

## 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\*

- **LifePath Coplay Home Collection: May (details below)**
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches, Daybreak Collection: May (details below)**
- **Spring 2022 Disaster Relief Mission Trip: May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup> (details below)**
- **Blood Drive: June 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> (details below)**
- **Food Bank Garden:** The raised beds received a planting of lettuce, radishes and spinach and the garlic is up and growing from last October's planting. Contact Marilyn Egner, 610-442-8112 if you'd like to help.
- **The Plaster House uses Holy Spirit's "Shelter for the Savior" Donations to Change Children's Lives– Learn How**

For several years in December/January, Holy Spirit has supported a "Shelter for the Savior" fundraising campaign. On May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am, Sarah Rejman, Director of The Plaster House, will describe how those donations are used to provide surgical and pre-/post-surgical care to children with correctible disabilities. Sarah, an "Aussie" with a big personality, will show you the impacts our contributions make in changing children's lives. Join in at the Fellowship Center or on Zoom.

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

We are members of an incredibly generous congregation! Every month there are persistent needs we hear about from our neighbors. So as a reminder, please do not feel obligated to participate in every opportunity presented. The diversity of opportunities provides us all with choices to participate.

God's Work, Our Hands makes all good things 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*

## \*LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES\*

### DAY BREAK 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. Below is a list of items we will be collecting during the month of May. Please place your donations inside the church in the coat closet outside the Fellowship Center/Multi-Purpose Room. There is also a storage bin under the alcove outside that can be used to drop off donations when the church is locked. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Shampoo	Conditioner	Toothpaste
Body wash	Shaving cream	
Razors	Toothbrushes	

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

## **\*LIFEPATH COPLAY HOME COLLECTION\***

**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. 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, a member of Holy Spirit, has lived there 34 years. Below is a list of items we will be collecting throughout the month of May. Please place your donations inside the church in the coat closet outside the Fellowship Center/Multi-Purpose Room. There is also a storage bin under the alcove outside that can be used to drop off donations when the church is locked. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Kitchen Towels  
Wash Cloths  
Dish Cloths  
Oversize bath towels  
Body pillows

Body pillow pillowcases  
Tide Laundry soap  
Heavy Duty Plastic Bowls  
Cookie Sheets/Muffin Tins

## **\*SPRING 2022 DISASTER RELIEF 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 9<sup>th</sup> and work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will return home Thursday afternoon, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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\***

**As mentioned in the previous newsletter, blood inventories are at dangerously low levels.**

Due to staffing issues blood centers are finding it increasingly difficult and near impossible to schedule blood mobiles. But when the foundations are being destroyed we remember the LORD is in God's holy temple and sits on God's heavenly throne. And so, God provides a solution!

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is sponsoring a week long blood drive **June 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**. The Miller-Keystone Blood Center's new Adopt a Week blood drive will enable us to host a blood drive, conveniently give blood at any one of their three satellite locations, and be recognized in the community. It's easy to participate – just click [HERE](#) for the informational flyer on the three different ways to register an appointment for donating blood at any one of the satellite locations at Cedar Crest Blvd., Hamilton St., or Valley Center Parkway (Bethlehem). You can also register and learn about safety, eligibility, i.e. who can donate blood, complete the on-line i- screen donor history questionnaire, and much more at <https://www.giveapint.org/lutheran-holy-spirit> **Please remember to enter our Group #0743 in the "notes" section when you schedule your appointment or provide the number when calling to schedule and also mention the number when arriving for your appointment. If you have any questions please contact John Mosovsky at [vistafarm@ptd.net](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) or 484-264-6151.**

## **\*EMMAUS ROTARY/EAST PENN FOOD COALITION FUNDRAISING EVENT\***

Holy Spirit belongs to the East Penn Food Coalition (EPFC) which is made up of a number of local service organizations, churches, food pantries, and the East Penn School District for the purpose of providing food to the needy in our community. During this school year, EPFC has distributed 2,320 bags of food obtained/purchased through the Emmaus Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Dollar Tree Organization. This fundraising event is on **May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-5pm** and located at the GIO Italian Grill in Macungie. It's an all you can eat and drink Cornhole Tournament. General admission to the event is \$35 per person and also includes live music. Some Holy Spirit members participated last year and helped raise \$6,000! You don't have to join in the cornhole tournament competition. Holy Spirit will not be having a stand at the event this year but you are encouraged to join together and attend to help the needy and have some fun. Just watching some of the "semi-professional" cornhole competitors is a treat! **To obtain tickets and learn more, click [HERE](#) to see the flyer.** All the event proceeds (100%) will be donated to the East Penn Food Coalition. Attendees under 21 need to be accompanied by an adult.

