

## 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.*

### \*THANK YOU\*

Your generous response to our church's many outreach activities and opportunities is truly appreciated. Our Outreach Mission Team, Action Group Leaders and the church office often receive overwhelming and heartfelt gratitude from the organizations Holy Spirit supports. The love you show through your contributions and donations is amazing. We try to offer many and diverse ways to reach out, so please don't feel obligated to respond to every one. Which ones you choose and how you respond is dependent upon your circumstances. Let each of us resolve in our own heart a cheerful giving.

### \*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR\*

- Collections for Local Shelters: **Currently on-going**
- World Hunger Appeal: **Starting mid-February 2021 and going through Lent**
- Tanzanian Scholarships Appeal: **April-May 2021**
- Contextual Outreach: Garden Raised Beds - **Spring 2021**

### \*ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY HAPPENING\*

#### ELCA World Hunger Program

During the Lenten Season (mid-February to early April) we will be focusing on support of the ELCA World Hunger effort. Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from. The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water. It also provides education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability. In 2017, ELCA World Hunger support topped \$21.3 million in aid. The ELCA World Hunger program is active in 62 countries in the world including the United States.

Projects supported by the ELCA World Hunger program include:

- Establishing health clinics
- Providing micro loans
- Building water wells
- Providing community meals
- Establishing animal husbandry programs
- Establishing advocacy programs to influence country and local governments

The ELCA World Hunger programs provides valuable assistance around the globe. This program depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. We can help support these efforts during this Lenten season. Matthew 24:35 states this best; *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”*

Below are the various ways you can donate:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [here](#) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering “World Hunger” and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

### **Allentown Rescue Mission & Sixth Street Shelter**

We are currently collecting the following items for the Rescue Mission and Sixth Street Shelter. Donations can be put into the marked bins at the church canopy entrance. **For this specific collection, please donate only the items listed below. Thank you.**

#### **Allentown Rescue Mission (men’s shelter) (family shelter)**

Slightly worn or new: Sweatpants all sizes, especially XL and XXL  
Slightly worn or new: Sweatshirts all sizes, especially XL and XXL  
Slightly worn or new: Winter hats and gloves  
Socks (must be new)

#### **Sixth Street Shelter**

New - Twin-sized blankets  
or comforters  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper

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

#### **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.

#### **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 Marilynn Egner at: [bu44@aol.com](mailto:bu44@aol.com) or 610-442-8112.

## \*RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY\*

Shelter for the Savior – Contributions to The Shelter for the Savior appeal concluded on January 24<sup>th</sup> and totaled **\$2,695**. That generous level of your donations will result in several Tanzanian children receiving surgery and post-surgical care and give them the opportunity for a bright future within their home communities. THANK YOU!!!

Allentown Rescue Mission and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter - Collections received since January 1 include:

12 pair men's gloves	15 pair women's socks	12 large jars of peanut butter
3 pair men's jeans	2 women's sweatshirts	13 bags of various food items
2 pair men's shoes	2 women's scarves	212 toilet paper
26 men's sweatshirts	9 kid's hats	82 paper towels
18 men's sweatpants		22 comforters
92 men's socks		25 quilts from the quilters
22 men's hats	<b>AMAZING!!</b>	21 blankets
5 men's jackets		
9 men's T-shirts		

## \*CAUSE OF THE MONTH\*

### ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving

In the last year as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together in hope for the time when we ***"will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes"*** (Revelation 7:16-17). This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill.

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger during ELCA World Hunger's **40 Days of Giving**. Your support is critical to help people around the world who face hunger and poverty. We invite you to **study, pray, reflect and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world. To help guide you during this initiative you may wish to use the 40 Days Calendar found below or visit <https://community.elca.org/40days> for more resources.

## \*OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT\*

### Providing Safety and Opportunity for Girls and Young Women

When Kamini Dhuryey was just a child, her mother died and her father remarried. Her stepmother abused her, and her father did not step in to protect her from his new wife. Unprotected and unsafe, Kamini left home when she was older and eventually found a place to rent and a job in a small shop. But even out on her own, she did not feel safe. Kamini feared that the landlord who owned her

residence would hurt her. Through a door-to-door survey, Kamini learned about Naari Shakti, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh in India that is supported in part by ELCA World Hunger. Naari Shakti works for gender equality through advocacy for women's rights, provides training in tailoring and computer skills, and offers emergency medical support to girls and women in vulnerable situations. The project also provides housing assistance and psychosocial support to those who need it.

