

Outreach Outlook

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

The purpose of this newsletter is to focus and coordinate our congregation's outreach service and support activities and to act as a resource for the Church's response to God's Mission. If you are coordinating an outreach or collection activity, please let John Mosovsky, Outreach Mission Team Convener know about it at vistafarm@ptd.net or 484-264-6151.

Outreach Mission Statement

*Guided by the Holy Spirit we seek **to recognize** the spiritual and other human needs of individuals and communities near and far and **to respond** in a manner that is biblically sound, culturally relevant, and builds relationships as we work together **to support** God's Mission.*

Please Note: Current collections for the Allentown Rescue Mission, 6th Street Shelter, Turning Point, & Zionsville Food Pantry have been temporarily suspended due to a new service opportunity starting in October.

Service Opportunity Starting October 1st

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH)

GWOH is an ELCA day of service initiative. For this annual service activity the congregation is invited to assemble personal care kits at home during the month of October and drop them off at church by November 5th (collection bin at canopy entrance. No need to pack kits in a separate box). Items will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief for global distribution. We will celebrate GWOH as a community of faith during worship service on November 8th.

For **instructions** go to:

[LWR Personal Care Kit Instructions](#) or watch tutorial at [LWR Care Kit Assembly Video](#)

To learn more about [God's Work Our Hands](#) please visit <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>

To learn more about [Lutheran World Relief](#) please click [here](#)

Service Opportunities Happening in the Near Future (with more information to come)

- Angel Network
Plans are being made to distribute food boxes including a \$25 gift card via drive-by pickup at the church in early December. Stay tuned for more information.
- Christmas Ingathering
Holy Spirit will be doing a Christmas Ingathering because the Allentown Ingathering (sponsored by the Lehigh Mission District) has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Holy Spirit will be collecting for the YMCA Warming Station and the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown this holiday season. Lists of needed items will be available later in October. We will also be collecting 50 Christmas

gifts for the children at The Lutheran Home at Topton. A sign-up genius will be emailed to the congregation so that members can select a gift to buy for a child this Christmas.

- **Global Mission**

Our annual appeal for funding the Tanzania based Plaster House/Shelter for the Savior (to provide for surgeries and post-surgical care for children with correctable disabilities) will occur during the months of December and January. Stay tuned for more information.

- **Contextual Outreach**

Two garden raised beds have been placed on the church property with the intent to grow food for local pantries. If you'd like to help grow and/or be a part of the planning for Spring 2021, please contact Marilyn Egner bu44@aol.com 610-442-8112

Recent Past Activities Summary

Collections from April – September for the Allentown Rescue Mission, 6th Street Shelter, and Turning Point resulted in 7547 diapers, 76 twin sheet sets, 187 bags of snacks and cleaning supplies. These service organizations were extremely thankful!

Calendar

- God's Work Our Hands: **10/1 – 11/5**
- Angel Network: entire month of November (basket distribution 12/7-12/9)
- Christmas Ingathering: entire month of November (ending 11/29)
- Global Mission: December & January
- Contextual Outreach: garden raised beds - Spring 2021

Cause of the Month PA211

Everyone knows to dial 911 when there is an emergency. But are you aware of 211? 211 is a national service that is supported by United Way. The service provides information on community resources for Aging, Child and Youth Services, Clothing, Counseling, Donations, Education, Training, Food Resources, Health, Housing, Shelter, Parenting, Substance Abuse, Support Groups, Volunteering, and much more. The 211 call center is staffed by trained professionals who answer calls 24/7/365 and provide information filtered by specific location and needs. 211 can be accessed by phone, chat, text or the website at <https://pa211east.org/>. The service is free and confidential. Holy Spirit's Contextual Outreach group is helping to expand awareness of this service in our community and is encouraging those who provide resources to be listed in the database. **You can help by spreading the word - dial 211 for help.** For more information contact Mike Yablonski at my6118@gmail.com or 484-788-2534.

Community Spotlight

This regular feature will highlight what others are doing in our communities.

The Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, Pa <https://episcopalmediator.org/refugee-center>

Supports the refugee community through special events that include community dinners, fundraisers, advocacy, and educational classes such as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), citizen classes, and kindergarten ready classes. Refugees that become adjusted often leave Allentown and move to the suburbs like Emmaus, Macungie, etc. So it might be that folks having moved to our immediately surrounding community may need help or opportunities for socialization. Unfortunately COVID has put many support activities on hold but when things "open up" we will be contacted to partner/participate with the Center.

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If you would like to join an Action Group, please contact an Action Group Leader. If you have any outreach questions, ideas, or would like to include an outreach service opportunity in the newsletter please contact John Mosovsky - Outreach Mission Team Convener at vistafarm@ptd.net 484-264-6151 OR Pastor Tami at prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org 267-718-0851