

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

- Lutheran Disaster Relief; Eastern Europe Crisis: April (details below)
- LifePath Coplay Home Collection: April & May (details below)
- Lehigh Conference of Churches, Daybreak Collection: April & May (details below)
- Spring 2022 Disaster Relief Mission Trip: May 9th – May 12th (details below)
- Blood Drive: June 15th – Save the Date (details below)
- Food Bank Garden: The raised beds will be worked on real soon with the hope of planting lettuce, radishes and spinach. Contact Marilyn Egner, 610-442-8112 if you'd like to help.
- Global Missions Leader at LCHS: The Director of Plaster House, Sarah Rejman, will be talking about Plaster House ministries at the May 1st Center for Faith and Life session. She will join us by Zoom to talk about the programs available to Tanzanian children with correctable disabilities. Sarah also hopes to be able to visit the eastern US in October and wants to visit Holy Spirit in person then.

* OUTREACH COLLECTIONS AND APPEALS *

THANK YOU!!!

The persistent requests of collections and appeals for those in need is never ending and seems more urgent now than ever before due to the Ukrainian crisis and the COVID pandemic. Many requests for help are brought to our congregation through many different avenues. There is just no way we can fulfill all the requests we receive. Every month the Outreach Mission Team determines which outreach opportunities are to be presented to the congregation, what specific items are being requested for a collection and during what specific time period the collection or appeal will take place. Your support of the selected opportunities has been amazing! Please be assured that all of our donations are received with ever so grateful hearts from the organizations and agencies we support. Thank you so much for your generosity.

It's a big job and requires a persistent commitment to collect and distribute monetary gifts and in-kind donations. Please don't feel obligated to participate in every presented outreach opportunity. And also, please don't stop bringing requests for new opportunities to the attention of Outreach Mission Team members. God's love and his amazing grace makes it all happen!

“For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me” Mark 14:7

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE **EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS**

Russia's invasion of the Ukraine on February 24th has resulted in millions of Ukrainian refugees fleeing to neighboring countries; Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova. This has caused considerable strain on the refugees and host countries. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is working with ecumenical partners like Lutheran World Federation and Church World Services to provide these refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, water, blankets and hygiene kits. 100% of donations go directly to those needing assistance.

All of our collected appeal donations until the end of Lent will be directed to ELCA's LDR Ukrainian support program.

Please prayerfully consider donating in one of the following ways:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [HERE](#) and enter your donation amount on the "Lutheran Disaster Relief" line and type in LDR Ukrainian Support.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering "Ukrainian Support" and your donation amount on the "Other" line
- Use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to the LDR Ukrainian Support

LIFEPATH COPLAY HOME COLLECTION

LifePath 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. Six adults live in the Coplay home who have grown from childhood to adulthood together. It is a medically supervised home due to the severe disabilities of the residents. The residents have been active members of Rejoicing Spirits from the very beginning and our church has had a connection to them for over 34 years. To help meet their current needs we are collecting the following items:

Paper Plates	Paper towels
Clorox spray cleaners	Oversize bath towels
Body pillows	Body pillow pillowcases
Tide Laundry soap	Cascade dishwasher pods
Tupperware type containers	Scott toilet tissue

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LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES DAYBREAK COLLECTION

Daybreak, the Conference of Church's drop-in shower center, gives people living with mental illness or physical disabilities and those struggling with addiction or HIV/AIDS, as well as the neighborhood's elderly, a place to belong. The 'drop-in' shower center is in constant need of toiletries. We are currently collecting:

Shampoo	Conditioner	
Body wash	Shaving cream	
Razors	Toothbrushes	Toothpaste

(Travel sizes are perfect for this program, but regular sizes are welcome also.)

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SPRING 2022 DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP

Plans have changed slightly since this notice appeared in the previous Newsletter. Here are the 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 late Monday afternoon May 9th and work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will return home Thursday afternoon, May 12th, after the work day.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

EMERGENCY – ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED. These are the words currently posted on the Miller-Keystone Blood Center's website. Blood inventory is at dangerously low levels. Blood transfusions save more than 4 million American lives each year. When you give a pint, you give more than just blood – you give the gift of life; you give someone hope for a second chance and you give back to our community.

LCBS will be sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, June 15th from 1pm – 7pm.** A Miller-Keystone bloodmobile coach will be parked in our parking lot to accommodate everyone who would like to donate blood. Safety measures are a high priority before, during, and after donating blood. There will be multiple options for scheduling appointments with details provided in the May issue of this outreach newsletter. Meanwhile, to learn more about giving blood, you can check out the Miller-Keystone website at <https://www.giveapint.org/> and https://www.giveapint.org/community_posts/who-can-donate-blood/ for donor eligibility. Spread the word!
Please contact John Mosovsky at vistafarm@ptd.net if you have questions or need additional information.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Allentown Rescue Mission and 6th Street Shelter

Below is a final summary of the collected items for these two community shelters.

Allentown Rescue Mission

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

6th Street Shelter

66 pairs of pajamas
89 puzzles
56 hard cover books
83 pair of socks
13 pair of slippers
1 hat/scarf
2 star wars toys
2 stuffed animals
11 paperback books
8 bottles body wash
5 bottles baby cream
1 hair spray
208 snacks and treats
1 deck of cards
3 boxes feminine products
6 plastic dishes
6 plastic cups & lids
3 boxes of CDs

Special thanks to Denise Rohrbach and Carole Wetherhold for coordinating these collections, keeping track of all the items donated, assembling 51 children “gift bags”, and making the deliveries to the shelters! Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

This has been an amazing collection. Thank you everybody for your generous and sustained support. We have received a thank you letter from the Sixth Street Shelter stating that we are an important part of their work and they are truly grateful for our involvement and support.



Outreach Mission Team Action Groups and Leaders

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

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