding out the roofing work to contractors. The Sunday school teachers were busy teaching God's word to 14 regularly participating children with more children coming in the fall. The Generosity Team was very successful in the beginning stages of creating a culture of generosity and abundance in the congregation. The Nominating Committee has put together an exciting slate of Council candidates to help lead us into future.

We are reaching outside our walls with improvements to our online capabilities enabling people to worship with us as far away as Florida, California, and even India. Our continued and expanding relationships with Meal on Wheels and Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, along with financial contributions to ELCA World Disaster Fund for Ukraine, and support of Trials for Hope are critical life lines to people outside our walls. We will be further reaching out to the community with our Open Doors initiative—a Little Library and meditative garden space in the front yard. The Community Pet Blessing and the Lenten Small Groups spread seeds of faith and community not only to those inside our walls but also outside.

Additionally, the Dandelion Team has been endeavoring on a two-year congregational renewal process focused on spiritual growth and in other ways to reach out to the

community. We are excited about how the Lord will inspire this team to lead us in his work and to new life!

We are truly blessed and thankful to have a loving and caring congregation along with a truly dedicated church council. Thank you to everyone who has helped make Good Soil a loving and hope-inspiring church this last year!

Respectfully submitted,

David Blocksom (Apr-Jun) and the rotation of Co-Congregation Presidents:

Pastor Marissa (Jul-Sept), Barbara Munch (Oct-Dec), and Eric Carlson (Jan-Mar)



The Council meeting via zoom (with special guest, Brynn Carlson!)



Pastor's Report

Submitted by
The Rev. Marissa Harrison

This is what GOD says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves... "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the wilderness...

- Isaiah 43:16-19 (The Message)

Grace and peace be with you! God continues to do brand new things in and among us. They are bursting forth even now—can you see them?

Just a year ago, we celebrated the “Great Return” to in-person worship, but this was not a return to ‘everything we’ve always done the way we’ve always done it.’ On the contrary, the Holy Spirit has been actively moving among us, challenging and empowering us to do things we may have never thought possible before, and continually inviting us to contemplate questions like, “What is the role of church in this day and age? What is God calling us to do and be here and now? How do we live into new ways of being Good Soil together as we emerge from this pandemic chapter?”

We know that connecting with others through meaningful relationships is a crucial part of that. Growing in our relationships with God, with one another, with our surrounding community, and with all of God’s beloved creation is more important than ever as we come out of this pandemic. Over the past year, we have explored intentional ways to do that both internally through practicing faith story-sharing and externally through community leader interviews and partnership-building. The Dandelion Project has been a catalyst for much of this exploration and discovery (see Dandelion report), but there are many additional ways the Spirit has “made roads through the desert and rivers in the wilderness” over the past year as well.

I hope you will take some time to read the stories and see the pictures of God’s great love and vibrant spirit at work in, among, and through the faith community here at Good Soil. In addition to the reports, here are some further highlights of the past year:

Summer of 2021:

- ❖ A series of Summer Community Dinners at parishioners’ homes were held not only for fellowship and to get more acquainted/reconnected after a year of isolation, but also to share personal and congregational stories with one another through a timeline discussion activity.
- ❖ Attention to hospitality and welcome with the addition of our name tag wall and development of Good Soil “Swag Bags” for first time guests.

- ❖ Christmas in July worship on July 25, 2021 complete with sanctuary decorations and Christmas carols galore. You can view that worship service [here](#).

Fall of 2021:

- ❖ Observed the Season of Creation in worship during the month of September, complete with a Community Pet Blessing on the front lawn in October (and pet treat bags to hand out to participants and neighbors).
- ❖ The Rev. Drew Genszler, CEO of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries at the time, worshiped with us and gratefully accepted Good Soil's \$10,000 toward Breaking New Ground (see Breaking New Ground report for more info or watch [here](#)).
- ❖ Adult Forums: Pub Theology in Oct (exploring questions of faith together in a bar/restaurant setting) and Planning For Your Funeral in Nov.
- ❖ Ordination service of Good Soil's intern and former member, The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Matevia, now serving Celebration Lutheran Church. Ordination service [here](#).
- ❖ Communion instruction class held for children.

