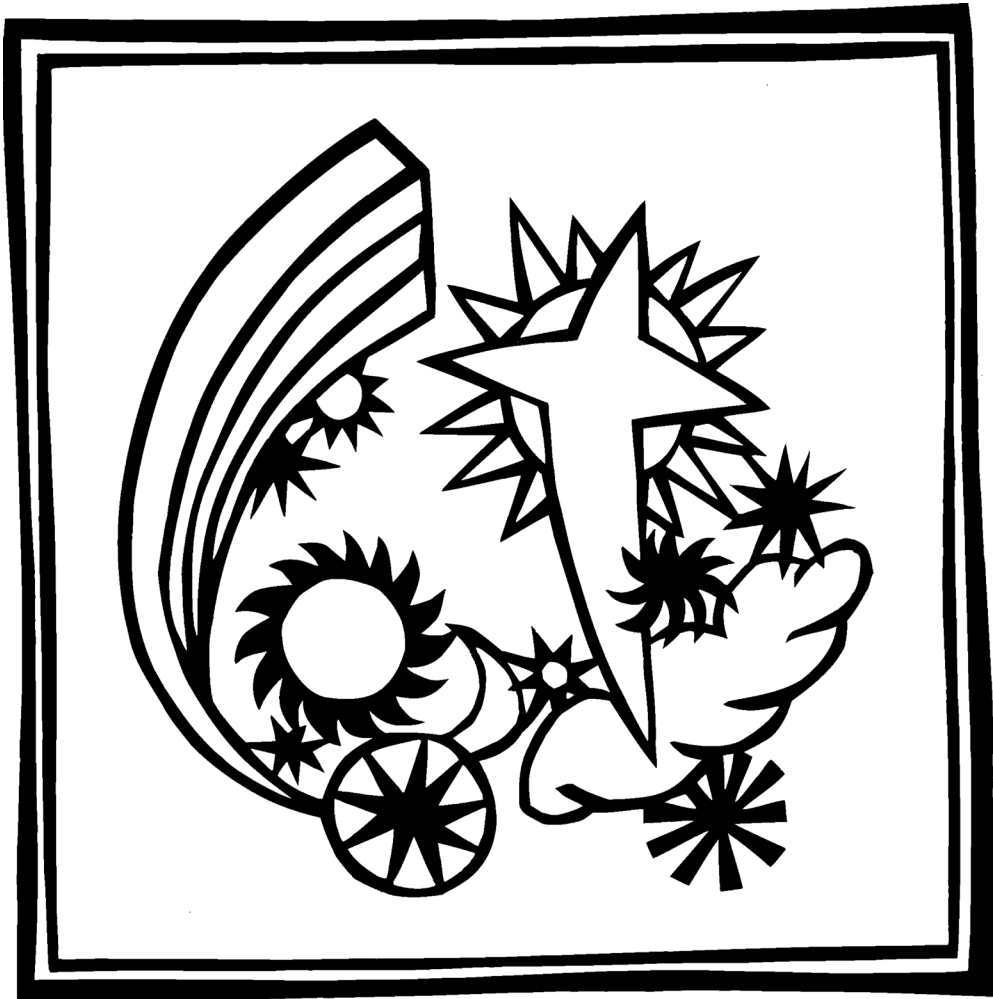


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Growing Together in Christ



23rd Sunday After Pentecost
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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "playground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshipping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

The end is near. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God’s mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism

† A Litany for Veterans

Today, we remember those who have served in our armed forces.

Silence for reflection

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,
We give thanks for our soldiers’ courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served
Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

<p><i>through repentance.</i></p>	<p>We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.</p> <p>We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign. We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.</p>
	<p>Gathering Hymn: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW 327</p> <p>1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.</p> <p>2 One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.</p> <p>3 One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun. One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,</p>

where the one almighty Father
reigns in love forevermore.

- 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.

*The
presiding
minister
greet the
assembly
with the
words used
by Paul in
2nd
Corinthians
to greet
churches.
The assembly
also greets
the presiding
minister in
return. It is a
moment of
mutuality
that signifies
trust, love,
mutual
service, and
a shared
hope in
God.*

† **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

† Hymn of Praise: Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue
ELW 644 v 4

4 The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b.1951
Text © 1995 Andrew Donaldson.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-9, 13, 16

To put this reading into context:

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Hear now the reading:

¶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and

not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (read responsively)

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.

