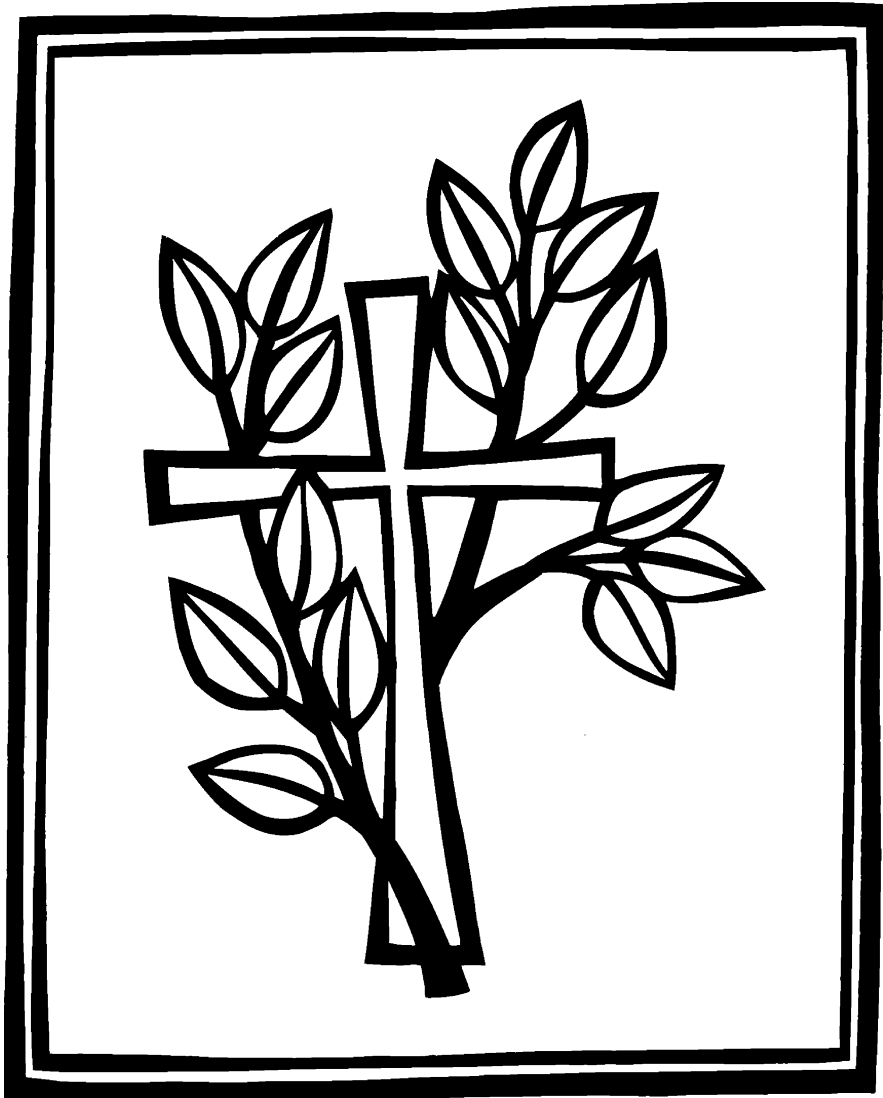


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Third Sunday in the Season of Creation: “Forest Sunday”
September 20, 2026
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 "playground" 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.



Third Sunday in the Season of Creation: “Forest Sunday”

Celebrated by Christians around the world, the Season of Creation is a global movement where faith communities reflect on how caring for creation is connected to our discipleship as followers of Jesus and as stewards of our shared, wondrous home. Trees have a central place in the stories of God’s Creation and God’s salvation. Jesus was put to death by hanging on a tree. Forests are an integral and indispensable part of Creation.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*The themes
for Season of
Creation
(Year A)
are reflected
in the Call to
Worship:*

River

Wilderness

Forest

Land

† Call to Worship

Come, worship the God of all Creation.

We praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.

Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.

We praise the Creator whose baptism unites us as one Body of Christ in solidarity with all Creation.

Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.

Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

We praise the Creator who fashions the forests, whose trees clean the air of this world.

Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.

We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.

*In the
Confession and
Forgiveness,
we’re drawn
by God’s
mercy to
prepare to
assemble
around the
Word and*

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.

Reconciling God,
we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation.
Amen.

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, receive this forgiveness and be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world.
Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: God's Work, Our Hands (ACS 1000)

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,

	gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel. Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Text © 2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress
<i>The assembly and presiding minister greet each other (2 Corinthians)</i>	† 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: All Creatures Worship God Most High (ELW 835) v2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
<i>The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in today's scripture.</i>	† Prayer of the Day O Lord, maker of all things, you planted the trees of the Earth and raised them up to give the breath of life for all creatures. As your Son was lifted up on the tree bringing new life to all Creation, stir us by your Spirit to protect the world you have made. We join the forests in praising you, 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> New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-42 To put this reading into context: <i>Paul notes, “they put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree” (v. 39). Trees have been used as instruments of torture and death throughout human history. However, Paul proclaims that the resurrection brings new life to all.</i> Hear now the reading.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who loves God and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

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

*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.*

† Gospel Acclamation: Heleyuan (ELW 171)



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

† Gospel: John 3:1-16

To put this gospel reading into context:

Nicodemus comes to Jesus and has his entire viewpoint of faith reoriented according to a new way of understanding God's grace and mercy. During the Season of Creation, Jesus reorients our thinking about the environment according to the same grace and mercy of God.

