

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

- Arusha Lutheran Medical Center Nursing School Scholarships Appeal: April 4 – May 23
- “Fostering” Love at Holy Spirit, collection for The Kindness Project: May - September
- Emmaus Rotary fundraising event for East Penn Food Coalition: May 23
- Contextual Outreach: Garden Raised Beds: March – November

*OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

One Nurse at a Time: Our Opportunity to Help

Over the past year, we in the US have seen the need for trained nurses to support a health care system sometimes stressed to the limit. In developing countries, those stresses are always there, because the numbers of nurses and other health care professionals are just not what they need to be. In Tanzania, they need at least twice the number of nurses now available. Who is trying to help? Our missionary Dr. Mark Jacobson and local leaders started the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing to help staff the two Lutheran hospitals, Arusha and Selian. Now we have the chance to help the Nursing School to succeed.

By sponsoring a nursing student at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, you not only provide a student with training, but you are also giving that student the opportunity to have an assured career. Your gift gives job security, the potential for advancement, and the opportunity to provide for their families. Many of the students are female, and research shows that when women can provide for their families, that alone has a tremendous positive impact on the entire community.

But perhaps even more important, by providing support to these students, you are also helping provide medical care to the thousands in their communities that are in great need. Thank you for helping these students be the change they want to see in their country. Thanks for helping provide the nursing that is so important to the community and the individual patients.

This appeal for donations to nursing scholarships is being sponsored by the Health Care and Global Missions Teams at Holy Spirit. They recognize that nurses can not only provide competent medical care, but also a kind touch, a listening ear, and a caring heart to those needing support. Contributions to scholarships for students at the ALMC Nursing School totaled \$4,405 in April!! That means a scholarship will be made available to at least four students!

Because the appeal continues through May 23rd, we have a chance to make a difference in the lives of even more students, to their benefit and to the benefit of a country really in need of more health care workers. How many more scholarships can generous Holy Spirit members make available to nursing students hoping to make a change to their futures and their country's future?

Donations can be made by check sent to the church office (writing "Nursing Scholarships" on the memo line) or by using one of the other giving options listed on [the church website](#). Prayers for the success of the school can be offered at any time. The appeal will run throughout the Easter season (4/4 – 5/23). Please help us bring Easter joy to ALMC students.

(Written material freely adapted from the [Operation Bootstrap Africa](#) website. OBA is the organization through which our donations will be sent to the ALMC School of Nursing. OBA also administers donations to the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, which provides high-school education to girls in northern Tanzania. Two brief videos about the nursing school can be found in the Outreach ministries section of the church website or by clicking [HERE](#))

"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 located 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 are in need of new clothing for toddlers, preschoolers and young youths. As of May1, we will be collecting the following clothing:

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. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Emmaus Rotary/East Penn Food Coalition Fundraising Event

Holy Spirit belongs to the East Penn Food Coalition (EPFC) which is made up of a number of local service organizations, churches, food pantries, and the East Penn School District for the purpose of providing food to the needy in our community. Holy Spirit's SALT group would like you to know about an EPFC fundraising event being held by the Emmaus Rotary Club on May 23rd (rain date June 6th) from 1pm-5pm at the GIO Italian Grill, 6465 Village Lane, Macungie. The event is called Bags-n-Beer and includes a cornhole tournament. General admission to the event is \$35 per person and includes live music and all you can eat and drink, responsibly (menu by GIO Italian Grill). If you'd like to join the cornhole competition, team registration (two people) is \$120 and includes both players' general admission. **Holy Spirit attendees are being asked to wear red T-shirts. "Badges" identifying us will be distributed at the event.** Tickets can be obtained at cornhole.emmausrotary.org. All the event proceeds (100%) will be donated to the East Penn Food Coalition. Must be 21 or older to attend.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Arusha Lutheran Medical Center Nursing Scholarship – As of mid-April, the scholarship appeal had brought in \$2,030 in contributions from our members. Numbers for the end of April are being finalized, but we know that additional contributions for scholarship assistance continue to arrive, as do prayers for the success of the school. Contributions are welcome through May 23rd, while prayers are welcome any time.

Books to the Rescue – Books to the Rescue has been a huge success! Holy Spirit donated over 800 books as of April 23. This drive will end on April 30th. We will give the final numbers in the next newsletter. 1000 books is our goal! Thanks for clearing your bookshelves for all of the underprivileged elementary school readers. It was greatly appreciated!!!

Stitch and Chat Group - We donated 31 quilts to New Bethany Ministries (<https://newbethanyministries.org/who-we-are-2/>) and 25 quilts to Volunteer Center of Lehigh Valley/Partner/Cay Gaignon Life House (<https://www.volunteerlv.org/organization/0011a00000KYGajAAH>). This is a support center for pregnant women who are alone and need help. It also provides support outside of their facility to others who need help but do not live there. A good place for the baby quilts that were provided. The quilts are products of the faithful ministry of those who create them bringing peace and comfort to those who receive them. Thank you Stitch and Chat folks for your wonderful service and ministry!

THANK YOU FROM THE NEPA SYNOD

Mission Support Giving

We have often heard that the word “synod” comes from a root that means “walk together.” In the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod we walk together to engage in ministries that no congregation can do alone. One of the ways that congregations support the synod’s ministries of outreach, service, and support is by sharing a portion of their offerings in the form of mission support.

Thank you! Your generosity makes a difference. A little over half of your mission support funds ministries on our synod territory. Some of it comes back to congregations or groups of congregations in the form of grants! The rest is sent to the ELCA church-wide organization to support ministries done in our name across the country and around the world.

Jesus calls his church to look outward to bring his good news to the world. Your faithfulness throughout the year in mission support sharing is one way your congregation answers that call. Thank you! For more information to share stories of how your giving is doing God’s work, please contact georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the Outreach Mission team, we would like to say a hearty CONGRATS to John Mosovsky, our Outreach Convener. John recently completed the Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Seminary. Crossroads is designed for folks who have a distinct sense of God’s call and who wish to explore how to put their unique gifts and talents to use for God. John completed the 16 Crossroads courses and the Community Missional Experience over the course of 5 years, now graduating from the program this month. *Way to go John!* Thank you, John, for sharing your spiritual gifts with our congregation and all of God’s beloved community. You are a blessing to us all!

May God’s love and light continue to shine on your path ~
Pr. Tami and the Outreach Mission team leaders

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