† **Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel reading is announced. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† **Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19**

To put this gospel reading into context:

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As

for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children’s Sermon and attend the 1st part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection

The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly's participation in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.

† Hymn of the Day: What Wondrous Love is This ELW 666

- 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.

† Prayers of Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. Comfort those who are in need especially Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Jamie, Willie, Mark, Char, Jen, Rich, Marie, Jeanette, family of Jerry Sternad . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Guide us this month through our focus groups as we discern the guiding principles and purpose statement for our faith community in this time and place. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code:

Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.



† Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Words of Institution

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p> <p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.</p>
	<p>Communion Hymns</p> <p>By Gracious Powers – ELW 626</p> <p>1 By gracious pow'rs so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day.</p> <p>2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear; oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation, for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.</p> <p>3 And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suff'ring, hard to understand, we take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.</p>

- 4 Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.
- 5 By gracious pow'rs so faithfully protected,
so quietly, so wonderfully near,
we live each day in hope, with you beside us,
and go with you through ev'ry coming year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
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If You But Trust in God to Guide You ELW 769

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Savior's keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,

offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite
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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Blessing of the Dandelion Team

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*With the
blessing of
God, we go
out to live as
Christ's body
in the world.*

† Blessing

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
† bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

† Sending Hymn: How Firm a Foundation ELW 796

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

	<p>2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."</p> <p>3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."</p> <p>4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."</p> <p>Text: J. Rippon, <i>A Selection of Hymns</i>, 1787, alt.</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Eric Carlson
Ushers: Bill and Darlene Wahl	Counters: Bill Fink Barbara Munch
Online Usher: Adam Pate	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, November 13, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Helen Andrews; Max Bechtel; Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Ed Fink; Jamie Lanter; Mark Liston; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Rich Petrusky; family of Jerry Sternad; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Eric and Jenna Carlson (Nov 17), Ed and Verna Fink (Nov 18)

The flowers adorning the altar today are placed to the glory of God in memory of Sunny and Marlys Christensen by their daughter, Joy Christensen.

Pub Theology wraps up today with an Adult Forum to give a brief overview of the highlights of the evenings of Pub Theology this year. The forum will be held immediately following worship.

Focus Groups for Discerning Congregational Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles All parishioners, please mark your calendars to attend ONE of the two remaining focus group opportunities: (RSVP to Dandelion Team member below)

Remaining Dates:

Sunday, Nov. 27th – Brunch after worship, event begins at 11:30am (childcare provided)

Wednesday, Nov. 30th – Dinner at 6pm, event begins at 6:30pm

For meal planning, please RSVP to the following Dandelion Team Members:

Sunday, Nov. 27th – RSVP to Barbara Munch, bwmunch@aol.com

or (440) 465-4937

Wednesday, Nov. 30th – RSVP to Adam Pate, caricatureguy@yahoo.com

or (419) 606-3373

We will be commending our members Tony Sykaluk and Jerry Sternad to the Lord this week. The memorial service for Tony will be this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and the funeral for Jerry will be on Thursday, Nov 17 at 10:30 a.m. God’s love is stronger than death and his compassion more fierce than the grave!

Calendar of Events		
Sun, Nov 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Adult Forum - Key Points in Lutheran Theology/Overview of Pub Theology • New Worship Servant Scheduling Training Session (in-person) • Memorial Service for Tony Sykaluk 	<p style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2:00 p.m.</p>
Tues, Nov 15	Good Soil Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thurs, Nov 17	Funeral Service for Jerry Sternad	10:30 a.m.
Fri, Nov 18	Council Mixer	6:00 p.m.
Sat, Nov 19	Dandelion Team Training	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sun, Nov 20	<p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour 	<p style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p>
Thurs, Nov 24	THANKSGIVING DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Fri, Nov 25	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun, Nov 27	<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Purpose/Guiding Principles focus Group (Brunch and Child Care provided) 	<p style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30 a.m.</p>
Wed, Nov 30	Purpose/Guiding Principles Focus Group (Dinner provided; no child care)	6:00 p.m.