<i>Gospel reading.</i>	The holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord. ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
	Children’s Sermon
	Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison <i>Silence for Reflection.</i>

	<i>Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:</i> <i>In the Bible, trees symbolize God’s provision, wholeness, healing, and abundant life. How can we act as “Trees of Life” to one another? Where have you seen examples of this in action?</i>
<i>The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.</i>	† Hymn of the Day: Lift High the Cross (ELW 660) <i>Refrain</i> 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. <i>Refrain</i> 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. <i>Refrain</i> 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. <i>Refrain</i> 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! <i>Refrain</i> Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956 Text © 1974 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
	† Ionian Creed We pray together the Ionian Creed: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all of creation. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken.

	He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen. Ionian Creed, also known as the “Celtic Creed.” The Iona Community was founded in Glasgow and Iona in 1938 by George MacLeod, minister, visionary and prophetic witness for peace, in the context of the poverty and despair of the Depression. More here: https://iona.org.uk Creed accessed from: https://modernliturgist.org/project/a-celtic-creed-2/
<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 + Creation + Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of</i>	† Prayers of Intercession Let us pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. <i>A brief silence.</i> God of all, make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the hills and the trees. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, receive our prayer. God of the nations, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and surrounding countries in the Middle East. Merciful God, receive our prayer. God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Today we especially pray for: Dale, Davon, Jane, Darlene, Diane, Mike, Steve, the Busby family, Joe, Elizabeth, Jon, Audrey, Frank, Kay, Kay, Brendan, Sarah, Donna, Rev. John Keller, Aliyah, Jim & Toni, Kate, Charley & Cindy, Preston, Bianca, Joyce, Jen, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Cathryn, Kristina, Kim, Jeanette, Paul, Jeanette...and all those we name aloud or in our hearts [<i>A brief silence</i>]. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

<i>witnesses/those resting with God</i>	God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, receive our prayer. God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, receive our prayer. Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciles all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.
<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>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>	<u>The Meal</u> Offering <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus</i> 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  <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>
<i>The offering is brought to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i>	† Offering Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879), v. 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: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. Copyright © 2001 Robert Buckley Farlee, admin. Augsburg Fortress

† Offering Prayer

Loving Creator, all Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

† Eucharistic Prayer and 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 gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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 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.

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: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn: How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things,

	who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
<i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i>	† Sending Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836) 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee. 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine! Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, and ready to serve. Worship</i>	† Dismissal Go in peace. Care for Creation. Thanks be to God.

<i>has ended, & our service begins!</i>	
	Postlude

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Today’s Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl	Livestream: Joe Lanter
Reader: David Paine	Acolyte: TJ Lanter
Counters: Joe Lanter & David Paine	Cantor: David Paine
Online Usher: Pam Lanter	Altar Care: Anne Paine
	Communion Bread: Sarah Sburlea



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Sept 20th, 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, Aliyah Kennedy, Jim & Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Charley & Cindy McCabe, Preston McLendon, Bianca Miller, Joyce Miller, Jen Mitterholzer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Cathryn Schultz, Kristina Seeley, Kim Taylor, Paul Wancata, 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: JoAnne Wancata (9/26), Bill Wahl (9/28), Luke Williamson (9/28), Ryan Williamson (9/28)

For those celebrating baptism anniversaries: Amelia Forshey (9/26)

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Andrea & Tom Molnar (9/23)

Would you like to honor a loved one or special occasion by dedicating flowers to adorn Christ’s altar? **The flowers schedule has a few open dates still available.** Email Church Admin Sean Kennedy at admin@goodsoillutheran.org or call the church office at 440-331-1773.

Season of Creation is throughout 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 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!

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 440-670-4917.

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:

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.

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

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.

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, 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 (bring a lawn chair; rain plan—inside sanctuary). Free Ice Cream truck treats for all after worship!	9:30 am
Sat, Oct 3	Ladies' Breakfast at Gene's Place to Dine (Lorain Rd & RR Drive)	9:00 am
Sun, Oct 4	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 19th Sunday After Pentecost and 1st Sunday in <i>The Joy of Generosity</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 4	Community Pet Blessing at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran (28607 Wolf Rd. Bay Village, OH 44140)	2:00 pm
Thurs, Oct 8	Council Mtng (2027 Ministry Budget Planning)	7:00 pm
Sun, Oct 11	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 20th Sunday After Pentecost and 2nd Sunday in <i>The Joy of Generosity</i>	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 18	In-Person & Livestream Worship: 21st Sunday After Pentecost, 3rd Sunday in <i>The Joy of Generosity</i>, and Baptism of Russell Neuhaus	9:30 am

