

## Outreach Outlook

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

### 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.*

### \*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR\*

- Angel Network: 11/1 – 12/4
- Shelter for the Savior Appeal: 11/29 – 1/24/21
- Global Mission Sunday: 1/24/21
- Collections for Local Shelters and Food Pantries: **January 2021**
- Tanzanian Scholarships Appeal: **Spring 2021**
- World Hunger Appeal: **Spring 2021**
- Contextual Outreach: Garden Raised Beds - **Spring 2021**

### \*SERVICE ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY HAPPENING\*

#### Shelter for the Savior

Plaster House is a home where Tanzanian children with treatable disabilities such as burns from home cooking fires, club foot, cleft palate, and bent legs caused from skeletal fluorosis, can prepare for and recover from corrective surgery. It is one of many ministries envisioned and developed by ELCA missionaries Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson and many partners. Newly constructed housing now serves 160 children. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit has been helping to support the Jacobsons for over 30 years. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Plaster House.

At the moment,

\$4 supports one child for one day at The Plaster House

\$10 provides one special feeding bottle for therapeutic feeding program

\$20 provides shoes/foot abduction brace for one child following clubfoot treatment

\$50 provides 10 locally made reusable diapers

\$100 provides one month of rehab and residential stay for one child

\$200 provides feeding program formula for one child for one month

\$500 provides monthly salary for one therapy staffer

If you would like to support The Plaster House through our Shelter for the Savior appeal, you can send your check payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting Shelter for the Savior on the check memo line. You may also give online to our congregation [HERE](#) by entering your donation amount on the "Other" line and specifying "Shelter for the Savior". If you would like a packet sent to you, which includes a Christmas ornament and greeting card by which you may tell someone you made this gift in their honor, please email Nikki Clark at our church office at <mailto:clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org>.

## Angel Network

Angel Network has been asked to provide baskets for 170 families this Christmas. We are most in need of laundry detergent at this time. But we are also collecting the following items: canned corn, fruit, and \$25 gift cards from Weis or Giant. The gift cards should be mailed to: Jill Geosits, 4389 Newton Circle, Emmaus, PA 18049. Please drop off canned goods and detergent donations in the designated collection bin at the church canopy entrance up until December 4th. Thank you all for your donations. We could not provide for the EHS families if it weren't for all of you!!

To learn more about Angel Network please visit <http://ehsangelnetwork.org/>.

## \*SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES HAPPENING IN NEAR FUTURE\*

### Collections for Local Shelters and Food Pantries

We will begin collecting items for the Allentown Rescue Mission, Turning Point and Sixth Street Shelter in January. We will ask them for their current shortages and publish that list after the holidays. Stay tuned!

### Lutheran Disaster Response Spring Mission Trip

Our 2021 spring mission trip has been postponed for now due to Covid-19 issues. We will hopefully be able to schedule a trip later in 2021 depending on Covid-19 restriction guidelines, work site locations, team availability, etc.

### World Hunger Appeal

We will be running a World Hunger Appeal during Lent. Information will be forthcoming early next year.

### Tanzanian Scholarships Appeal

In Tanzania they have less than one-half of the number of nurses needed. Join us in helping students make their way through the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center Nursing School and into critically needed health-care jobs. Spring 2021.

### Contextual Outreach

Two raised garden 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 at: [bu44@aol.com](mailto:bu44@aol.com) or 610-442-8112.

## \*RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY\*

Our **God's Work Our Hands** service initiative assembled and collected 220 Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits which were delivered to an ingathering collection site on 11/17. LWR will track our assembled Care Kits and keep us informed as they travel to people who need them. Thank you for exceeding our goal of 200 Care Kits.

On Friday, November 20 an "**Outreach Flash Opportunity to Help**" went out to the congregation to help Kutztown University students secure winter hats, gloves, and boots. Within 24 hours of the appeal, congregation members had signed up to provide all 29 items on the request list! Thank you for your overwhelming and quick response.

The **Christmas Ingathering** collections were completed on 11/24. We collected 50 gifts for children in The Lutheran Home at Topton Foster Care program; 73 games, 11 experiment kits, 6 puzzles, 11 workbooks and a pencil set and marker set for the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown; 30 pillows, 41 towels, 200 handwarmers, 19 pkgs of feminine products, 32 deodorants, 71 microwave meals, 24 applesauce cups and 22 bottles of hand sanitizer, Febreze and disinfectant for the YMCA Warming Station. Thank you for supporting these agencies during such a difficult year.

For **Angel Network** we have collected 98 bottles of liquid laundry detergent (still need 72 bottles), 203 cans of peas (don't need any more), 175 cans of green beans (don't need any more), 117 cans of corn (still need 53 cans) and 147 cans of fruit (still need 23 cans). Amazing! The Angel Network collection continues until 12/4.

## **\*CAUSE OF THE MONTH\***

### ***In-Reach is Outreach Too!***

We often think of Outreach as helping people in need – often focusing on those ‘outside our church walls’. The Outreach Mission Team would like to encourage you to reach *within* our communities this month and be intentional about connecting with one another. During this time of social isolation, the Advent/Christmas season may be difficult. There are many among us – in our Holy Spirit family, our individual families, even our next-door neighbor...who may be experiencing emotional, mental or spiritual struggles.

Let us reach out! Send a card. Take a random page from the church directory and make some calls. Share your story or a scripture verse. Check-in with a distant friend or family member. Intentionally pray for one another. *You are not alone. We are in this together – with God!*

Please visit the below links for information/resources in coping with social isolation and loneliness:

<http://farfromalone.com/resources/>

<https://www.endsocialisolation.org/Resources>

For more information on mental health issues and where to seek help – please visit the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

## **\*COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT\***

### ***Testimonials***

Below are three testimonials from people who benefited from the shelters we support.

#### **Ray-Allentown Rescue Mission**

Raymond came to the Allentown Rescue Mission during a difficult chapter in his life. He had lost faith in the people he trusted. His relationships with friends and family were breaking down. The Rescue Mission Transformation Program brought Ray “closer to the Lord Jesus Christ.” He grew spiritually, and perhaps most importantly, he was humbled, and he accepted responsibility by owning his mistakes. Ray has been an exemplary member of the Allentown Rescue Mission’s Clean Team. Raymond has come a long way,

and his work and dedication have paid dividends. A local company recently contracted the Clean Team for facilities work, and Raymond's contributions turned into a job offer.

### **Edwin and Tiffany-Allentown Sixth Street Shelter**

For Edwin and Tiffany, their recent stay at the Sixth Street Shelter gave them a fresh outlook on life and the plan they needed to reach their goals. "Being homeless as a family is much harder than it is for an individual," said Edwin. "When you only have to worry about yourself, it's stressful, but not nearly as bad as worrying about where you'll find diapers or another meal for your child." It was like this for about a month and a half before Edwin found a job as a caregiver and they were able to move into an apartment. "The Sixth Street Shelter opened its doors to us when we were out of options. That's what I call 'hope'," Edwin shared.

### **Michelle-Turning Point**

This quote is from Michelle, a client at Turning Point, the local Domestic Violence Shelter. "I am free to be the individual I truly am, not an empty shell merely existing. NO LONGER A VICTIM. I AM A SURVIVOR greeting each tomorrow with confidence and a smile. Anyone can! No child, woman, or man deserves the ravages of domestic violence. My fervent prayer is that in some minuscule manner, I am able to impact the vast panorama of domestic violence. My deep abiding faith and Turning Point has provided more than mere words convey."

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