Winter of 2021/2022:

- ❖ Blessing and Dedication of Little Library (see Open Doors report).
- ❖ Parents Task force of a dozen people discerned and planned for new green Good Soil parents to mark the 4th anniversary of Good Soil.
- ❖ Acolyte training class with the return of acolyte leaders in worship.
- ❖ Transition of newsletter from monthly to weekly e-news.
- ❖ Development of Job descriptions for staff members.
- ❖ Adult Forums: Ash Wednesday and the Practices of Lent (and preparing ashes-to-go bags) in Feb and Legacy Gift Planning in Mar
- ❖ Good Soil leaders attend three-session workshop, "Becoming a Hybrid Church"

Spring 2022:

- ❖ About 20 adults participated in Lenten Small Groups.
- ❖ Throughout Lent we followed the travels and teachings of Jesus with our Lenten passports during the sermon series, "God is on the Move!" We also shared faith stories after the sermons and posted them on our "Faith on the Move" wall.
- ❖ Adult Forums: Making Palm Crosses in Apr and Why we do what we do in worship (with worship servant training) in May.
- ❖ First Holy Week in-person in 3 years. Easter was full of energy with 99 people!
- ❖ Updated the lease with Meals on Wheels and expanded space for their growing ministry needs downstairs.
- ❖ "Building Joy" roof replacement campaign took place throughout the season of Easter. We heard stories about how joy is shared through this community, view them [here](#). A substantial legacy gift along with \$10,000 generously raised from the congregation will help fund the roof so we can continue cultivating joy in and through this community for years to come!
- ❖ New Good Soil Parents blessed and dedicated on Pentecost Sunday.

In terms of the pastoral office, since July of 2021 I've presided over one baptism, one house blessing, four funerals and held pre-marital counseling sessions for two couples. I've also taught confirmation classes (we joined with First Lutheran, Lorain and Prince of Peace, Westlake this year) and accompanied our joint confirmation students to confirmation camp. I continue to offer pastoral care and visits to our homebound members as well as those who are hospitalized or in rehab or hospice.

Additionally, since Summer of 2021, Good Soil has welcomed 15 official new members. Many of them have shared with me that they were drawn to the vibrance of this place: the authentic and wide welcome (and presence of so many children and families), the spirit-filled worship and music, and the intentional focus on building community through deepening relationships, sharing our faith stories with one another, and so much more.

I, too, am grateful to be a part of this special faith community. It is an honor and a joy to see how the Holy Spirit is bringing forth new life—"bursting forth" in so many, many ways.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Marissa Harrison



Welcoming back the Alleluia together during the Children's Sermon on Easter Sunday, April 2022



Some of the Good Soil students after Communion Instruction Class, Fall 2021



Worship and Music Report

Submitted by
Julia Alexander

It has been a pleasure to make a joyful noise with Good Soil during the past year. The transition from live-streamed to in-person services brought the return of congregational singing in June 2021. It has been wonderful to hear the voices of the church community join together as singing in person became possible.

Each week I work with Pastor Marissa to gather together appropriate hymns for the upcoming Sunday service, taking into consideration the scripture readings and other liturgical contexts. During the season of Lent, we began singing a responsorial Psalm each week, in addition to singing the Kyrie and chanting parts of the communion liturgy -- practices that have continued throughout the season of Easter joy.

Some musical highlights of this past year include:

- In December the children's Christmas pageant was an opportunity for the kids to sing Christmas songs as they told the story of the nativity.
- In October we celebrated Marilyn Matevia's ordination in a services full of hymn singing.
- In June Matt and Natalie Vinson had their wedding at Good Soil. It was a pleasure to provide music for the ceremony.

I am thrilled to announce that I will be continuing as Good Soil's Worship and Music Coordinator for another year. I look forward to many Sundays full of worship through song.

