

# 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\*

- “Fostering” Love at Holy Spirit, collection for The Kindness Project: **May - September**
- Asia-Pacific Lutheran Disaster Relief and India Lutheran World Relief: **June**
- Contextual Outreach - Garden Raised Beds: **March – November**

## \*OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### “Fostering” Love at Holy Spirit: The Kindness Project

Did you realize that today in Pennsylvania there are over 15,000 children in temporary foster care? It has come to our attention that a local agency serving foster children needs our help. **The Kindness Project** is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that provides support to foster families in the Lehigh Valley. They supply clothing, shoes, and other essentials free of charge to foster children. Their physical shop, “The Kindness Exchange”, is in Emmaus. This is the only such store in Eastern Pennsylvania.

By providing foster children with new clothing, they hope to help defray the cost for foster parents and give the children self-esteem and confidence.

They need new clothing for toddlers, preschoolers, and young youths. We are collecting the following:

- Toddlers: Sizes 2T-6T: summer shorts and tops
- Little kids: Sizes 4-6x: summer shorts and tops
- Croc-type shoes for kids... no sandals or flip-flops

Please leave tags on. The kids love to get new items because they very seldom have that opportunity! We plan to collect these items through the summer. Look for the collection bin at the entrance where the canopy used to be. *The Kindness Project was highlighted on May 25 on a PBS special called “Good Neighbor Awards 2021”*  
*If you want to learn more, livestream it on [wlv.org](http://wlv.org).*

During the month of May, the members of Holy Spirit donated :

87 new tops	<b>THANK</b>	76 pair of new shorts
4 new pajama sets		7 new pair of socks
5 new dresses	<b>YOU!!</b>	New Crocs and a hoodie
	<b>!</b>	2 new shirts

*A special thanks to the Holy Spirit quilters for donating 4 beautiful quilts that the foster children will cherish. The Kindness Project sends a heart-felt thank you to everyone at Holy Spirit!*

## LDR Asia-Pacific Disaster Response

Those of us who recognize the initials “LDR” as “Lutheran Disaster Response” often think in terms of response to natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes. For the past year, LDR has also supported companion churches and partners throughout India and around the world as they raise awareness about COVID-19, provide personal protective equipment and distribute sanitation supplies to vulnerable communities.

Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients and not have to turn away people suffering with COVID-19. The work of Padhar Hospital is just one example of how our companions and faith-based partners continue to bring relief to communities during the pandemic.

Gifts designated for LDR’s “Asia-Pacific Disaster Response” will be used entirely (100%) to provide help and hope through a direct response to COVID-19 in India and to other disasters in the region. To contribute to LDR - Make checks payable to "ELCA" - note "Asia-Pacific Disaster Response" on the memo line, and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009, OR call (800) 638-3522 to make a secure credit card donation.

## Lutheran World Relief in India and its Neighboring Countries

As we heard about and watched the devastation COVID-19 is bringing to India, we learned that Lutheran World Relief is also working hard to make the difference between life and death by delivering oxygen, ventilators, pulse oximeters and personal protective equipment to hospitals across India.

As a point of clarification, Lutheran Disaster Response is an arm of our national church, the ELCA. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an inter-Lutheran and international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. The two agencies are complementary. Each is able to mobilize and deliver assistance to address specific needs throughout the world. Sometimes one can offer assistance more efficiently to a specific situation than the other can.

Contributions to Lutheran World Relief should be sent to: Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, OR call (800) 597- 5972 to make a secure credit card donation.

## Contextual Outreach Garden Beds

We continue to harvest veggies from our church garden and donate them to the Emmaus Food Bank. This food ministry will continue until November so if you’d like to help please contact Marilyn Egner at [bu44@aol.com](mailto:bu44@aol.com) or (610) 442-8112.

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

**Arusha Lutheran Medical Center Nursing Scholarship** – Because of the generosity of members of Holy Spirit over recent weeks, the scholarship appeal for nursing students has brought in **\$5,425** to date. Thanks to that giving, at least five (5) students will receive scholarships for the coming year of studies at the ALMC School of Nursing. For them, we are providing opportunity; for the country of Tanzania, we are providing a boost to critically needed health-care personnel. Please pray for the success of the Lutheran health-care network in meeting the needs of all of the people in the Arusha area.

**ELCA World Hunger Appeal** – The final dollar donation amount for this Lenten appeal was **\$4,227!** Thank you for your very generous giving in support of ELCA's valuable assistance around the world.

**Books to the Rescue** – The final book count from this collection for underprivileged elementary school readers was **1,251!** Wow, that's a lot of books and we exceeded our goal of 1,000! Thanks for your generosity! The books were greatly appreciated!!!

### **Contextual Outreach Garden Beds**



We were able to deliver a second batch of radishes and lettuce to the Emmaus Food Bank. It's a wonderful ministry to be able to provide fresh homegrown veggies to the food insecure. Thanks to everyone who got their hands dirty.

**Emmaus Rotary East Penn Food Coalition Fundraiser** – On May 23<sup>rd</sup> members from our congregation attended this event. A preliminary estimate of \$3,000 was raised for the food coalition. A huge thank you to our attending members and the Emmaus Rotary for a well-organized fundraising and fellowship event.

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