

## 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\*

- Shelter for the Savior: Through January 23
- Winter shelter collections for Allentown Recuse Mission and Sixth Street Shelter: Starting January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Turning Point Benefit Auction: Through January 14<sup>th</sup>

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### \*SHELTER FOR THE SAVIOR APPEAL\* BE AN ANGEL



Because of contributing angels from Holy Spirit and elsewhere, The Plaster House treated over 1200 children in 2021 – something Plaster House had never come close to accomplishing before. As Sarah, the director of Plaster House states, 1200 patients have “a new spring in their step this year (pun intended) because of the treatment that they have received”. From more outreach in the community to identify children who could benefit from surgery for their disability, to efficient Plaster House management, to medical teams stepping up to treat more children, to grateful receipt of donations from churches such as ours – children are sent home without the burden of their previous disability. God's Work, Our Hands!

As Sarah also states, “it is the relationship with you [read “Holy Spirit”] that means we can heal individuals and transform communities in Tanzania”. Be an angel to someone you may never see but who can be free of disability and embrace opportunity because of your contribution. Clearly, your contribution can have a great impact, whether you are able to contribute a little or a lot:

\$4 supports a child for one day at Plaster House

\$10 provides a special feeding bottle for a child for the therapeutic feeding program

\$50 provides ten locally made reusable diapers

\$100 provides one month of rehab and residential stay for a child

\$500 provides the monthly salary for a therapy staffer.

More info about Plaster House can be found at [www.theplasterhouse.org](http://www.theplasterhouse.org).

Through December 20<sup>th</sup>, contributions from Holy Spirit members to the Shelter for the Savior campaign had reached just over \$1,000. Help us to reach more children by your support of Plaster House during our campaign. You can send your check payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting Shelter for the

Savior on the check memo line. You may also give online to Holy Spirit at [lhsemmaus.org](http://lhsemmaus.org), noting Shelter for the Savior as the recipient for the donation. If you would like a packet sent to you, which includes a greeting card by which you may tell someone you made this gift in their honor, please email Nikki Clark at the church office ([clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org)). Packets will also be available at the church at the Shelter tree near the church office until January 23rd.

## **\*ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION AND SIXTH STREET SHELTER\***

We will begin our annual drive to support the local shelters during the cold winter months helping the Allentown Rescue Mission and the Sixth Street Shelter. These are non-profit organizations that devote resources to homeless men and families in need.

The Lehigh Valley had at least 2,250 people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in 2019, with roughly two-thirds living in Allentown, according to the Eastern Pennsylvania Continuum of Care. Advocates say the true count is considerably higher.

**Our collections will begin on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donations in the designated bins located outside the canopy entrance near middle of the church building.**

We will be collecting the following items for the Allentown Rescue Mission (all items for men):

Sunglasses

Long underwear (larger sizes)

Watches

Alarm clocks

Belts

Slippers

We will be collecting the following items for the Sixth Street Shelter:

This collection will focus on boxes of items for the children at the shelter. The boxes have already been donated. We have a goal to assemble 50 size specific boxes. Please feel free to donate all the items for a box or any individual items.

Pajamas; sizes 2T-6T and 4X-6X

A Puzzle

A Children's Book

Slipper socks; sizes 2T-6T and 4X-6X

If you have questions regarding the collections for the Allentown Rescue Mission or the Sixth Street Shelter, please call Denise Rohrbach (610-282-4548) or Carol Wetherhold (610-965-0875).

## **\*TURNING POINT BENEFIT AUCTION\***

**Turning Point**, which is one of our benevolence partners, supports those affected by domestic violence. One of their fund raisers is a virtual auction. It is held in March but all auction items need to be received no later than the second week of January so that they can be photographed and included in the auction catalog. Every donation makes a difference for survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse and 100% of the proceeds go back into their empowerment programs and services.

Please take a look at Turning Point's website and consider providing one of the auction baskets <https://www.turningpointlv.org/> To donate an auction item, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a9ae2fa2ffc52-spring>

And/or join them for their Second Annual Virtual Spring Auction! This year's auction will open on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

## \*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY\*

### Christmas Ingathering 2021



The Lehigh Mission District's Christmas Ingathering was completed and Holy Spirit members contributed in great quantities the needs expressed for the Refugee Resettlement Program, the Sixth Street Shelter and the Foster Care Program at the Topton Home.

**68 Gifts for children** in the Lutheran Home at Topton Foster Care program as well as 11 winter jackets

**Refugee Resettlement Program:** 38 bed pillows, laundry baskets, trash cans, buckets, trash bags, sheets, blankets, shower curtains, shower curtain rings, sponges, toilet bowl brushes. If it was on the list, we supplied a good quantity.

**Sixth Street Shelter:** Again, if it was on the list, we provided: dish soap, paper towels, floor cleaner, sponges, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, bath towels, women's deodorant, shampoo, disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo and children's plastic dishes and cups.



Thanks to John Mosovsky for delivering our collections to the Refugee Resettlement Program and the Topton Gifts to Trinity Memorial Lutheran on Ingathering Day, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



Thank you to the members and friends of Holy Spirit who generously donated to this year's Christmas Ingathering. In total, we donated 468 items to three agencies, fulfilling their requests for items needed to serve their communities.

**Angel Network** - Holy Spirit you were again, Christmas hero's! We contributed more than enough to help fill the December food baskets! We gave out 157 food boxes that were much appreciated. We donated over 300 laundry detergents and cans of corn, as well as over 300 cans of green beans/peas. Many of you also contributed food gift cards, new student coats and quilts. We had EHS students help us pack boxes this year, and some of our youth were among them! Angel Network is truly grateful for this partnership that helps to take care of our neighbors! Thank you does not say enough! Wishing you a very happy and healthy New Year!



## **\*GLOBAL MISSIONS AND RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY\***

### **Global Missions**

On January 23rd, the Global Missions Team will focus a little closer to home than it has in recent years. Global Missions Sunday will focus on how we accompany our Native American brethren in their faith journeys. The worship service will demonstrate how we can learn from ELCA Indian culture to enhance our perceptions about God's creation and all our relations with people and the land we share. In using some of the ELCA liturgical elements from the Oglala Sioux and other tribal nations, we will integrate Native culture and mindset within the boundaries of the Lutheran Christian tradition.

### **Reconciling in Christ**

January 23rd is also the Sunday designated as "Reconciling in Christ" Sunday. That celebration considers the question "In understanding we all are made in God's image, how can we learn to care and advocate for one another so we can best see God's Boundless Diversity of creation?" The topics are complementary in saying "everyone is welcome" and "the diversity of God's people is constantly expanding and we as Church are improved by the ever changing people who join us for worship".

*Join us in worship on January 23<sup>rd</sup>!*