Submitted by
Julia Alexander

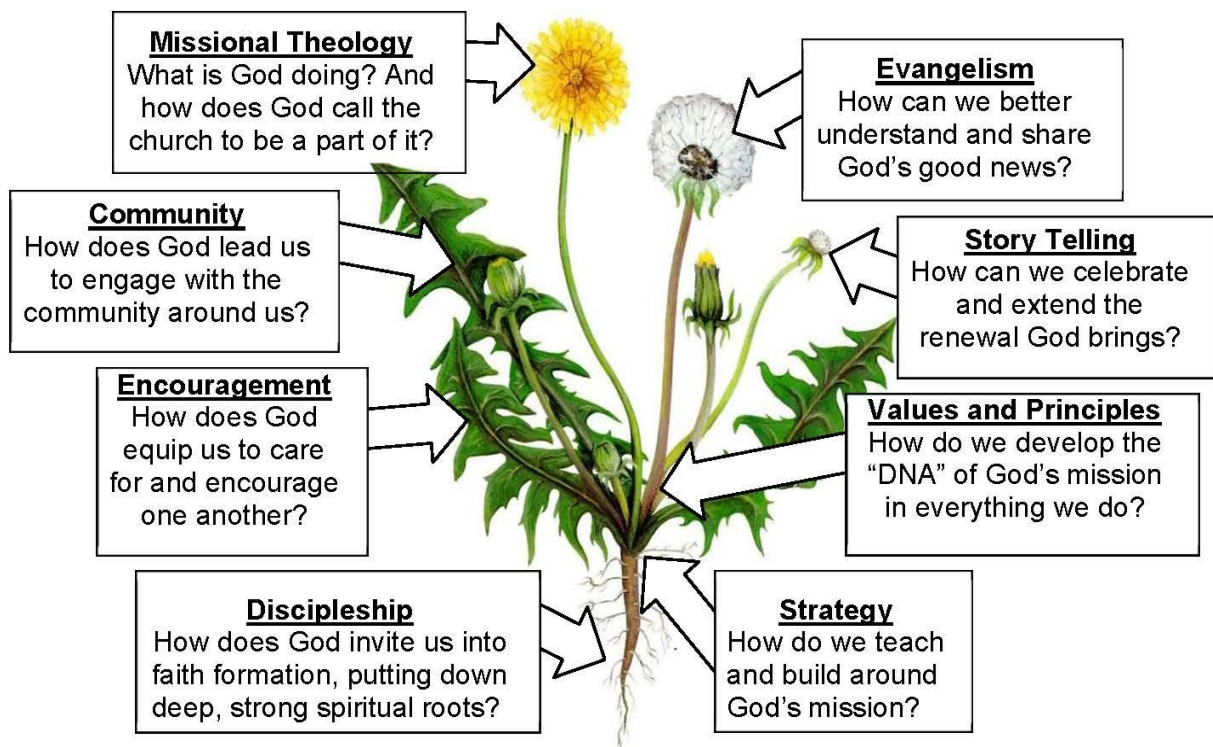




Dandelion Team Report

Submitted by
Mandy Forshey

The Dandelion Project is a two-year congregational discernment and vitality journey sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Synod. 11 congregations, including Good Soil, send a team of people to attend trainings, work closely with a coach, and experiment with activities and ministries in order to further grow spiritually and get re-connected in their neighborhoods. The Dandelion Team at Good Soil is Bill Fink, Mandy Forshey, Barbara Munch, Scott Wylie, Pastor Marissa, and any congregation member who is interested in learning more and helping with this intentional work. Adam Pate and Sharon Hollowell have also attended the quarterly trainings.



So we've been hearing about the Dandelion team from time to time, getting occasional updates, and doing blessings, but what is REALLY happening? Actually, a lot! We have attended several group trainings with other churches that have Dandelion teams and meeting with a coach, learning new ways of looking at engaging more with Christ, each other, and with our community.

With Christ, we have learned how to find more "God moments," (how God is active and present in our everyday lives) and practiced sharing them during meetings and reflection times during worship. With each other, we have shared stories with one another during those reflection times in worship. We also featured "vocational interviews" during the season of Advent where we heard from someone each week

about how their faith informs how they go about their daily job. Another example of engaging with one another was through our “footsteps of faith” stories shared with one another throughout the season of Lent and then posted on the “Faith on the Move” wall at church. And another way we’ve grown in faith and relationships with one another is through the Lenten Small Groups with almost 20 people participating in 4 different groups—several people enjoying it so much that there’s been requests to do small groups again!

Right now, the team is working hard to continue the effort to engage with each other more and build a congregational community that actively and intentionally engages one another at a deeper, spiritual level and helps people grow closer to God by growing closer together as the Body of Christ. Most recently, our homework has been to reach out to members of the congregation we haven’t seen in person in a while to check in with them and ask them how we can help them feel more connected. Simultaneously, we are also interviewing leaders in our surrounding community to discern how we as the church might become better, more visible, neighbors in the community (and to strengthen our community relationships as well). The work being done with community leaders is also helping us to identify strengths and needs on both sides of the relationship to see where we can be mutually beneficial to each other and partner with them to share God’s love in the community.

