

Ordinary time, extraordinary generosity

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:44-45 (NRSVUE)

As the liturgical calendar moves toward Pentecost – the celebration of the Holy Spirit bringing together God’s beloved with one voice, singing one language of faith and generosity – and away from the holidays traditionally associated with gift-giving, Good Soil encourages you to support the ELCA in its ongoing Good Gifts campaign throughout the month of May 2025.

As members of the ELCA we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is our opportunity to provide critical support to programs that make a loving impact which is so needed now.

Visit goodgifts.elca.org to read more about this program and the array of potential gift choices (e.g. chicks, piglet, cow, backpack with food, environmentally friendly cookstove, etc.). Catalogs are also available in the church lobby.

Children of Good Soil will be collecting contributions each Sunday from May 11 through June 1, at the end of the children’s sermon. Our young congregants will assemble piggy banks for collection during Sunday School on May 4.

The service committee will collect the banks each week and report out the weekly total collected on the following Sunday (and in the weekly e-bulletin).

Pastor Marissa will announce the grand total collected on Pentecost (June 8). A survey will be circulated (in person and online) throughout the following week; this survey will capture the majority’s choice as to which Good Gift our congregation would like to give based on the donations received.

Thank you for giving!

God's Global Barnyard

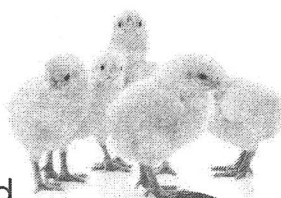
An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

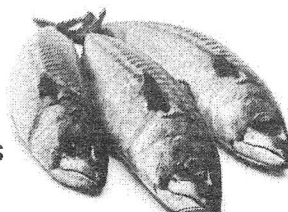
\$20



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250