

Vibrant ELCA SOS
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Plant a Community Garden

Preparation Tasks and Questions

Be prepared to

Introduce yourself with your pronouns. [Pronouns Matter: Helpful Suggestions | ReconcilingWorks](#)

Tell who lived on the land, prior to 1492, that you and/or your church reside upon. <https://native-land.ca/>

Tell about your own gardening experience.

Tell what faith or Bible story comes to mind when you think about “garden” or “gardening”. Try not to use Eden, unless you have a good twist on it!

Tell about the wildest church related idea you have ever had.

Consider responding to some or all of the following.

Sing or read ELW 689. (Below.)

What issues and opportunities are impacting your congregation?

How do people passing by see your congregation building and grounds?

Take some photos of the church grounds and neighborhood.

Ask someone walking by how your church building and grounds make them feel.

Try to remember how you felt when you first saw your church building and grounds.

Find the contact information for your OSU Extension County Office.

Are there storm water management regulations and/or fees in your community?

Complete the Com. Garden Vision Form (Attached.)

Review the Com. Garden Network Diagram. (Attached.) Do you have any of these connections? List who you might invite to be a gardening partner.

Find the contact information for your regional food bank.

Find out what areas near you have the highest food insecurity. <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas/>

Watch ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton’s devotion for July 16, 2021. https://youtu.be/n0ssD_5wC_w

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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