Each of these intentional acts of engagement is another plank of the bridge that takes us from where we are to the vision of the church we want to be. The bridge building has been a process, but we are already a stronger internal community as a result, and I am excited to see us get stronger in our surrounding community as well.

From all the Dandelions, thank you for your prayers and support!
Mandy Forshey



Some of the Dandelion Team members pictured after attending a training on 5/7/2022



“Footsteps of Faith” stories shared throughout the season of Lent, 2022



Generosity Team Report

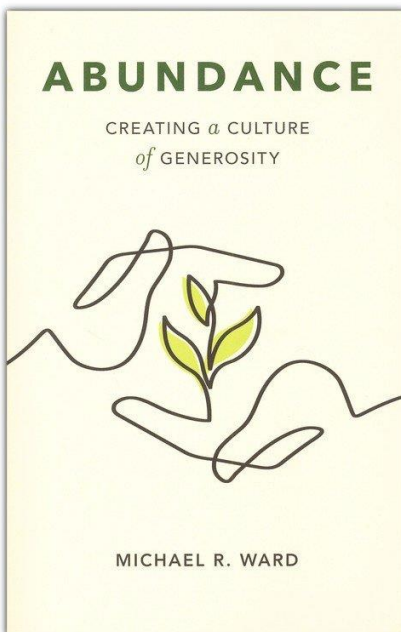
Submitted by
Eric Carlson

The “Generosity Team” was formed mid-2021 with a mission of producing a consistent, credible, and meaningful change in the culture of generosity at Good Soil, both short and long term. Team members remotely attended training programs with Mike Ward, ELCA pastor and author of *Abundance*, from August through November 2021 ahead of the stewardship campaign. Moreover, the team has continued to meet periodically in 2022 in order to review and update Good Soil’s vision and strategy for generosity.

The theme of our Fall 2021 stewardship appeal was “Building a Culture of Generosity.” This theme pointed us to the generosity that we’ve witnessed around our church and to discern how we can grow in this practice in even more profound ways. A total of 41 individuals and families returned an intent card for 2022; a 78% response rate of eligible givers. Of those responses, 31 individuals and families elected to increase their giving amount from the previous year, resulting in a 76% increase in overall gift amounts. The annual median increase in gifting was \$520 and the overall annualized gifting amount was projected \$23,617 higher than the previous year.

Eric Carlson

Additional Generosity Team Members: Carl Bruns, Pastor Marissa, and Michael Wancata



Left: The book “Abundance” was the basis for the trainings which covered topics such as how to increase awareness of generosity, how to cultivate generosity by sharing impact stories, and how to create a culture where everyone feels like they are invited on the generosity journey together, all for the purpose of ensuring that the mission and ministry God has called us to will grow and flourish.

Council members also read Mike Ward’s book and discussed the chapters together during council meetings. Good Soil has extra copies of the book in the library for those interested.



Sunday School

*Submitted by
Chris Jacobson*

Sunday School looked a little different this year as classes met in-person. We had three classes. The older class was 5th graders. The middle class consisted of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. The last group was kindergarten and below. We started something new this year: the two younger groups had Part 1 of Sunday School during the sermon, then returned and finished after church. The older group had Sunday School after church. We used the Sparkhouse lectionary curriculum which meant that the scriptures assigned for the Sunday were also the stories and topics the children learned about in Sunday School. We also performed an in-person Christmas pageant.

The teachers were Louise Debell, Mandy Forshey, Trey Harrison, Pam Lanter, Chris Jacobson and JoAnne Wancata. There was a total of 14 regularly participating children with many more little ones ready to start Sunday School in the fall.

Thank you everyone for your support of the Sunday School.
Submitted by Chris Jacobson



Above: Sunday School Kick-Off Day during the Season of Creation (Sept 2021)

Below: Shepherds ready for the Christmas Pageant (Dec 2021)



Good Soil kids helping to welcome back the "Alleluia!" on Easter Sunday (Apr 2022)





Livestream and YouTube Channel Report

Submitted by
Jessica Berkshire

On June 9, 2021, I received an email from Pastor entitled “Dreaming about the Livestreaming Equipment Upgrade at Good Soil”. It’s hard to believe what we were dreaming about back in June 2021 has become a reality and then some!

