

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries  
*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve*



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
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9:30 am



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## Welcome

Reflecting the abundant welcome of the Kingdom of God as revealed by Jesus, GSLM welcomes all who seek God's love and grace. We affirm and celebrate the diversity of humanity in all its races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, social and economic circumstances, abilities, and disabilities. Together, we commit ourselves to racial equity and to justice for all, because in God's kingdom, we are all beloved children of God.

## 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 "prayground" 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

Ask an usher about 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. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

### Bulletin 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.



**RECONCILING IN CHRIST**

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

### 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 through repentance.*

#### **† Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise-ELW 834 v 1-3**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

*The assembly and  
presiding minister  
greet each other  
(scripture ref.  
2 Corinthians)*

† **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.**

*The Prayer of the  
Day highlights  
themes in  
today's scripture.*

† **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**The Word**

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

**First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

To put this reading into context:

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature directed Israel's leaders and people in the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

Hear now the reading.

- <sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, to anticipate Christ being revealed to us in the Living Word of the Gospel.*

† 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.

*Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.*

† Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

To put this reading into context:

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and

those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

### Children’s Sermon

*Sunday School is on summer break! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the “learn & grow in faith” area (nursery room at the end of the hall, east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult. On select Sundays there may be a craft activity with a Sunday School teacher in the lounge.*

### Sermon: The Rev. Laurie Miller

*Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice.  
You’re invited to reflect on the following question:*

*Do you consider yourself a humble person? Why do you think the Prayer of the Day connects humility and generosity? How do we best emulate Jesus’ humility?*

*The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.*

### † Hymn of the Day: Gather Us In (ELW 532) v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

*Each petition  
addresses a  
different topic,  
often in the same  
pattern:*

*+ The Church  
+ Creation  
+ Nations and  
leaders  
+ Those in need  
+ This faith  
community  
+ The great  
cloud of  
witnesses/those  
resting with God*

## † Prayers of the Church

We pray for the Church in all its forms here and abroad. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Creation and all that you, O God, have lovingly made.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in our nation and in nations around the world,  
that they work for justice and peace and bring an end to oppression,  
war, and violence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer or are in any need. Today we especially  
pray for Dale, Dave, Helen, Gail, Mary Lou, the Busby family, Joe,  
family & friends of Rody, Jon D, Frank, Ed & Verna, Sara, Donna, Mary  
Lou & Glenn, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan,  
Sally, Thomas, Ruth, Kenya, family & friends of John T, Diane,  
Jeanette, Cole & family, Khams & his community in Manipur, ...& those  
we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this faith community. Help us to joyfully & humbly invite  
others to Christ's banquet table. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, all those who are now at rest in you.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Gather our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior. **Amen.**

<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace &amp; recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p><b>† Passing of the Peace</b></p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always.  <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Meal</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Offering</b></p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran">pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</a></p>  <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p><b>† Offering Hymn: The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing (ELW 531)</b></p> <p>1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  the feast is ready to begin.  the gates of heav'n are open wide,  and Jesus welcomes you inside.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  Take your place at the table of the King.  The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.</p> <p><small>Text © 1989 Make Way Music, admin. by Music Services in the Western Hemisphere. All rights reserved. ASCAP</small></p>
	<p><b>† Offering Prayer</b></p> <p>Creator God,  in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  and the harvest is plentiful.  Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  and our labor,  that we may work for the good of all;  through Jesus Christ, our Savior. <b>Amen.</b></p>

† 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.

† Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.*

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.**

† Invitation to the Table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. **Amen.**

**Communion**

*Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.*

*Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.*

*When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."*

*Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.*

## Communion Hymn: Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross (ELW 335)

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Refrain:* In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## Communion Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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### † Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## The Sending

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

### † Blessing

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
‡ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Through the  
sending hymn  
we are sent out  
into the world  
to follow Jesus.*

### † Sending Hymn: O God Beyond all Praising (ELW 880)

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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*The dismissal sends  
us out as Christ's  
Body: nourished,  
fed, & ready to  
serve. Worship has  
ended, and our  
service begins!*

### † Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Jessica Berkshire
Reader: David Paine	Acolyte: Amelia Forshey
Counters: Jessica Berkshire & David Paine	Cantor: William Eversole
Online Usher: Stormy Younger	Altar Care: Anne Paine
Communion Bread: Anne Paine	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, August 31, 2025

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, Dave, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, family & friends of Dakota Brooks, Mary Lou Busby, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, family & friends of Rody Davey, Jon Deye, Frank Dunaway, Ed & Verna Fink, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Mary Lou & Glenn Kolke, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Kenya Russell, family & friends of John Tasseff, Diane Traxler, Jeannette Weidlich, Cole Younger & family, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

**For those celebrating birthdays this and last week:** Jill McCourt (8/26), Charlotte Meyer (9/1), William Meyer (9/2), Donna Michalski (9/2), Barbara Munch (9/2), Paula Maeder Connor (9/3), Michael Mitterholzer (9/4).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this and last week:** Kelsey & Brett Jonson (8/29), Jim & Toni Kulma (8/29), Alin & Sarah Sburlea (8/29), David Connor & Paula Maeder Connor (9/1), Mark & Denise Jonson (9/3), and Beau Reddington & Kaitlyn Regan (9/3).

**For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this and last week:** David Connor (8/26), TJ Lanter (8/31), and Jason Mattson (8/31).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Larry Jacobson's recent birthday.**

**Knitting Lessons-** As part of our congregational renewal activities, Anne Paine has offered to teach knitting lessons. If you'd like to learn, let Anne know at [anne.c.paine@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.paine@gmail.com). She hopes to offer a class on Thursday evenings in the fall.

**Home Communion Ministry to begin Sept 2025:** Good Soil is starting a Home Communion Ministry team in Sept 2025 to take communion monthly to homebound members. Deaconess Anne Paine ([anne.c.paine@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.paine@gmail.com)) is coordinating the launch of this ministry. Contact Anne or Pr. Marissa with questions, or if you'd like to serve.

**Upcoming service outreach opportunities:** SUN SEPT 7 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday across the ELCA nationwide. Right after church on 9/7, there will be a service project for all ages in the fellowship hall. We will be putting together Blessing Bags. These bags will contain such items as: bottled, water, a few food items, self care samples and a Christian scripture card. Good Soil members can carry one or a few of these bags in their car and distribute as you encounter a homeless person. An example of distribution may be when exiting the highway handing a bag to a person who is collecting donations at the exit. This is a small way that we can continue to support the wider community.

SAT SEPT 13 Team Up to Clean Up, an annual event at Lutheran Metro Ministries (2100 Lakeside Ave) that brings shelter residents, volunteers, staff, & community partners together for a day of gardening, neighborhood cleanup, woodworking, art projects, games, live music, & a cookout! Projects include planting bulbs & flowers, assembling picnic tables, refurbishing a garden bench, & refreshing a gazebo. *9/13 Schedule:* registration 8:30am-9am, projects 9am-11:45am, cookout 12pm-1:30pm. Volunteers provide their own transportation. There is street parking. **Sign up for this event on the bulletin board by the lounge until 9/7.** Questions? Text or email Sharon Regan: [regansharon17@gmail.com](mailto:regansharon17@gmail.com), 216-408-0304.

**Save the Date: Sun 9/28** for a Woodland Themed Baby Shower for Pastor Marissa & Trey, in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. More details to come. Contact Jennifer Krankowski ([hansonjenm@yahoo.com](mailto:hansonjenm@yahoo.com)) or Sharon Hollowell ([hollowells99@gmail.com](mailto:hollowells99@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Looking to put your faith into action?** Hunger continues growing in our community affecting people of all ages and backgrounds. You can be part of the solution by volunteering:

1. **Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, through 11/15/25. Meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood.
2. **New Covenant Produce for the People:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, through 9/27/25 at New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland.

