

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



All Saints Sunday
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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

All Saints Sunday

In holy baptism God makes saints of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition God for the strength to hear & heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit & sustained by the Savior’s body & blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423) v. 1, 2, 4**

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

*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.**

† **Hymn of Praise**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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

† Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

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

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

To put this reading into context:

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

Hear now the reading.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule

and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness, v. 1 and refrain

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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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 6:20-31

To put this reading into context:

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of

Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They’ll return during the Passing of the Peace.

Sermon: The Rev. Jim Kulma

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

What gift(s) has your remembered loved one shared with you?

The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a

† Hymn of the Day: For all Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)v 1, 3, 4, 5

1 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

3 They all in life and death,

<p><i>mutual faith conversation.</i></p>	<p>with you, their Lord, in view, learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.</p> <p>4 For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.</p> <p>5 To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest, the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.</p> <p>Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.</p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <p><i>+ The Church</i> <i>+ Creation</i> <i>+ Nations and leaders</i> <i>+ Those in need</i> <i>+ This faith community</i> <i>+ The great cloud of witnesses/those resting with God</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of the Church</p> <p>Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. <i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.</p> <p>God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. We pray especially for Dale, Dave, Tom, Mike, Gail, Mary Lou, the Busby family, Joe, Jon D, Frank, Matthew, Brendan, Ed & Verna, Sara, Donna, Herb, Mary Lou & Glenn, Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Susan, Sally, Thomas, Ruth,</p>

Katie, the Sburlea Family, Andrew, Diane, Jeanette, Stormy, Khams & his community in Manipur, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Remembering the Saints

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your compassion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in communion with them until we join the saints of every people & nation gathered before your throne.

On this day, we remember those who have died since 11/3/24:

Helen Andrews, mother of George Andrews
Patricia Boegner, mother of Jill McCourt
Carl Bruns, member of Good Soil
Mariann Janosko, friend of Maureen Murman
Madeline Kelly, mother of Patsy Kelly
Ed Kendall, uncle of Darlene Wahl
Brad Marceau, cousin of Darlene Wahl
Tony Michalski, father-in-law of Donna Michalski
Eunice Nelson, friend of Andrew Sykaluk
Gerald Onken, friend of Maureen Murman
Kenya Russell, friend of Jeanne Livingood
Gary Smith, friend of Good Soil and church sexton
Rosie Tucker, cousin of Darlene Wahl
Elwood "Woody" Waters, uncle of Kirsten Reading

We also remember all those who have died due to physical or mental illness, addiction, drug overdose, gun violence, racial profiling,

natural disasters or any other reason. We remember all who have died and are now resting with you.

Remembering the Saints Hymn: Jesus Remember Me, ELW 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (3x)

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At this time, the assembly is invited to come forward to light a candle for anyone they are remembering today.

God the Father formed us as creatures who live and love and die. God the Son lived a human life and joined us in death. God the Spirit holds us in the eternal body of Christ. Thanks be to God: **Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We know that in our grief and celebration, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, **Amen.**

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

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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 pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran



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.

The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.

† Offering Hymn: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

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† Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

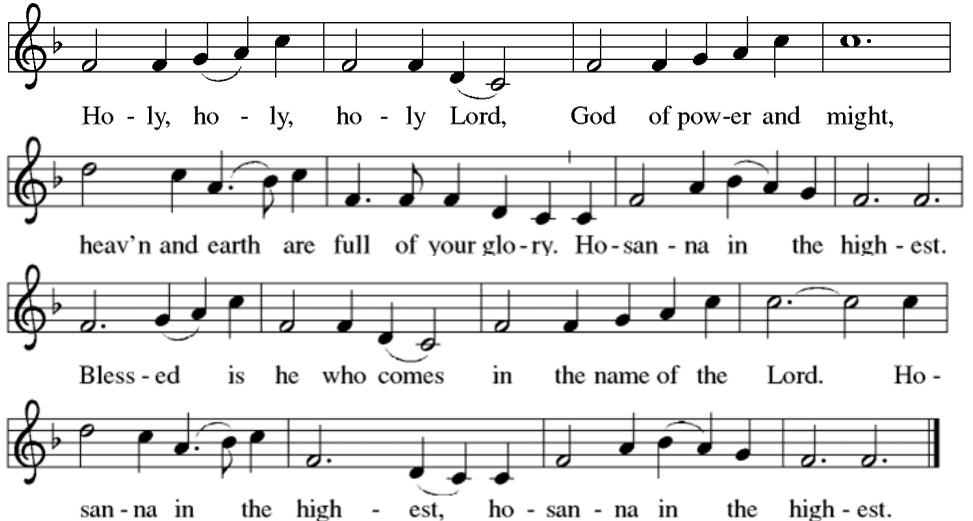
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

† Preface

† Sanctus



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 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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: For all the Saints (ELW 422)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Communion Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW 697)

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

	<p>3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Text: North American traditional</p>
	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p>Prayer for Home Communion Ministry</p> <p>Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you † and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)v 1, 3, 4, 6</p> <p>1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:</p> <p>3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.</p>

- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

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. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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All are warmly welcomed after worship to join for coffee fellowship!