Since that momentous email last June we have accomplished the following:

- Upgraded our video from an iPhone to two pan, tilt, zoom cameras
- Upgraded our sound system: two speakers installed next to the pews, two speakers up front facing the pews, two speakers behind the altar, an amplifier, a sound mixer, four hearing assistance devices that can be used by individuals in their seat (if you’d like more information on these devices, check in with Carl Bruns and his awesome headphones!)
- Installed a cart in the back of the sanctuary to house all the livestream equipment: X-keys (to change the camera angles, switch between cameras and media, adjust the audio in realtime), StreamDeck (to move the cameras around), ATEM Mini Pro HDMI Live Switcher (allows us to stream our video/audio/media live to Facebook and YouTube) and a computer
- Installed and configured all the software needed to run a livestream
- And then we went through training to learn how to use it all!

In addition, the amazing Abby Alusheff has been designing and redesigning the hymn and prayer slides we see in person and on the livestream. We will continue tweaking to ensure all can easily follow along with the service. She makes new slides for each service and we appreciate the time she takes each week to make them look great!

We had a few hiccups along the way and we appreciate everyone’s patience as we worked through this new process. We can now say all systems are running smoothly (knock on wood)!

While Trey and I were a two person show for a bit, we’re happy to report Sean Lanter has officially joined the team and flew solo for the first time on May 15. We also have Michael Wancata going through the training process and we look forward to him running a livestream soon. If anyone is interested in learning more about the system or maybe



even joining the team, please let me or Trey know. It's an amazing way to serve on Sunday mornings!!

But...we're not done yet! Talks are already underway to upgrade the lighting in the sanctuary, which will improve not only the in person experience but make our livestream brighter. Two additional improvements to consider: adding mics to pick up the congregational responses and replacing the projector with two large TVs on both walls in front of the altar. We'll also be digging more into our software to learn all the capabilities to find ways to enhance the livestream experience.

YouTube Report

We've had over 2,000 total views since last June, up 53% over last year and our watch time is up 188% over last year. Our top video in the past year is currently [Scott Wylie's sermon](#) from April 24, 2022 with [Carl Bruns' faith story](#) a close second.

As mentioned in last year's report, we wanted to continue featuring stories to highlight the people and activities at Good Soil. We have achieved that goal with our Faith Stories during the Lenten Season, Advent Vocational Interviews, and our current Building Joy campaign stories. To see all of our faith stories, worship videos, and more, go to [Good Soil's youtube playlist](#).

Onward!

Jessica Berkshire, on behalf of the Livestream Team



Breaking New Ground Report

Submitted by
Barbara Munch

Breaking New Ground, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's program to acquire, renovate, and furnish homes to rent to families experiencing homelessness, has made significant progress over the past year. There are currently three units that are occupied by families, and four more that are near completion and expected to be rented at rates that are within their means -- subsidized by BNG Stability Fund proceeds when necessary. The Stability Fund helps ensure that unexpected financial challenges won't cause these families to be under a continual cloud of possibly becoming homeless again. LMM also provides additional services to these families, according to their needs, to help them ultimately become financially independent.

The initial goal of the Breaking New Ground campaign was to raise \$3.5 million. That goal is very close, with only about \$100,000 to go. Good Soil contributed \$10,000 to Breaking New Ground, and offered 1:1 matching funds up to \$10,000 for contributions in 2021 from individuals affiliated with Good Soil. In total, Good Soil's Endowment Fund is releasing \$15,640 to LMM for Breaking New Ground. The level of generosity channeled through this congregation has been meaningful support to LMM's efforts!

Submitted by
Barbara Munch



Members of Good Soil and Trinity Lutheran on God's Work Our Hands Sunday preparing the yard of one of the Breaking New Ground homes for its future family (Sept 2021)



Open Doors Report

Submitted by
Pastor Marissa

This past year, Good Soil was a recipient of an Open doors grant from the ELCA. These grants were available to select congregations who applied with a concrete, actionable idea for meeting their neighbors in new and creative ways.