With counseling and support from the project, she was able to leave the place she was renting and move into a hostel for girls. The project later arranged for Kamini to stay in a women's rehabilitation center, where she is living and pursuing her studies. Kamini has found a home at the center.

The Naari Shakti program provides her a safe place to live, books and additional support for her education. This is just one project of hundreds supported by ELCA World Hunger in 60 countries around the world. With your gifts, people such as Kamini can have the support they need and hope for a better future.

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WORSHIP	STUDY	REFLECT	PRAY	GIVE	HEAR	SING
			17 Generous God, provide bread for people who are hungry, shelter for people who are homeless and protection for people who are vulnerable. Listen to the cries of all who are abused or imprisoned or who suffer due to pain, anxiety or illness. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	18 Today would be a good day to set a goal for your giving to ELCA World Hunger as part of the 40 Days of Giving. That goal might be a specific dollar amount or one of the ideas shown throughout this calendar. Write it down on the line below and refer back to it throughout the season.	19 *So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is appealing through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God. For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).	20 *Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, break for others, shared until all are fed. Christ be our light!* *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)
21 Read and reflect on Mark 1:9-15.	22 Being the church will require a definition of community that is more expansive, more diverse and more beautiful than we may imagine. Explore what this means with ELCA World Hunger in this week's study, "A Bigger We."	23 What does your church community look like? In what ways are people of every life journey invited to share their experience and ideas freely?	24 Gracious and loving God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, you bring light and life for all the world. Help us to listen, learn and love until your light and life fill every community. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	25 Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the rate of hunger around the world was on the rise after a decade of decline. Now, forecasts warn that hunger and poverty could increase with nearly unprecedented speed. A gift of \$100 to ELCA World Hunger this season can make a difference in the lives of people experiencing hunger and poverty.	26 *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.* (Psalm 25:4-5).	27 *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.* *One Bread, One Body* (ELW 495)
28 Read and reflect on Mark 8:31-38.						
MARCH 2021						
	1 The honesty to which we are called forces us to confront the pain of the world with a vision to transform it. Read more in this week's study, "Honesty."	2 What are some things you hunger for that do not include food (such as companionship, love, acceptance)? How might you and your community provide these to feed people in mind, body and spirit?	3 Gracious and loving God, through the power of the cross and the glory of the empty tomb, you bring us the truth of your love for us and for all people. Help us to live into that truth and to share it with the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	4 Around the world, 688 million people face hunger, and each of them has a story to tell. You can make a significant impact on someone's life with a gift of \$2 a day. Consider setting aside that amount through the season to donate to ELCA World Hunger.	5 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.* (Psalm 19:1-4).	6 *By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace we have been fed.* *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 497)
7 Read and reflect on John 2:13-22.	8 Around the world, God is at work through communities driven by hope that things can change. Read more in this week's study, "Justice."	9 Where is there a need for justice in your community? What will a "just world" look like in your neighborhood?	10 Gracious and loving God, at the font you wash us in water and the word, and you name us all your beloved children. With that love, inspire our prayer, work and generosity, that all may have an abundance of clean, safe water. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	11 A simple water well or other water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. A gift of \$250 can provide a share of a clean water project.	12 *In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of [God's] grace that [God] lavished on us.* (Ephesians 1:7-8).	13 *Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, and bring growth, refreshing life, abundant cleansing, sure. *Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we head, on ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.* *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* (ELW 717)
14 Read and reflect on John 3:14-21.	15 If we are going to end hunger, we need to invest in one another by sharing resources, listening to each other and building the relationships that will ensure justice in the world God has promised. Learn more in this week's study, "Investment."	16 Think, share or journal about a time when someone showed you kindness and mercy. What did you learn? How did it feel?	17 Covenant God, since ancient times you have led and fed your people through many wilderness journeys. In this time, give us strength to invest your gifts in our neighbors and communities, that all might be fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	18 A woman might have the dream and skills to start her own small business, but with little savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge. A gift of \$125 can fund a microloan, which can be just what a woman needs to start her business, creating a steady source of income and helping her family overcome poverty.	19 *O give thanks to the Lord, for [the Lord] is good for [the Lord's] steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those [the Lord] redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the north, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.* (Psalm 107:1-3).	20 *Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord.* *God of Tempest, God of Windward* (ELW 400)
21 Read and reflect on John 12:20-33.	22 Ending hunger takes action within community. It is fostered by the hope and trust that, with each step, God is moving our world closer to the goal of a world where all are fed. Read this week's study, "Action."	23 Where is there a need for action to end hunger in your community? What will it take to move this action forward?	24 God of promise, God of hope, God of fullness, God of peace, guide us, your people, to be your hands and feet, to work together as you build on our rocky soil a new, just world where all are fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	25 Your gifts matter — in India, the United States, Colombia and other countries all around the world. Continue to learn more at ELCA.org/Hunger. Thank you.	26 *Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; gives life* (2 Corinthians 3:4-5).	27 *Dado la tierra espero al Salvador y al misericordioso, lo sigo del Señor, yo sé el mundo que lucha por liberación, reclamo justicia y busco la verdad.* *Justice Here* (ELW 245) *All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at least. Purposes be open for God's creative touch: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how. God's truth and justice set every body free.* *All Earth is Hopeful* (ELW 216)