Both service opportunities take place rain or shine. No sign-up needed. You'll help fill bags with fresh, nourishing produce and distribute them to waiting pre-qualified recipients cafeteria style. Put your faith into action and share God's love with others! Good Soil is also collecting plastic grocery bags for these ministries in the black cannister in the hallway.

**Conference-Wide Disaster Relief Trip (11/2/25-11/7/25, Roan Mountain, TN)** -- Consider participating in this "spiritual retreat with nails" and share Christian compassion and love with this TN community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. Participants will leave 11/2 after worship and return on 11/7. Contact Conference Dean Pr. Angela Freeman to learn

more or with questions. [pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org](mailto:pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org) or call (440) 871-2276.

**Emergency Trials for Hope Donations Needed-** Trials for Hope has experienced a surge in people they serve and they are in great need of the following items:

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| -paper towels      | -dish soap         | -bar soap  |
| -spray cleaner     | -toothpaste        | -deodorant |
| -laundry detergent | -bodywash / 3 in 1 |            |

TFH shared that quantity is more important than quality so they can serve more people. TFH also requests that items be normal sized or smaller, as larger bulk sizes do not fit in the bags they use to distribute aid. Please place donations in or around the TFH collection bin at the parking lot entrance. We will collect these items through the end of August.

**Congregational Renewal Activities-** The Renewal Committee reflected on the congregation's interest in meaningful activities centered on rest based on the sign-up sheets in the hallway. Four areas emerged as priorities for Good Soil at this time:

1. Creative Rest: We'll focus on hands-on *crafting* activities to inspire joy and creativity.
2. Spiritual Rest: A *Book Club* will be held to encourage deep reflection & rich discussion.
3. Physical Rest: *Hikes in Nature* with the Holy Hikes Northeast Ohio planned events (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, see Holy Hikes-Northeast Ohio Facebook Page for details).
4. Social Rest: There was interest in a *potluck*, but we need someone to plan the event. If you'd like to volunteer to organize a time of relaxation & connection over good food, music, & conversation in the coming months, contact [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org).

More details provided as each group meets and makes plans in the coming weeks & months.



**Bethesda Staff Partnership-** Scan the QR code to learn more about Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran's staff partnership for a shared Minister for Christian Formation! Please pray for our joint call committee as they journey together. Read an update from them below:

**Call Committee Work-** Bethesda on the Bay and Good Soil have formed a committee to find & call a shared Minister for Christian Formation, to work on faith formation, spiritual family growth, & more. The committee members are Chris Webner (co-leader), Lynne Zeidler, Scott Pohlkamp, & Lisa Hanson from Bethesda, and JoAnne Wancata (co-leader), Evan Paine, Emma Sleva, & Amelia Forshey from Good Soil. Feel free to reach out to any of them. The committee has begun their work, utilizing a guide from the ELCA. One of the committee's primary goals is to regularly communicate with and involve congregants throughout the search. The committee hopes to hold informative & participative meetings with the congregations, during or after service, soon. The committee asks for prayers during this process.

**MOW looking for Drivers-** West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels is in search of drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please contact 440-333-6298 or [rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org](mailto:rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org) for further info.

**Flower Sign-Up-** Interested in adorning Christ's altar with flowers for worship? Sign up on the flower list on the hallway bulletin board or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical bulletin board list has priority. Best efforts are made to ensure the digital calendar matches the physical one. If you sign up online for a date that is taken on the physical list, we will reach out to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may bring your own flowers instead of buying through Good Soil, but please still sign up.



**Newsletter-** Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with friends? Sign up or share our newsletter using the QR code or URL to the right: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Aug 31	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship @ Good Soil</b>	9:30 am
Mon, Sept 1	<i>Labor Day (Church Office Closed)</i>	
Sat, Sept 6	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Sept 7	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Season of Creation: Ocean Sunday</b>	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 7	God's Work, Our Hands Service Project, <i>after worship in the Fellowship Hall</i>	10:30 am
Sat, Sept 13	LMM Team Up to Clean Up, @ 2100 Lakeside Ave	9:00 am
Sun, Sept 14	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Storm Sunday</b>	9:30 am