Here is a summary of Good Soil's Open Doors grant initiative:

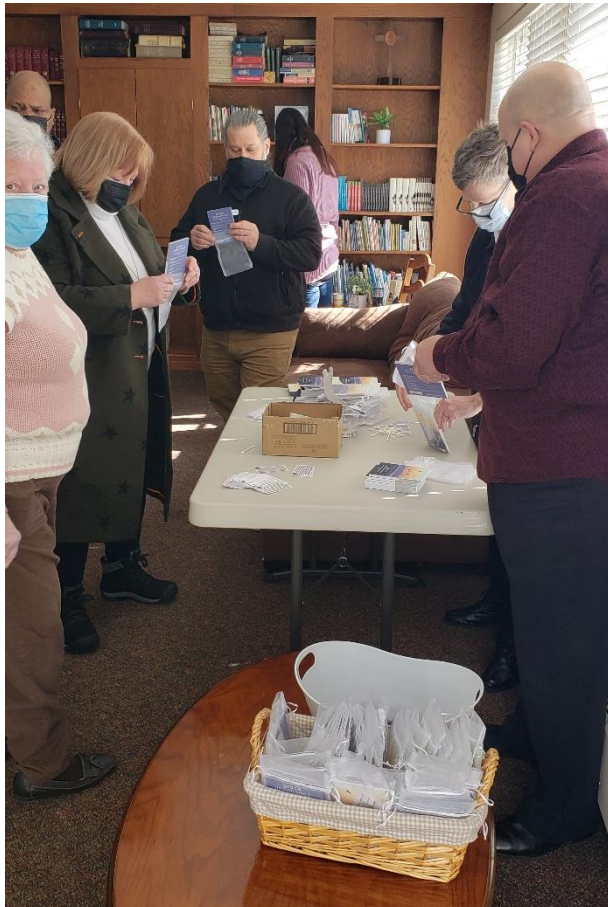
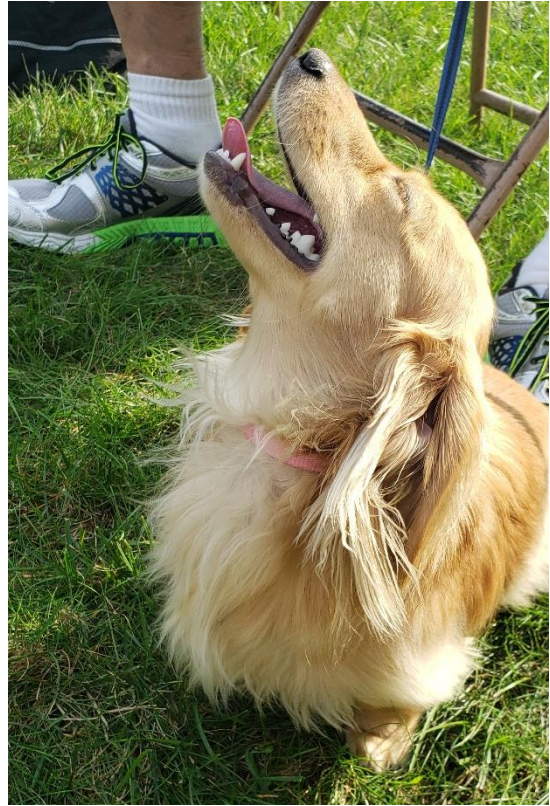
Good Soil's building is situated on a 4-lane street (Hilliard Blvd) in a residential area. People of all ages walk on the sidewalk in front of the church every day. For months we have been brainstorming ideas for how we can better take advantage of the church's front lawn that borders this sidewalk to meet our neighbors, connect with our community, and be a more visible presence of God's love in our neighborhood.

With the help of Open Doors funds, we will be creating an intentional place on our front lawn that serves as a pedestrian garden/hospitality center/children's play area. As a part of this, we hope to add a few children's play spinner bowl so that kids and families know this church is a place where they are wholly loved by Jesus and can wholly be themselves, and have a lot of fun too! A sign will be placed nearby inviting children and families to take a spin so that they know this is intended as a public area. There are also plans for a Little Library and a bench to be installed.

