

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



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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 (with changing table) 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**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ.

### Gathering

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

#### **Prelude and Welcome**

*In the  
Thanksgiving for  
Baptism, we  
recall how God  
has joined us to  
Christ through  
baptism and  
clothes us with  
mercy and  
forgiveness.*

*The  
thanksgiving  
praises God for  
all of God's  
saving actions  
through water  
and the word,  
praying and  
trusting that this  
assembly will be  
renewed by the  
Holy Spirit in  
forgiveness,  
grace, and love.*

*These words of  
Thanksgiving  
are inspired in  
part by  
Psalm 23.*

#### **† Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation and waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ,

you accompany us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with the Great Cloud of Witnesses,

giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645)**  
v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your lovingkindness,  
hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

*The assembly  
and presiding  
minister greet  
each other  
(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**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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

### † Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the cornerstone to our life of faith. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10**

To put this reading into context:

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work & the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate & declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

Hear now the reading.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**



<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my  
crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

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

**† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172**  
*(sing through twice)*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - iah. Hal - le. hal - le. hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Before and after  
the reading of  
the Gospel, we  
give thanks and*

**† Gospel Reading: John 14:1-3, 8-12**

To put this reading into context:

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his*

<p><i>praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.</i></p>	<p><i>disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.</i></p> <p>The holy Gospel according to John.  <b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b></p> <p>[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.</p> <p><sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord.  <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b></p>
	<p><b>Children’s Sermon</b></p> <p><i>Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a “Learn and Grow in Faith” class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i></p> <p><i>What does patterning our life after Jesus look like in this day and age? In this political and social climate? In everyday life? What’s one concrete way you can practice that this week?</i></p>

*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: Lord God We Praise You (ELW 558)

- 1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, standing here before you;  
singing, we offer prayer and meditation;  
thus we adore you.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. composite

*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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire us to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom we encounter. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Bring an end to war, violence, and humanitarian crises everywhere, including in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and surrounding countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. We pray

especially for Dale, Martin, Diane, Mike, Steve, Joe B, the Busby family, Joe C, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Mary, Chris, Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Bill, Joyce, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Emily, Kristina, Jeanette, James, ...and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Bless our Home Communion Ministry, and make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.*

**† Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you." This greeting can take the form of shaking hands, waving, or making the peace sign with one another.*

*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](https://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 to the altar to signify*

**† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377) v. 1**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

*our gratitude for  
God's blessings.*

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### † Offering Prayer

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus, **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, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

### † Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

...With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### 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 coming up front. You are invited to stand along the altar rail, rather than kneel, to embody the posture of the resurrection.*

*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: Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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### **Communion Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)**

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,

around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.

- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

### † Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

### † Prayer for Home Communion Ministry

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.**

### The Sending

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

### † Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**† Sending Hymn: I Come With Joy (ELW 482) v. 1, 2, 5**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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

**† Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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*You are warmly invited to gather in the upstairs lounge area for coffee  
fellowship following worship!*

## Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Sharon Hollowell & Bill Fink	Livestream: Joe Lanter
Reader: David Dick	Acolyte: Evan Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & Jessica Berkshire	Cantor: Beau Reddington
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Altar Care: Paula Maeder Connor
Communion Bread: Sarah Sburlea	



## Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 3, 2026

**Especially in our prayers:** Dale Alexander, Martin Bauer, Diane Bennett, Mike Bishop, Steve Bugosh, Joe Buntyn, the Busby family, Joe Cassatta, Elizabeth Danish, Jon Deye, Audrey Dorin, Frank Dunaway, Kay Eaton (Welsh Home), Kay Eaton (Renaissance Home), Brendan Erchul, Sarah Gresh, Donna Handy, Mary Hanson, Chris Jacobson, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Bill Meyer, Joyce Miller, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Emily Reilly, Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, James Younger, and all those suffering because of war, violence and humanitarian crises, including in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel, & surrounding countries in the Middle East.

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Jacob Wylie (5/3), Austin Carlson (5/4), & Corey Mattson (5/4)

**For those celebrating baptism anniversaries this week:** George Young (5/4).

**The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God in honor of Jacob Wylie's birthday.**

**Save the Date - Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring Clean-Up** - The Property Team's annual Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 12:00pm. We will be doing a general clean up around the church building, consisting of weeding, trimming shrubs, moving and planting flowers. We'll meet in the parking lot for work assignments. Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools. We'll supply lawn bags, some tools, drinks, and snacks.

**2026 Pride Parade 6/6** – It's that time of year again: time for the annual Cleveland Pride Parade and celebration. Mark your Calendars for Saturday, June 6. This year Good Soil will be marching with Peace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Hts. Staging for the parade begins at 10 AM in Public Square, with stepoff starting at 11 AM. The parade will wind from Public Square for one mile through downtown ending at Malls B & C for fun, food and music which will continue until 6 PM. Participating in this event is yet another important way we show that as

Good Soil we are believers in “loving our neighbors as God loves us”. Showing up as members and allies of the LGBT Community and as church is increasingly important in these times. Please contact Kathy Aloï ([kathmaloi@gmail.com](mailto:kathmaloi@gmail.com)) (440)476-4899 Text) if you are interested in carpooling or have questions prior to the parade. Contact Mandy Forshey (216) 640-6145 or Vicar Albie from Peace Lutheran (319) 883-3947 if you need to locate the group or have any questions the day of the parade.

**Do you have a handy person in your life?** Good Soil is in search of a reliable and responsive person to help serve as a backup for our maintenance contractor and provide on-call support for building-related issues. This Sexton role includes responding to building alarms or emergencies, coordinating with contractors while they are on site, and assisting with maintenance needs during unexpected weather events or other special occasions. We’re looking for someone dependable, hands-on, and willing to be available in an on-call capacity as needed. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone—please contact Sean at [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) to learn more.

**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:

**New Covenant Produce for the People:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, at New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland. *There will be no produce giveaway on 5/23/26.*

**Our neighbor Trials For Hope needs food items.** Let’s put our love in action to support them with needed items. Items should be easy to open such as pouches, pull tabs or tear away tops: tuna, fruit cups, protein or granola bars, applesauce, etc. Place items in the designated bucket next to the front door or under the table & label as TFH if bucket is full.

**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](mailto:rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org) for more info.

**Bethesda Staff Partnership for Shared Minister for Christian Formation-** Both church councils reviewed and approved the Ministry Site Profiles and position description at their April Council Meetings. Next, the Ministry Site Profiles will be uploaded and published in the ELCA’s call database for available candidates to review. Interested candidates will contact the Northeastern Ohio Synod Staff to share their candidate profiles with the Call Committee. Interviews with the Call Committee will then take place in the coming months. Please hold our Call Committee, council leaders, and this call process in your prayers as we discern who God is calling to serve as our shared Minister for Christian Formation. Questions? Contact Call

Committee Co-Chair, JoAnne Wancata at (440) 655-3674

What's Christian Formation? Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Small Group ministry, Service and Learning opportunities, Acolyte and Communion Instruction Classes, and Worship, are all examples of how we are "formed" in the Christian faith and life.

**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 \$35. 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](mailto: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/bddjk7yp> Questions about the E-news? Contact Cara Rovella at [cclc@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:cclc@goodsoillutheran.org).

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 3	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30 am
Sun, May 10	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Sixth Sunday of Easter, <i>Mother's Day</i></b>	9:30 am
Sat, May 16	Spring Clean-Up at Good Soil	9:00 am
Sun, May 17	<b>In-Person &amp; Livestream Worship: Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9:30 am



