

## 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
- Contextual Outreach: Garden Raised Beds: March – November
- Divine Resale: Whenever the Spirit moves you to donate or shop

### \*OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

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

There were 889 children in foster care in the Lehigh Valley in 2019. That number keeps going up. We are fortunate that there is an agency in Emmaus where foster kids are super stars. [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. 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.

Thank you so much for making this in-kind effort such a success. Holy Spirit has donated over 200 items for toddlers! A special shout out to the quilters at Holy Spirit. The kids' quilts were a big hit! We are now changing our focus for the month of July. We are asking for:

Kid Sizes 6-12 - summer shorts and tops  
Croc-type shoes for kids... no sandals or flip-flops  
Small and medium sized duffle bags to carry belonging to their new home  
Hair ties and headbands for kids  
Small nail kits and nail polish for teenage girls

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.

This was posted on The Kindness Projects Facebook Page: On this #ThankfulThursday we are sincerely thankful to [The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit - Emmaus PA](#) for donating HUNDREDS of pieces of NEW summer clothing, shoes, and sweet handmade quilted blankets for the kids we serve.

If only we could show you the bright eyes we get to see as children ask us, “How can you give me clothing and shoes for free that are new with tags?!” 🥰 It’s our pleasure to share with them that our community is filled with kind and caring people who want them to be happy. We thank the congregation and the staff at “Holy Spirit” for your interest in partnering with us! 🙏



Pictured above are  
Denise Rohrbach  
and Carole Wetherhold



Some of the quilts from Stitch and Chat  
that were donated.

## Divine Resale

Divine Resale is a unique resale shop whose proceeds benefit Bright Hope (Care Net). When you shop at Divine Resale, you are helping families and changing lives. All store proceeds benefit [Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers](#) which provides life-affirming pregnancy support services, resources, and life skills education to families in our community. Bright Hope also receives monetary support from us at Holy Spirit as one of our benevolence partners. If you’d like to donate items and make a difference in people’s lives, Divine Resale is located at 1345 Hamilton Street, Allentown. Their website is: <https://divineresale.org/> or call 610.351.1058.

## \*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY\*

**SALT Group** – Members of SALT recently participated in an Emmaus Rotary fundraising event that resulted in \$6,000 for the East Penn Food Coalition. SALT also participated in the Emmaus Yard Sale event handing out information about our church and inviting folks to join us.

**Contextual Outreach Garden Beds** - We recently harvested 19 one gallon bags of lettuce donated to the Emmaus Food Bank and will continue our vegetable harvest donation 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.

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

**Diakon Adoption and Foster Care (DA&FC)** has been a Holy Spirit benevolence partner for many years. It is supported by Diakon Child, Family and Community Ministries (dating back to 1868) which is part of Lutheran Services in America, one of the largest faith-based health care and human services networks in the USA and founded in the Lutheran church to answer God's call to love and serve our neighbors. DA&FC's mission is to bring permanency to the lives of children and youth from special needs to multiple kinds of foster care and adoption focusing on uniting children with forever homes. DA&FC also provides post-adoptive and extensive pregnancy support services and comprehensive family focused programs which include classes on adoption and foster care providing the tools needed for parents and children. To learn more about this wonderful organization please go to their website at <https://www.diakon.org/adoption/>. Here you can find information on their local events, meet the waiting children, sign-up for their e-newsletter, read testimonials, and much more. Your monetary support helps make their mission a success. Thank You!

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