

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

- Angel Network Spring Collection – March (details below)
- World Hunger Appeal: During Lent (March 2nd – April 14th, details below)
- Food bank garden: March through growing season 2022 (more details to come)

- Coplay LifePath Home Collection: April & May (details in April newsletter)
- Spring 2022 Disaster Relief Mission Trip: May 8th – May 13th (details below)
- Blood Drive: June 15th – Save the Date (details in April newsletter)
- Global Missions Leader at LCHS: Holy Spirit has learned that the Director of Plaster House, Sarah Rejman, plans to talk about Plaster House at the May 1st Center for Faith and Life session. She will be in the western US at that time and will join us by Zoom to talk about the programs available to Tanzanian children with correctable disabilities. And what may be more news - Sarah hopes to visit the eastern US in October and wants to visit Holy Spirit in person then.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

ANGEL NETWORK

Hello Holy Spirit members! We will be collecting the regular food basket items during the month of March - laundry detergent, cans of corn, cans of peas, and cans of green beans, as well as \$10 gift cards to Weis or Giant. Please drop off the gift cards in the office or mail to Jill Geosits, 4389 Newton Circle, Emmaus, PA 18049. If you prefer, you can send a check to Jill with "Holy Spirit food cards" on the memo line. Please leave the detergent and food items in the marked bins at the alcove entrance. We will be assembling the food baskets April 4th-6th for our families and are planning to serve between 150-170 families this spring. If anyone is interested in helping to assemble/distribute the baskets, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-966-3666. As always, the Angel Network is grateful for your continued support of our EHS families and neighbors. We are blessed to be able to serve those in a tight spot, making life just a little easier for them. Thank you for all you do to help!

ELCA WORLD HUNGER PROGRAM

The Outreach Mission Team will be sponsoring our annual ELCA World Hunger Appeal during Lent. This program does wonderful work helping many countries around the globe develop self-sufficiency for food and clean water resources. Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water. It also provides education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

In 2017, the ELCA World Hunger program support topped \$21.3 million in aid and is active in 62 countries including the United States. It is a broad based program supporting projects that include:

- Establishing health clinics
- Providing micro loans
- Building water wells
- Establishing animal husbandry programs
- Providing community meals
- Establishing advocacy programs to influence country and local governments

The program depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like ours and we can help support these efforts during this Lenten season. *Matthew 24:35* states this best; “*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*” **Here are the various ways you can donate:**

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [HERE](#) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering “World Hunger” and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, ***noting World Hunger on the check memo line.***

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

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 head down Sunday evening May 8th and work the entire week through Friday May 13th. Several people will only be working part of the week so there are opportunities to carpool if you cannot participate 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.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Outreach opportunities exist to help pack food boxes for needy seniors at the Second Harvest Food Bank warehouse in Nazareth. With the help from volunteers, the food bank assembles and distributes 2,000 senior food boxes/month. We volunteered recently and helped pack 400 food boxes. Two separate packing shifts run on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30am-11:30am and 12:30am-3:30am. Carpooling opportunities are available from the church. If you’re interested in helping out, contact John Mosovsky at vistafarm@ptd.net.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Shelter for the Savior

The Shelter for the Savior campaign was held from 11/28/21 through 1/23/22 to support surgeries and post-operative recovery for Tanzanian children with correctable disabilities. We reported on a donation amount through January 18th in the previous newsletter and received a few additional contributions before the official end of the campaign on January 23rd. The grand total of our contributions amounted to \$1,892! Thanks go out to the members of Holy Spirit in reaching out to help vulnerable children with this very generous gift!

Allentown Rescue Mission and 6th Street Shelter

The following summary includes items collected for these two community shelters between January 15th and February 23rd:

Allentown Rescue Mission

23 pairs of winter underwear
4 hats
34 belts
7 pairs of slippers
5 pairs of socks
6 watches
11 alarm clocks
2 bottles of shampoo
11 pairs of sunglasses
6 crocheted plastic body mats
1 jar of spaghetti
1 jar salsa
1 qt. cherry juice
1 lg. can tomatoes
6 bottles body wash
1 bottle hand sanitizer
8 bars soap
2 bottles ketchup
2 bottles mustard
5 cans tuna
1 turtleneck top
1 bottle hand soap
1 pair gloves
48 bottles protein drink

6th Street Shelter

48 pairs of pajamas
20 puzzles
35 hard cover books
25 pair of socks
5 pair of slipper socks
1 hat/scarf
2 star wars toys
2 stuffed animals
11 paperback books
8 bottles body wash
5 bottles baby cream
1 hair spray
66 treat bars
24 cheese snacks
3 boxes feminine products
6 plastic dishes
6 plastic cups & lids

Thank you for your generous and sustained support over the years for these two caring and compassionate shelters.

LIFE PATH Inc.
Compassionate Care with Dignity and Respect...

LifePath, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides homes and services to individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Lehigh Valley and southeastern Pennsylvania.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Glynnis Rea, Alice Mudge and Christopher Limpar can surely attest to that. LifePath has been the village that has allowed Chris to grow and enjoy life. He moved to the Coplay LifePath Home in November 1987 at the age of 8 years. Coplay is home to six young adults who have grown from childhood to adulthood together. It is a medically supervised home due to the severe disabilities of the residents. Chris has lived there 34 years. That is his home. We, as his family, are actively involved in his life and the life of his home.

Holy Spirit has also been involved with LifePath in many ways over the years. Chris and his housemates have been active members of Rejoicing Spirits from the very beginning, enjoying services, participating in pageants, picnics and Bingo parties. Even during the pandemic, they have been able to join worship services via Zoom. In the early days of Coplay, Hank Cassler and a group of men from Holy Spirit erected a fence at the home to provide a safe space for the “kids” to enjoy the outdoors. Pastors have visited the home. Chris receives monthly visits from a Eucharistic minister. LifePath has held Christmas parties for those they serve in Holy Spirit’s Fellowship Center. Holy Spirit has had a connection to Coplay for 34 years, from the day Chris was admitted. Chris’s family is grateful for these years of support. ***Thank you from Chris, Stacey, Kimee, Sarah, Lisa, Beth Ann (the “kids” at Coplay) and, the staff.***

We will be running a collection for Coplay Home during the months of April and May. Look for details in the next newsletter if you would like to donate.