

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of Elsie Renea and Ayla Marie Nichols
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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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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.



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*This Call to
Worship is
based on
Matthew
22:34-40 and
Psalm 1.*

† Call to Worship

Which commandment is the greatest?

Love the Lord your God.

And the second?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love:

with all your heart.

Love:

with all your soul.

Love:

with all your mind.

Love:

with all your strength.

On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Blessed are those who delight in the ways of the Lord. Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655) v. 1, 2, 4

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,

for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

*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.

*Kyrie Eleison
means, "Lord
have mercy."*

† Kyrie

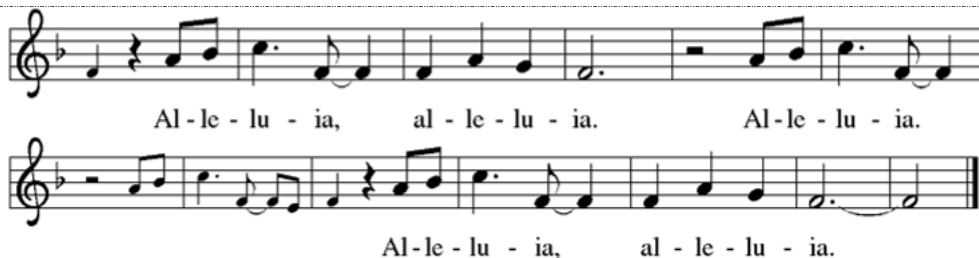
Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

<i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.</i>	† Prayer of the Day O Lord God, enliven us with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life, wholeness, and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
<i>The First Reading comes from the Old Testament in the Bible.</i>	<u>The Word</u> <i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i> First Reading: Romans 13:8-12 To put this reading into context: <i>The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.</i> Hear now the reading: ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.
<i>We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being</i>	† Gospel Acclamation

*revealed to us
through the
Living Word of
the Gospel.*



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

† Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

To put this reading into context:

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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, end of the hall, east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult. On select Sundays there may

be a faith craft activity with a Sunday School teacher in the lounge.

Sermon: Pastor Marissa Harrison

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

Reflect on an experience of reconciliation in your life. Who was involved? What was necessary for reconciliation? How did you feel at different parts of that journey? Where did God's presence or activity show up through that process?

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, I Need You (CCLI, Matt Maher)

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Baptism of Elsie Renea and Ayla Marie Nichols

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love . . .
. . . and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

John and Rachel, who do you present for baptism today?

Sponsors respond: We present Elsie and Ayla for baptism.

Taylor and Matthew, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children, Elsie and Ayla, baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring Elsie and Ayla to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the 10 commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures, and
nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world
God made, and work for justice and peace.

Taylor and Matthew, do you promise to help Elsie and Ayla grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

John and Rachel, do you promise to nurture Elsie and Ayla in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Elsie and Ayla and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?

Congregation responds: We do.

† Profession of Faith

Parents and Sponsors, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and sponsors respond: I renounce them.

† Apostle's Creed

People of God: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

† Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . .
. . . To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Elsie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ayla, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Elsie and Ayla with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the love of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Elsie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Ayla, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God and sharing God's creative and redeeming Word.

The assembly applauds.

<i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</i>	† Passing of the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. <i>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.</i>
<i>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:</i> <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>	† Prayers of the Church Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. <i>A brief silence.</i> Proclaiming God, empower your church to announce the words you give us and be open to receiving your word in unexpected ways. Today we pray for and celebrate with the newly baptized, Elsie and Ayla. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Forming God, renew and protect your creation. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all. We pray especially for Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel & surrounding countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Attending God, restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We especially pray for Dale, Davon, Jane, Darlene, Diane, Mike, Steve, the Busby family, Joe, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay and her family, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Rev. John Keller, Jim & Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Preston, Bianca, Joyce, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Cathryn, Kristina, Kim, Jeanette, James, ...and all those we name aloud or in our hearts [<i>A brief silence</i>]. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Gathering God, resolve conflicts through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Loving God, all who die have eternal life with you. We give you thanks

for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and
whatever else you see that we need, through Jesus' name. **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

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 to the
altar to signify
our gratitude
for God's
blessings.*

† Offering Hymn: We are an Offering (ELW 692)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,
they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
We are an offering.

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† Offering Prayer

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Words of Institution

† 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

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

evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

† Invitation to the Table

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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, one side of the sanctuary at a time, for the summer.

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: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Communion Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879)

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, 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.**

The Sending

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

† Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
† one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

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

† Sending Hymn: Lift High the Cross (ELW 660) v. 1, 3

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

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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

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Larry Jacobson & Sharon Hollowell	Livestream: Sean Lanter
Reader: Jennifer Krankowski	Acolyte: Evan Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & David Connor	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Online Usher: Pam Lanter	Communion Bread: Michael Mitterholzer



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, August 30th, 2026

Especially in our prayers: Dale Alexander, Davon, Jane Beese, Darlene Beesley, Diane Bennett, Mike Bishop, Steve Bugosh, 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, Rev. John Keller, Jim & Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Preston McLendon, Bianca Miller, Joyce Miller, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Cathryn Schultz, Kristina Seeley, Kim Taylor, Jeanette Weidlich, 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: Larry Jacobson (8/21), Jill McCourt (8/26), Charlotte Meyer (9/1), Donna Michalski (9/2), Barbara Munch (9/2), Pr. Paula Maeder Connor (9/3), Michael Mitterholzer (9/4)

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries: Pr. David Connor (8/26), TJ Lanter (8/31), Jason Mattson (8/31)

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

The flowers adorning the altar today are given in honor of Larry's birthday by Chris Jacobson.

