

## 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\*

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

### \*OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES 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

Establishing animal husbandry programs

Providing community meals

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 these specific collections, please donate only the items listed below. Thank you.**

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

Winter coats

Disinfectant wipes

Hand sanitizer

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 (family shelter)

New - Twin-sized blankets or comforters

Toilet paper

Paper towels

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

### 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

Spring is only a few weeks away! 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.

## **\*PROJECT HELP UPDATE\***

### Changes for Project Help Ahead

Every summer since 1992, a group of youth and adults from Holy Spirit has traveled to Starks, Maine, a very rural area in Maine. We have stayed at the Camp of the Eastward, where the setting is gorgeous and the cabins are rustic. In Starks, life is simple and the winters are harsh. The residents struggle to afford the labor and materials needed to repair their homes. Holy Spirit's youth and adults spend a week each year working hard to help and connect with the community. The hard work proves to be a growing experience and extremely rewarding for all involved.

Due to Covid-19 we did not travel to Maine and Camp at the Eastward in 2020. I was recently informed by folks in Maine - Mission at the Eastward, the folks that have managed Camp at the Eastward (CATE) for many years - that after discernment they have decided to change their focus of ministries and that CATE is closing. Therefore, we, Project Help, have no viable setting to operate in this Maine community for 2021.

This certainly calls for discernment regarding the next steps for Project Help - whether this summer or in future years. I personally believe that it would be wonderful to continue a housing ministry trip, emphasizing youth. The camp change is sad news for all that have been a part of Project Help and we recognize that the housing needs continue even if we cannot travel and stay in Maine.

Please feel free to pass along any thoughts/ideas for the future of Project Help to Chris Carter, [cecarter@aol.com](mailto:cecarter@aol.com), 610-392-4965.

## **\*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY\***

**ELCA World Hunger Appeal** – In just a few short weeks of beginning the appeal, our donations already total **\$1,430**. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! We continue to run the world hunger appeal throughout the entire Lenten season.

**Shelter for the Savior** – Contributions to The Shelter for the Savior appeal concluded on January 24<sup>th</sup> but we received a few donations after the deadline – our new grand total was **\$2,965**. 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!

**East Penn Food Coalition** – This local coalition distributes food to the needy on a weekly basis coordinated by the Emmaus Rotary. As a member of this coalition, Holy Spirit was alerted to a rapidly decreasing food inventory due to an increase in demand. A call went out to coalition members for funding to purchase more food and we responded by donating **\$1,000** from our Local Mission Fund. Thanks to your gracious giving we were able to quickly respond to this request and help address the hunger needs in our local community.

## **\*SHARING OUR FAITH\***

During a recent Center for Faith and Life session SALT Action Group members and volunteers from the audience shared faith stories on how to be messengers of The Good News. In our church, SALT stands for Serving And Learning Together about Jesus' Great Commission to go make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Additional words and actions associated with the letters S-A-L-T can be helpful for sharing our faith. Words such as; Spirit, Serve, Share, Stories, Stretch; Available, Accepting, Active, Authentic; Listen, Love, Life; Transform; Taking Time. You can probably come up with more words, thoughts, and deeds to add to the list reflecting your own approach to sharing faith with others.

The Spirit goes with us, before us, works through us, and brings people to Christ. When we pray for courage and practice kindness and respect while sharing our faith, we build confidence, support relationships, and demonstrate we are SALT of the earth and messengers of The Good News. When we recall becoming a Christian, who shared their faith with us, and how they did it, we find ways to make disciples and learn we are more ready than we thought to do our part for The Great Commission.

If you'd like to join the SALT Action Group and learn more about being SALT please contact John Mosovsky at [vistafarm@ptd.net](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) (484-264-6151) or Pr. Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org) (610-967-2220 Ext. 112). LET'S BE SALT TOGETHER!

## **\*BENEVOLENCE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT\***



LCHS has supported this organization for several years as an attempt to reach out to those imprisoned. (See Matthew 25:35-40.)

The Saints Prison Ministry is a Christian organization which exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners through athletics, and to mentor them towards spiritual maturity and a successful transition into family and community. Using basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball the Saints teams engage the inmates in athletic competition allowing the love of Christ to shine in the way the athletes carry themselves, after which the Gospel is declared boldly and with passion. SPM also runs a Bible Correspondence School, pen pal ministry, and other similar programs to continue to mentor and develop the inmates' walk with Christ. Statistics show that the vast majority of prisoners will not attend a traditional religious program such as a chapel service or Bible study.

## Outreach Mission Team Action Groups and Leaders

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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](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) 484-264-6151 OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)**