**MARCH 2021** *(Continued)*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>Read and reflect on Mark 16:3-9.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant His cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we might come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love might not grow cold in your service, and that we might not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p>			

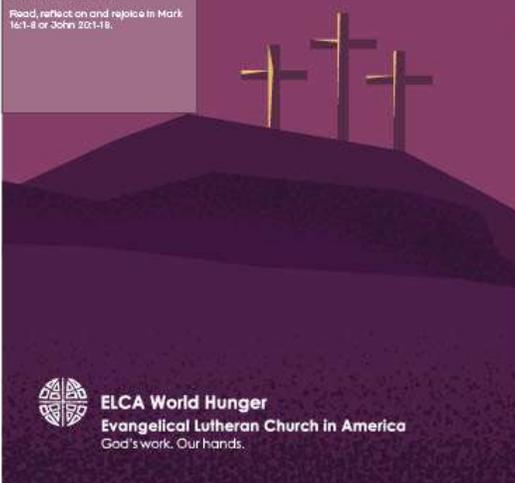
**APRIL 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ELCA World Hunger's</p> <h1>40 DAYS of Giving</h1>				<p>1</p> <p>Gather all you've collected throughout your Lenten journey and add up your total gift to ELCA World Hunger. Make your donations online at <a href="http://ELCA.org/40Days">ELCA.org/40Days</a> or bring your gifts to your congregation. Thank you for working creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).</p>	<p>3</p> <p>"Hope and freedom join the circle: Mary to the garden came, saw the radiance of the marvel, heard the Risen call her name; boldly may we heed Christ's call, step beyond the garden walls; beautiful the feed proceeding with good news of death's defeating." "Signs and Wonders" (ELW 672)</p>

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Read, reflect on and rejoice in Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18.



**WORSHIP:** Begin your week with the word of God, preparing your heart and mind to learn more about what it means to hope during the season of Lent.

**STUDY:** Use ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving weekly Lenten study at home or with your church community to dive deeper into stories of hunger and hope this Lent. Download at [ELCA.org/40Days](http://ELCA.org/40Days).

**REFLECT:** Use these days to revisit and reflect on the weekly study readings, either in small groups or individually.

**PRAY:** Use the prayers of intercession shown throughout the calendar this Lent as, together, we humbly ask for God's care and blessing over all creation. Some prayers have been adapted from *Sundays and Seasons* (Augsburg Fortress, 2019).

**GIVE:** As you journey through Lent, consider the ways in which your own gifts to ELCA World Hunger can create hope throughout the world. Consider using a 40 Days of Giving jar, setting a specific goal amount (such as \$2/day) or selecting one of the ideas shown through this calendar. See other ideas at [ELCA.org/40Days](http://ELCA.org/40Days).

**HEAR:** Read and reflect on each week's selected Bible verses on your own, with your family or with a small group, to listen to the word of God this Lent.

**SING:** To close each week — and to remind yourself of the salvation to come in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — read the included hymn text, either to yourself or out loud as a group, or consider singing the full hymn in your prayer group, Bible study or worship service.

**Goal amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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