Good Soil knitting and crafting group will start up again on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting in September. If you'd like to learn to knit or just want to hang out with good people and work on another craft, talk to Anne Paine or text her at [440-670-5917](tel:440-670-5917).

Season of Creation begins in September, bring a friend! The Season of Creation is a time when the global church unites to intentionally reflect on God's presence in creation and our calling to care for it. We give thanks, we pray, we lament, we hope, and we recommit ourselves to healing our relationship with our sacred home. One Good Soil parishioner recently shared, "The Season of Creation is one of my favorite times of the whole church year." This year's themes are River (9/6), Wilderness (9/13), Forest (9/20), and Land (9/27, outdoor worship, no livestream). If you'd like to help decorate the sanctuary, please contact Mandy Forshey at (216) 640-6145 or amandamforshey@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to worship with you, invitations are on the welcome table. Enjoy meaningful outdoor worship and then some fun fellowship with free ice cream truck treats from Polar X-Press on 9/27!

Hike With Gather Together (20s/30s Young Adult Ministry), Saturday 9/12 at 4pm – Please join us for an afternoon of faith and fellowship at the Rocky River Nature Center on September 12. We will meet in the parking lot at 4 pm. The group will walk for about an hour and conclude with a contemplative period. Please feel free to bring family and pets! RRNC is located in the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation: 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Kindly RSVP to emmacsleva@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Gather Together" is a self-organized young adult group across several Lutheran communities focused on building affirming community through meaningful engagement with one another, with God, and with our wider world. See gathernetwork.org/ more information about the ELCA's Gather Ministry, or use the QR code to view CLE's Gather Together page and join the contact list for upcoming events.



"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday Service Project Opportunity, 9/13 – In celebration of the ELCA's annual day of service, Good Soil is teaming up with LakewoodAlive to assist seniors with yard clean up on 9/13/26. Following Sunday service, volunteers will meet at the assigned yard and work for about 90 minutes. LA requests that volunteers wear long sleeves and pants. They will have some tools, gloves, safety glasses, lawn and leaf bags and a cooler of bottled water onsite for everyone. If you have any personal tools, you are welcome to bring them. A written waiver is required for participation and will be emailed to you for digital signature (paper copies will also be available the day-of). Please RSVP to Emma Sleva (emmacsleva@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience. The volunteer site will be shared with participants via email/phone one week prior to the event.

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: 4th Sat of each month, 9a-12p, at New Covenant Lutheran, 1424 Hayden Ave, Cleveland.

Lakewood Fresh Produce Distribution: 3rd Sat of each month, 9am-12pm, through November. Meet at the Lakewood Congregational Church parking lot located on the corner of 1375 W. Clifton Blvd at Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

Our neighbor Trials For Hope needs food 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. Feed your community and your soul by volunteering! Contact Liz at 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org.

Bethesda Staff Partnership for Shared Minister for Christian Formation – The Call Committee is interviewing candidates this month! 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 is Christian Formation? Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, small group ministry, service and learning opportunities, acolyte and communion instruction classes, spiritual practices, 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 (the online form is currently not accepting responses). Each Vase is \$35 from Cottage Flowers. You may bring your own flowers instead of purchasing through Good Soil, but please still sign up to reserve your slot. Questions? Email Church Admin Sean Kennedy at admin@goodsoillutheran.org or call the church office at 440-331-1773.

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 30	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 14 th Sunday after Pentecost and Baptism of Elsie and Ayla Nichols	9:30 am

Thurs, Sept 3	Confirmation kickoff @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran for confirmation students and parents	6:00 pm
Sat, Sept 5	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine, (Lorain Rd & RR Drive)	9:00 am
Sun, Sept 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 1st Sunday in the Season of Creation: River Sunday	9:30 am
Sat, Sept 12	Gather Together (20's/30's) Holy Hike @ Rocky River Nature Center	4:00 pm
Sun, Sept 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation: Wilderness Sunday and God's Work Our Hands Sunday , followed by Lakewood Alive Senior Yard clean-up service project	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 3rd Sunday in the Season of Creation: Forest Sunday	9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20	Acolyte Training after worship (2nd grade and older)	10:30 am
Sun, Sept 27	In-Person Outdoor (no livestream) Worship: 4th Sunday in the Season of Creation: Land Sunday , worship in Good Soil's parking lot with Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran (bring a lawn chair; rain plan—inside sanctuary). Free Ice Cream truck treats for all after worship!	9:30 am