

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

- Winter shelter collections: **On-going through the month of February** (see below)
- World Hunger Appeal: **March through Lent** (details in March newsletter)
- Food bank garden: **March through 2022 growing season** (details in March newsletter)
- Spring 2022 Disaster Relief Mission Trip: **May 8th – May 13th** (see below)
- Blood Drive: **June 15th**

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION AND SIXTH STREET SHELTER

We have begun 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 have begun and will continue through the month of February. Please place your donations in the designated bins located outside the canopy entrance near the middle of the church building.

We are collecting the following items for the **Allentown Rescue Mission** (all items for **men**):

Sunglasses	Alarm clocks
Long underwear (larger sizes)	Belts
Watches	Slippers

We are 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.

Individually wrapped snacks	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 Carole Wetherhold (610-965-0875).

SPRING 2022 DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP

We have finalized plans for this spring's mission trip. We will be traveling to Philadelphia's Eastwick section to work on row homes damaged by flooding in early 2020.

- We will be staying at a local neighborhood church.
- We will head down Sunday evening May 8th and work the entire week through Friday May 13th.
- We will have some people working part of the week so there are opportunities for carpooling if participants are unable to attend the entire week.

We encourage all who desire to help/participate; no construction skills are required. We will have adequate supervision onsite. If you have questions, or want additional information, please call Bob Mueller: 610-442-7892.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Shelter for the Savior

The Shelter for the Savior campaign was held from 11/28/21 through 1/23/22. Through January 18th, the campaign had received just over \$1,500 to support surgeries and post-operative recovery for Tanzanian children with correctable disabilities. We hope that a few additional members had contributed to the children's needs before the official end of the campaign on January 23rd and will report on the total contributions in the next newsletter. Thanks go out to the generous members of Holy Spirit in reaching out to help vulnerable children!

Allentown Rescue Mission and 6th Street Shelter

As stated above, these collections are continuing through the month of February, but we wanted to update you on what we've collected from January 15th to January 24th.

Allentown Rescue Mission

2 alarm clocks
5 pairs slippers
1 large body wash
1 large bottle hair conditioner
1 large bottle shampoo
1 medium liquid hand soap
4 watches
2 knitted caps/4 sunglasses
1 pair gloves
26 belts
48 bottles protein drink
8 sets long underwear (tops with bottoms)
6 crocheted plastic body mats
Misc. samples soap, shampoo, toothpaste

6th Street Shelter

24 pairs pajamas
14 books
2 Star Wars kits
10 puzzles
20 pairs sox
1 scarf with hat
6 plastic dishes with lids
6 plastic cups with lids
2 large bottles of body wash
3 boxes feminine products
Misc. samples soap, shampoo conditioners

BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

A limited archive search showed **The Lehigh Conference of Churches (LCC)** being a benevolence partner of our church since the 1980's but our partnership most likely goes back even further than that. Formed in 1954 by six local pastors, the LCC is today 140 Christian organizations strong, serving the needs of thousands of families and individuals in the Lehigh Valley. It is a not for profit organization that operates a holistic continuum of care designed to meet basic human needs of food and shelter, dignity, a sense of belonging and hope for the future. Their mission is simple: helping families and individuals maximize their independence and reach their full potential.

They fulfill their mission through a kitchen that serves more than 35,000 meals/year; medical care made available through a partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network; Daybreak, a drop-in center giving folks a place to belong and a family for those who have none; HOPE, a program providing pathways to stability for homeless adults experiencing mental illness and substance abuse; Pathways Housing Services including case management and cash assistance for homeless and those threatened by homelessness; Lazarus Housing, a shared housing program offered for adults re-entering the community following incarceration. You can learn more about LCC at their website <https://lehighchurches.org/>

The Lehigh Conference of Churches seeks to unite our community by coordinating Christian unity, interfaith engagement, and social justice and advocacy. Thank you for supporting this wonderful organization through your dollars given for the church's operating budget. God bless you and The Lehigh Conference of Churches.

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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