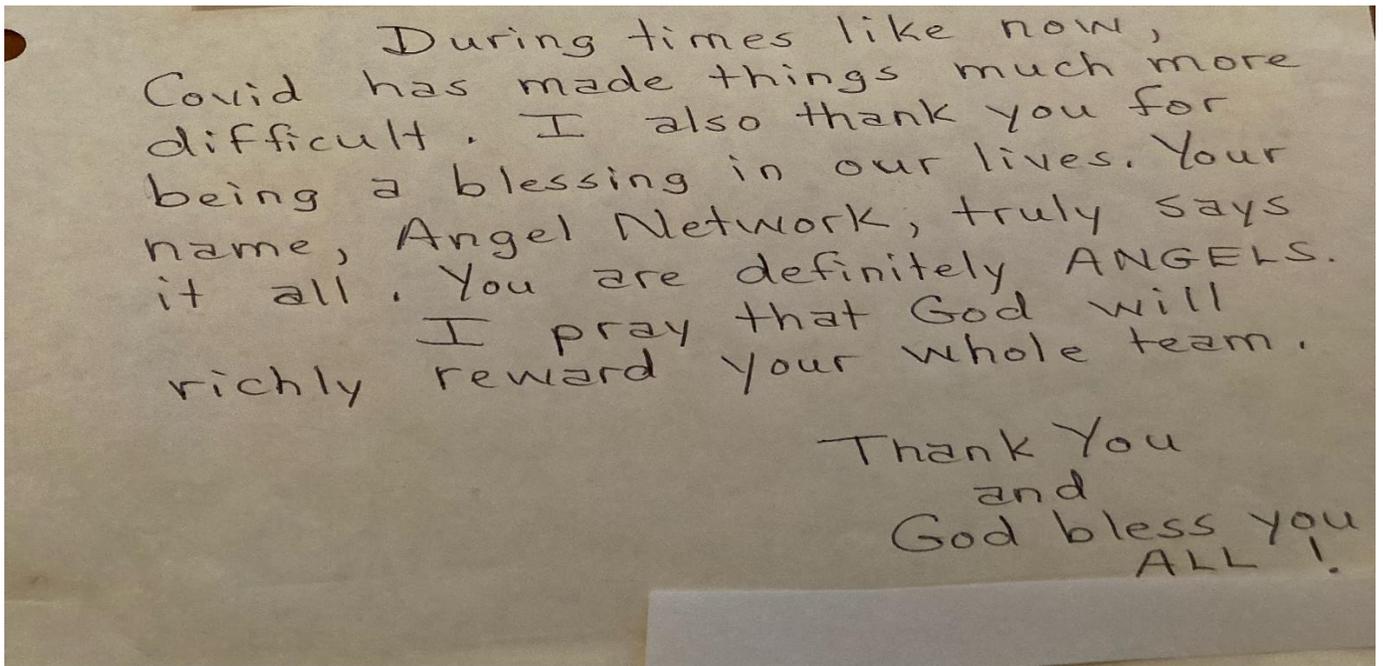
## **\*OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES\***

### **ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Lutheran Disaster Response to the Eastern Europe Crisis**

You may remember that the Outreach Mission Team had sponsored our annual ELCA World Hunger appeal during Lent but it was interrupted by the Lutheran Disaster Response to the Eastern Europe Crisis. Even so, we collected \$608 for World Hunger before the appeal was interrupted. And we collected \$8,383 for the Lutheran Disaster Response to the Eastern Europe Crisis! Soooooo generous and compassionate of you to support both of these soooooo sorely needed appeals! **Thank you!!**

### **Angel Network**

On April 6th The EHS Angel Network provided food boxes for 127 families that included \$20 in Weis or Giant gift cards for perishable items, and a hygiene bag (toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo and soap). We provided student and adult clothing, and bed linens and towels at the indoor shopping/give-away. The event was well attended and our receivers expressed their gratitude many times. Holy Spirit alone collected over 260 cans of corn and green beans/peas, and over 140 bottles of laundry detergent. Thank you from the Angel Network to all who donated, and to those who came out and helped count items, fold clothes, and put boxes into cars. These events take a village, and we are most grateful to have you in our village! Please see a note of gratitude below that we have received.



### LifePath/Coplay Home Collection

During the month of April, we collected the following items for the six severely disabled residents of this home. Thank you so much for helping to meet their current needs. We are continuing this collection during the month of May as described in "Outreach Opportunities" above.

3 body pillows	104 Toilet paper rolls	687 Paper plates
19 oversized bath towels	151 Dishwasher pods	1 Liquid Laundry soap
5 Washcloths	8 Disinfectant Spray	2 Liquid Dish Soap
8 Dish Cloths	8 Disinfectant Wipe pkgs (80 wipes each)	2 Cookie Sheets
5 Pot holders	200 Napkins	2 Casserole Dishes
10 kitchen towels	360 pcs Cutlery	34 Bowls/Containers
24 Paper towels rolls		

### Lehigh Conference of Churches Day Break Collection

During the month of April we collected the following items for the Day Break drop in shower center. These items will be used by many less fortunate people living with mental illness, physical disabilities, addiction, and disease and the elderly who look for a place to belong. Thank you for your compassionate giving! We are continuing this collection during the month of May as described in "Outreach Opportunities" above.

52 Shampoo/Conditioners	33 soap bars	19 Floss
32 Shampoo	3 Shower caps	7 pks Floss picks
5 Shampoo (large)	12 Body lotion/cream	2 Hand Soaps (w/pumps)
1 Conditioner (large)	6 Deodorant	3 Hand sanitizer
27 Conditioner	49 toothbrushes	1 Hair brush
10 Body wash (large)	26 Toothpaste	
11 Body wash (small)	11 Mouthwash	

## 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](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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