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill Fink & Stan Zeager	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Jennifer Krankowski	Acolyte:
Counters: Stan Zeager &	Cantor: William Eversole
Online Usher: Stormy Younger	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Communion Bread: Jessica Berkshire	

Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, November 2, 2025



Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, Dave, Tom Beck, Mike Bishop, Gail Boggs, Mary Lou Busby, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, Jon Deye, Frank Dunaway, Matthew Eaton, Brendan Erchul, Ed & Verna Fink, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Herb Harrison, Mary Lou & Glenn Kolke, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Thomas Pate, Ruth Patrick, Katie Rininger, The Sburlea Family, Andrew Sykaluk, Diane Traxler, Jeannette Weidlich, Stormy Younger, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Alex Alusheff (11/4), Jovi Mitterholzer (11/4), & Adam Pate (11/5).

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week: Diane Bennett (11/3) & Lily Connor (11/5).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Pam & Joe Lanter (11/8).

Today's altar flowers are in thankfulness to God for His compassion, forgiveness and salvation, and in remembrance of our loved ones we see no more but keep in our hearts.



Maternity Leave FAQ- 10/19 was Pr. M's last Sunday before maternity leave. Scan the QR code to the left to see the answers to some frequently asked questions. Pr. Jim Kulma will be the Pastor of Presence while she's gone. His email is jkulma@cox.net and his cell phone number is 216-221-7333.

Good Soil Book Club- We are holding a book club this fall as a pilot project. This chance for us to gather, share, & grow in our life together arose from the Congregation Renewal Team. We will meet on 11/6 & 11/20 at 6:30 pm in the lounge. Our first book is *Listening for God, Vol. 1*, containing writings by authors such as Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, & Garrison Keillor. Interested? Contact the church office at admin@goodsoillutheran.org or 440-331-1773. Books will be provided, and are now available in the coffee fellowship room!

Please hold the Sburlea family in your prayers: Council President Sarah Sburlea and her family—Husband Alin, Son Luca and Daughter Maddie—suffered a destructive house fire (electrical), and they are no longer able to live at their home in Westlake. No one was hurt, but the damage to their property and all of their belongings is severe. Please surround them with your prayers and love as their church family. If you'd like to do something in addition to prayers, consider mailing greeting cards and/or grocery cards to Nancie Smith, Sarah's mom: Sburlea Family c/o Nancie Smith, 30009 Shadow Creek Dr. Westlake, OH 44145.

Additional Home Communion Ministry Training, 11/9: Chaplain Linda Weidenbach will conduct a follow-up session and training for Good Soil's home communion ministry after service Nov 9. If you're already involved in this ministry, bring your questions. If you're interested in learning more or becoming part of it, you're also welcome! Questions? Contact Deaconess Anne Paine at anne.c.paine@gmail.com or 440-670-4917.

Looking to put your faith into action? Hunger grows in our community affecting people of all ages & backgrounds. You can be part of the solution by volunteering with Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution 9am-12pm on 11/15/25 at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking

lot, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood. This opportunity takes place rain or shine. No sign-up needed. You'll help fill bags with fresh produce & distribute them to pre-qualified recipients cafeteria style. Put your faith into action & share God's love with others! Good Soil is also collecting plastic grocery bags for this ministry in the black cannister in the hallway.

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: Hands-on *crafting* activities to inspire joy and creativity (i.e. knitting)
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 (4th 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.

Knitting Lessons- As part of our congregational renewal activities, Anne Paine is offering knitting lessons. The group meets on Thursdays at 7 pm. If you'd like to learn or have questions, contact Anne at anne.c.paine@gmail.com, or text her at 440-670-4917.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels works in Good Soil's kitchen M-F! They need more drivers to bring meals to recipients, especially Mon, Wed, & Fri. Contact 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for more info.



Bethesda Staff Partnership- Scan the QR code to read an update from Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran's call committee as they engage the call process seeking a shared Minister for Christian Formation. Please pray for our joint call committee as they journey together. Read additional info below:

Call Committee Work- The joint call 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 an ELCA guide. One of the committee's primary goals is to regularly communicate with and involve congregants throughout the search. The committee will be offering updates throughout the search. Please answer the reflection questions (using the above QR code or handouts on the welcome table) and submit those responses to JoAnne Wancata jwancata@sbcglobal.net, if you haven't already.

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 \$30. You may bring your own flowers instead of buying through Good Soil, but please still sign up. Questions about flowers? Contact Cara Rovella at cclc@goodsoillutheran.org.



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/bddik7yp> Questions about the E-news? Contact Cara Rovella at cclc@goodsoillutheran.org.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov 2	In-Person & Livestream Worship- <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Nov 2	Planned Giving Workshop	10:30 am
Thurs, Nov 6	Good Soil Book Club Meeting in the Lounge	6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 9	In-Person & Livestream Worship- <i>Intent Sunday</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Nov 9	Additional Home Communion Ministry Training	10:30 am
Sun, Nov 9	Second Sunday Coffee Fellowship	10:30 am