



Welcome of New Members

Sunday, December 8th, 2024



Karen Erchul

Karen has four great grandchildren, Brittany, Brooklyn, Brayden, and Brendan Jr. She loves music, especially the Beatles, Josh Groban, and Andrea Bocelli. Karen is a former member of Trinity Lutheran, and when her good friend Donna Handy began attending Good Soil, she came along. Karen appreciates the caring pastoral care here and the beautiful way God's Word is shared.



Michael Mitterholzer

Michael's interests include sports, nature, making healthy food, all kinds of animals, and his family. He owns Michael's Bakery and Deli in Cleveland (pictured left), and is skilled at cooking, baking, and working with his hands. He first came to Good Soil to attend his grandson Otto's baptism, and likes worshiping here.



Matt & Taylor Nichols

Matt and Taylor were married in 2022 in Minneapolis. Taylor is from Chicago and Matt is from Charlotte, North Carolina. They both enjoy running, cooking, and travel. They've chosen Good Soil for their church home in part because of the inclusive message and welcoming atmosphere.



Lisa and Dave Sierk

We are both excited to join the Good Soil church family! As longtime Lakewood residents, we love our neighborhood and community. Dave is a cradle Lutheran, and Lisa chose Lutheranism, as we married at Trinity Lutheran Church in 2005. We were married by Pastor Paula Connor, and many of our former Trinity church family is here at Good Soil, which makes this feel like home. Pastor Marissa has been marvelously welcoming. The first time we visited, we felt immediately comfortable with the church community and worship. We admire how you conduct your mission and look forward to becoming increasingly engaged with it. Professionally, Lisa is a non-profit development consultant focused on philanthropic culture and fundraising, and Dave is an English professor at Tri-C. We enjoy travel, music, sports, and entertaining. Dave writes and performs original music as part of local duo Fragments of Speech. Lisa offers her professional expertise as a volunteer for organizations she is passionate about. We are active animal rescue advocates and currently have 4 fur babies - 2 dogs and 2 cats - who have returned the favor by graciously sharing their home with us.



Emma Sleva

A lifelong Clevelander, Emma enthusiastically supports and contributes to Northeast Ohio's vibrant arts and culture community. With a passion for lifelong learning and commitment to collecting/sharing histories across media - visual art, music, cinema, and fashion - she avidly carries on artistic legacies through a critical lens, weaving the past into the present to create a future that honors all of God's creations. Emma looks forward to furthering her formation in Christ through fellowship with the Good Soil congregation, both in worship and in service.