

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

- God's Work Our Hands Sunday: October 3
- Angel Network Food Collection: October 16th through November (details below)
- Christmas Ingathering: October 17th – November 21 (details below)
- Shelter for the Savior: November 28 – January 23, 2022 (more info in November newsletter)

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

God's Work Our Hands Day of Service

This year God's Work Our Hands service projects will be held under the church tent on October 3rd from 1-3pm. In addition, you can join a work crew to help clean up the Union-West End Cemetery in Allentown. This annual day of service is an opportunity for us to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors.

Below are the four concurrent service projects that you are welcome to participate in.

1. Snack Packs Assembly – if you would like to help assemble snack packs to be donated to the Salvation Army soup kitchen, simply show up at the church tent on October 3rd at 1pm.
2. Quilt making – if you would like to help make quilts to be donated to our needy neighbors, simply show up at the church tent on October 3rd at 1pm.
3. Dog biscuits for animal shelters and placemats/greeting cards for Meals on Wheels – if you would like to help our youth make dog biscuits, placemats, and greeting cards, simply show up at the church tent on October 3rd at 1pm.
4. Cemetery Cleanup - If you would like to be part of the Union-West End Cemetery cleanup work crew, contact Bob Mueller for more details or simply show up at the church tent on October 3rd at 12:20pm.

We can always use pictures to share our participation in this day of service with other ELCA congregations. So please take some pictures if you would like. You can send pictures to John Mosovsky.

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

Come join the fun!

(Masks are required for all activities under the tent)

Christmas Ingathering



The Lehigh Mission District is in high gear for the 2021 Ingathering Program. There are several changes to the program from previous years. ***Holy Spirit will be providing the “unwrapped” portion of gifts for the Sixth Street Shelter and the Refugee Resettlement Program.*** The following lists represents those items we have been asked to collect. There will be designated bins for each agency at the Canopy Entrance to the church starting October 17th. Please place your donations in the designated bin. ***We will collect from October 17th through November 21st.***

We are also collecting gifts for the children at Topton. Below you will see the link for the Sign-up Genius to select your gift. Be sure to read the details of the Topton gift selections and instructions for gift value and wrapping.

The following items have been requested by the Sixth Street Shelter and the Refugee Resettlement Program for this year's Ingathering collection.

Sixth Street Shelter

Cleaning Supplies

Dish Soap
Paper Towels
Floor Cleaner
Sponges
Disinfectant Wipes

Household Items

Toilet Paper
Bath Towels (*NEW*)

Personal Products

Women's Deodorant
Women's Shampoo

Baby Items

Disposable Diapers, Sizes 2,4.5&6
Baby Wipes
Baby Shampoo
Children's Plastic Dishes and Cups

Refugee Resettlement Program

Tall Kitchen Trash Cans
Bathroom Trash Cans
Buckets
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Toilet Bowl Brushes
Kitchen Sponges
Shower Curtains
Shower Curtain Rings
Bed Pillows, Standard size, *NEW*
Laundry Baskets
Twin Sheet Sets, *NEW*
Twin Blankets, *NEW*

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR
DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH
until the bins are in place: OCTOBER 17th.**

Donations can be left in the designated bins at the Canopy entrance of the church. Our collections will begin the week of October 17th.

Due to Covid-19, please purchase items, as much as possible, that are packaged together, in boxes, plastic wrap, plastic bags, etc., to lessen the contact by human hands to the products, thus protecting everyone from exposure to the virus.

Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season for those of our community who are in need.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LUTHERAN HOME AT TOPTON

This year we will collect 60 gifts for children in the foster care program at the Tipton Home. Please keep gifts to a maximum value of \$20. Gifts should be placed in a seasonal gift bag – NO GIFT WRAP, please. Gifts can be placed in the designated bin at the Canopy entrance of the church after October 17th. Gift sign-ups will be done via the Sign-Up Genius using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548ABAD2DA5F49-2021>. Follow the instructions to sign-up. If you have any problems, please contact Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with these children.

ANGEL NETWORK

As in the past, Angel Network will be collecting food again this year to help our EHS students and their families. We are only going to give out one larger basket the first week of December, and we are planning to do this as a drive-by pick up. **We will be collecting laundry detergent, canned peas/green beans and canned corn beginning October 16th and continuing through November.** Please place your donation in the designated bin at the canopy entrance of the church starting on October 16th. We are so grateful for this partnership and the help we receive year after year to make the baskets substantial and nutritious. It's a blessing for our families at a busy time of year and we'd like to thank you in advance for your generous hearts.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Angel Network – The student clothing collection that we held last month resulted in 18 sweat shirts, a pair of tights, 12 fleece throws, and 40 pairs of socks. The clothing will be donated during a give-away event under the church tent on October 7th. Thank you for your generosity!

Garden Beds – Our veggie harvests for the Emmaus Food Bank are starting to wind down for this growing season but we did just make quite a nice delivery of eggplant, red beets, carrots, and lettuce. Our first year was quite successful and we look forward to next year. A huge thank you to all the helpers. If you would like to join in, please contact Marilyn Egner.



THE MINISTRY OF MARK AND LINDA JACOBSON

As ELCA missionaries for 30 years in Tanzania Africa, Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson developed two hospitals and numerous associated ministries. In our last newsletter we wrote to you about the Jacobson's amazing faith, courage, and community service. Since then we learned about a video highlighting the Jacobson's ministry and wanted to share it with you. Click on this link to learn about the true meaning of community and the Jacobson's Kuambatana. The tingling you'll feel in your heart is the blessing our church receives for playing a part in the lives of our Tanzanian neighbors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ndF78g65cg>

Please keep Mark and Linda in your prayers and thank you for all your support.

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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 OR Pastor Tami at prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org