

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

- **Turning Point Diaper Collection: During the month of July**
- **God's Work Our Hands Service Project Save the Date: September 11**
- **Trunk or Treat Save the Date: October 16**
- **Food Bank Garden: All season long!**

* 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

Donations

Each month the Outreach Mission Team determines the outreach opportunities presented to the congregation, including specific items for collections and what time period the collection or appeal will take place. It is most helpful and appreciated by the volunteers who sort, count, coordinate, and deliver our donations when they are received during the collection times requested. If you have items not specifically requested that you would like to donate, please contact John Mosovsky, Outreach Convener at vistafarm@ptd.net. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

TURNING POINT/OUTREACH FOR CHILDREN IN DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTERS

During July, Holy Spirit will be collecting diapers for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.

Turning Point shelters provide a safe place for victims of domestic violence and their children to explore their options for approximately 30 days. Turning Point operates two emergency shelters in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, accommodating single women and women with children in a communal living environment. Both shelter locations are confidential and have security systems maintained with 24-hour staff coverage.

Women and their children living in the shelters are exposed to a living situation free from violence, often for the first time in their lives. Children learn by example that one can live without violence. Staff and volunteers model non-violent behavior and encourage adult victims to try non-violent parenting alternatives with their children, and non-violent conflict resolution with other shelter residents.

Please place donated diapers in the bin in the coat closet outside the Fellowship Center. If the church is locked, there is a collection bin outside by the entrance at the center of the building.

Thank you on behalf of the very vulnerable children of Turning Point.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE PROJECT



This year's GWOH service project has been scheduled for Sunday, September 11th. This annual project is an ELCA church wide opportunity – a day to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. **We are in the early planning stages so please contact John Mosovsky at vistafarm@ptd.net or Pastor Tami at prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org with your ideas and/or your desire to help organize. More details on the specific service projects will be provided in the next (August) newsletter.**

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

TACOS WITH A SIDE OF KINDNESS

The Kindness Project (<https://kindnessprojectlv.org/>) is a foster care resource and one of our benevolence partners located in the Lehigh Valley. They will be the recipient of funds raised at an event taking place on July 27th 4pm-9pm at the Triple Sun Distillery located at 518 Bank St. Emmaus, Pa. You can join this worthy cause and enjoy tacos from Flavor Nation, drinks from Funk Brewing and Triple Sun Distillery, family-fun games, raffle prizes, and live music by Kinda Sorta Maybe Band. There's more information at https://www.facebook.com/events/560502768858459/?active_tab=discussion

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Turning Point

This collection included donations from the children attending the Vacation Bible School as well as congregation members. We collected 2,430 diapers and 152 baby items which included teethingers, wipes, shampoo, body wash, and baby lotion. Thank you everyone for being so generous and taking the time to shop for the children of Turning Point!

Unspecified Donations

The following items were received at the church and will be donated to the Allentown Rescue Mission and the 6th Street Shelter. Thank you for your generosity and thinking of those in need.

3 crocheted plastic mats	8 razors	1 winter jacket
9 Barbisol shave cream	2 mouth wash	1 protein shake mix
17 bars of soap	1 bottle of vitamins	
6 deodorants	16 pencils	
20 tooth brushes	4 note pads	
14 toothpastes	5 packs of cards	
3 pr. Men's briefs	4 shirts	
2 boxes tissues	1 T-shirt	

Blood Drive

Fifteen donors from our church participated in the Miller Keystone Blood Bank Adopt a Week blood drive. The blood bank was very appreciative for our participation. Thank you for taking the time to donate and help support lives. In the future when giving blood at Miller Keystone, you can always use Holy Spirit's donation # 0743 if you would like your donation attributed to our church's coordinated effort to support the community. Our church will also be put on a waiting list for when/if blood mobiles will be scheduled again.

Food Bank Garden

The hard work of our gardeners continues to bear fruit (or rather veggies) for the Emmaus Groceries Plus Food Bank. Early summer harvests have included 47 bags of salad mix and over 100 radishes. If you'd like to participate in this "growing ministry" please contact Marilyn Egner at bu44@aol.com.

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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