

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



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
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9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

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 "pryground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room 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.

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Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

† **Gathering Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (ELW 707)**
v. 1, 2, 3

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

*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.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy." Chanting is an ancient practice of the church.

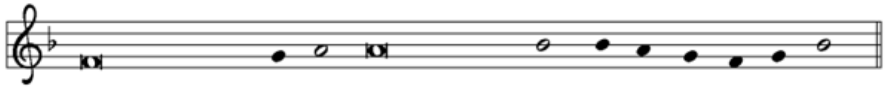
† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



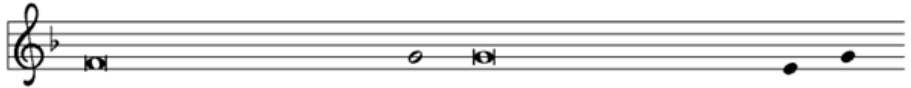
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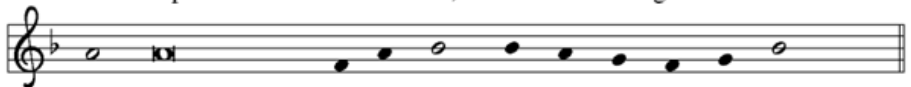
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



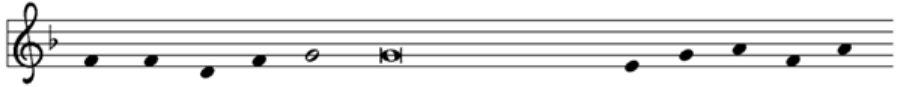
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in the scripture we will hear.

† Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

To put this reading into context:

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

Hear now the reading.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have

will not come to poverty.’ ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-8, 11, 39-40

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

¹¹ For the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹ **Deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because
in you they seek refuge.

*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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 6:27-38

To put this reading into context:

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 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.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”


The gospel of the Lord.


Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Children grade 1 & younger are invited to step out with one of our Sunday School teachers to join the “learn and grow in faith” class during

	<p><i>the sermon. They'll return during the Passing of the Peace. Sunday School classes for children nursery school–grade 6 meet after worship.</i></p>
	<p>Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection.</i></p> <p><i>Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:</i></p> <p><i>Who falls into the category of your enemy? Pay attention to the verbs in this gospel lesson: "love" "do good" "bless" "pray for" – which of those actions can you do this week for those who fall into the category of enemy for you?</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Build a Longer Table</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end. 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail. For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside. 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense. When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here. 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God. So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home. <p><small>Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984 Text © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.</small></p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of the Church</p> <p>With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. <i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness</p>

<p><i>world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.</i></p> <p><i>Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 now resting with God</i> 	<p>in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. Protect the most vulnerable in this country and around the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. We especially pray for Helen, Fred, Jane, Gail, family & friends of Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Frank, Sara, Donna, Irene, Toni, Kate, Stan & Ann, Bill, Susan, Sally, Ruth, Rich, Kristina, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur, ... and those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we share in Christ's peace & recognize it in each other.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

<p><i>way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at https://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></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496) Refrain</p> <p>One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.</p> <p><small>Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 Text © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used with permission.</small></p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Preface</p>
	<p>† Sanctus</p>  <p>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 -</p>

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

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 joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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 up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.

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: Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)

1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,

let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

- 2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.
- 3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934 Text © 1989 William Whitla.

Communion Hymn: Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (ELW 608)

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

† Post-Communion Table Blessing

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

Blessing of Love in Action Items for Trials for Hope

The Sending

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

† Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God

‡ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

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, 3, 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.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 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, &
ready to serve.
Worship has
ended, & our
service begins!*

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Bill Fink & Anne Paine	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Jennifer Krankowski	Acolyte: Edith Young
Counters: Ellen Young & David Paine	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Communion Bread: Jessica Berkshire
Cantor: David Paine	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Feb 23, 2025

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Jane Beese, Gail Boggs, family & friends of Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Irene Krankowski, Toni Kulma, Kate Labuda, Stan & Ann Layman, Bill Meyer, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, and Khams Zotal and his people in Manipur.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Stan Zeager (2/23) & Abbie Blocksom (2/26).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Amy Elliott.

California Wildfires Partner Church: As wildfires continue to devastate Southern California, the Northeastern Ohio Synod is inviting congregations to extend care and compassion to our neighbors in the Southwest California Synod. Through this effort, we hope to facilitate direct connections with congregations potentially affected by the wildfires, sharing messages of encouragement and support during this challenging time. Congregations in our synod have each been paired with a congregation in the Southwest California Synod. We encourage you to reach out with handwritten notes, cards, or creative gestures like artwork or messages from your church community. This is an opportunity to remind these congregations that they are being thought of and prayed for here in Ohio as they face the long journey of recovery. Good Soil's assigned Partner Congregation is:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
117 North 7th Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060-2615



Bethesda Staff Partnership- Scan the QR code to the left to learn more about how Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran are exploring a potential staff partnership!

Gather Together 20's & 30's Pre-Lenten Evening Prayer Service- The Gather Together community is invited to join for an Evening Prayer Service Wednesday February 26 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany English Lutheran Church. The time will be used to prepare for Lent and focus on the role prayer plays in our faith. Beyond this event, there will also be a book study over the season of Lent reading "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools" by Tyler Staton. Interested in one or both opportunities to engage? Reach out to Mary Washburn at 210-241-8455 or mary.washburn@outlook.com.

“Love in Action” Month w/ Bible Study, TODAY February has been designated as “Love in Action” month. TODAY is the last day to bring in donations for Trials for Hope. Suggested items: size 6 diapers, pull tab or easy open foods such as Ramen, tuna pouch or fruit cups, socks, multipurpose tarp, and travel size deodorant. Items will be collected in the coffee kitchen across from the lounge. Additionally, Pastor Marissa will be leading a “Faith Active in Love” Bible study after church TODAY about our Lutheran Commitment to putting our faith in action with civic engagement and service to our neighbors.



Sabbatical FAQ Sheet- Thank you for participating in the sabbatical questionnaire. The Renewal planning team along with Pastor Marissa has put together an FAQ sheet to summarize those responses and answer questions that were proposed. Scan the QR code to the left for that document and/or reference the bulletin board for a printed version.

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, and clean-up the coffee/tea service &/or bring snacks/baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up is on the bulletin board by the lounge. Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) w/ questions.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels is in search of drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please contact 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for further info.

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>



Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL- Weekly Sunday faith formation for kids includes Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. Additionally, kids will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events after worship. (Event updates will be announced, ongoing.) Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with

questions OR to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

Learn & Grow time during the worship service: Coloring, crafts, Bible stories, sharing, light snack, etc., in the classrooms on the first floor during the sermon & reflection time for adults in the sanctuary. For children in Preschool/Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service: Participating in the worship experience, including sermon & reflection time. Access to special materials on the "Experience & Grow" stand in the Prayground. For Grade 5 through Confirmation.

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Feb 23	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Feb 23	"Faith Active in Love" Bible Study	10:30 am
Wed, Feb 26	Gather Together 20's & 30's Pre-Lenten Evening Prayer Service @ Bethany Lutheran	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 1	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Mar 2	In-Person & Livestream Worship with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY and Farewell to Alleluia	9:30 am
Wed, Mar 5	Ash Wednesday Morning Service @ Bethesda on the Bay	11:00 am
Wed, Mar 5	Soup Supper @ Bethesda on The Bay before worship	6:00 pm
Wed, Mar 5	Ash Wednesday Evening Service @ Bethesda on the Bay	7:00 pm