This area will not only function as a place for our neighbors to rest, meditate, read, and play, but also as a hospitality center for meet-and-greet opportunities such as a Pet Blessing service in the fall, "Ashes-to-go" at the beginning of Lent, and plant giveaways ("grow in faith at Good Soil") and/or lemonade/ice cream giveaways. Each meet-and-greet event will be accompanied by a handout with related scripture and/or information about Good Soil's mission and ministry. We hope these meet-and-greet opportunities will lead to conversations that help us get a better sense of the needs and strengths of our surrounding community as well as how our congregation might use the gifts God has given to us to partner with the community in meeting those needs and building on those strengths. We are grateful for this opportunity, thank you Open Doors!

The grant was awarded to good Soil last year in the amount of \$1500. Our Little Library and accompanying bench will be installed in the coming weeks. We also had a successful Community Pet Blessing last fall and created Ashes-To-Go bags for Lent this past spring (see pictures on next page). Looking forward to building on this momentum even more in the coming program year!

Community Pet Blessing, Oct 2021



Left: Stuffing the Ashes-To-Go Bags. 100 bags (filled with ashes, a devotional book and prayer card) were handed out to neighbors, family members, and friends of Good Soil, Feb 2022

Below: Children's Spinner Bowl





Property Committee Report

Submitted by
Larry Jacobson

The Property Committee consists of Linda Beebe, Barbara Demko-Werner, Deborah Dzurilla, Bill Fink, Sharon Hollowell, Larry Jacobson, and Stan Zeager. We were pleased to welcome Pastor Paula Maeder Connor to the committee recently as well. The committee appreciates Deborah's on-going assistance on numerous matters as well as Matt Inman's input on roofing needs. In addition to general maintenance and repairs throughout the year, projects and responsibilities of the committee have included:

- An exterior yard clean-up including planting that was coordinated by Sharon Hollowell and aided by the congregation.
- Patching the parking lot and driveways.
- Regular lawn mowing, grass treatment, and snow removal.
- Installation of window screens in the Fellowship Hall to improve ventilation for Meals on Wheels and congregational events, a project coordinated by Stan Zeager.
- Installation of an exhaust fan in a Meals on Wheels store room to improve freezer operation.
- Evaluation of three proposals for roof replacement and repairs. A vendor has been selected and work is expected to be completed early this summer.

Submitted by
Larry Jacobson, Property Committee Chairperson



Good Soil's Yard
Clean-Up Day,
May 2022



Nominating Committee Report

*Submitted by
Dave Blocksom, Chair*

On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Joe Lanter, Pastor Marissa, Barbara Munch, JoAnne Wancata and myself), we present the Congregation Council-approved slate of candidates to serve the 2022-2024 term.

For consideration and election by the Congregation of Good Soil Lutheran Ministries, the following individuals have been nominated for the Congregation Council for the 2022-2024 term:

1. Bill Fink
2. Sarah Sburlea
3. Matthew Vinson
4. Ellen Young

Floor nominations also may be made and considered during the Congregational Meeting on June 12, 2022.

The following currently serving members will remain on Council until their two-year terms end in 2023:

1. Alex Alusheff
2. Eric Carlson
3. Joe Lanter
4. Tom Smith

The following Council members have completed their terms as of June 2022, and we gratefully thank them for their service and leadership:

1. Dave Blocksom
2. Sharon Hollowell
3. Amanda Inman
4. Barbara Munch

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Blocksom
Nominating Committee Chairperson



Treasurer's Report
Submitted by
Tom Smith

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Balance Sheet

	4/30/2021	4/30/2022
Assets		
Cash	\$ 28,960.33	\$ 241,306.41
Savings Accounts:		
CD's and Money Market Funds	1,028,922.30	563,167.38
Endowment Fund		
Ministry Growth Fund	0.00	300,000.00
Deposits	2090.18	2,090.18
Total Assets	\$ 1,059,972.81	\$ 1,106,563.97
Liabilities		
Memorial Funds	\$ 12,845.51	\$ 8,394.96
Mission Endowment Fund	2,402.57	0.00
Lutheran Metro Ministry	100.00	2,635.98
Breaking New Ground for 2022		
Other (ELCA FedCdtUnion-SBA LN)	26,265.15	0.00
Sanctuary Roof Repair	0.00	1,650
Open Doors Grant	0.00	619.94
ELCA World Hunger/Disaster	0.00	1,690.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 41,613.23	\$ 14,990.88
General Fund	\$ 1,018,359.58	\$ 1,091,573.09
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,059,972.81	\$ 1,106,563.97