

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

- **Blood Drive: June 13th – 18th**
- **Turning Point Vacation Bible School Collection and Diaper Collection: VBS June 20th-24th; Diaper Collection during the months of June and July**
- **Emmaus Garden Club Benefit for East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors: June 25th**
- **God's Work Our Hands Service Project: September 11**
- **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

BLOOD DRIVE

There is still plenty of time to sign up for this unique, convenient, and safe opportunity to give blood.

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

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is sponsoring a week long blood drive **June 13th-18th**. 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 or 484-264-6151.

TURNING POINT/OUTREACH FOR CHILDREN IN DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTERS

During June and July, Holy Spirit will be collecting diapers for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Our Vacation Bible School children will join this effort by collecting diapers, baby shampoo, infant and preschool toys, baby wipes and baby teethers from June 20-24. Anyone can donate any of these items and/or diapers by placing them 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.

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.

Thank you on behalf of these very vulnerable children.

EMMAUS GARDEN CLUB BENEFIT FOR EAST PENN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

On June 25th the Emmaus Garden Club/East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors is hosting Garden Tours at 7 Emmaus Home Gardens. All proceeds go to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors which serves families through multi-faceted short term assistance helping to restore and sustain healthy independent living. You can help this effort in a couple of ways. One, be a Garden Host for 90 minutes at one of the gardens. Or, purchase a ticket to view the gardens. Tickets are \$25 in advance and include lunch – see the flyer for details. The event is rain or shine.

Garden Host volunteers will sit in the gardens and check people's tickets as they come in. There is no expectation to sell or explain anything floral. If you'd like to volunteer please call the Emmaus Garden Club at 610-310-7497.

*Emmaus Garden Club
East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

Garden Tour

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022
Rain or Shine

SEVEN GARDENS
Lunch included: 11:00-2:00 p.m.
All gardens open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., view in any order
Shopping available at vendors: 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ADMISSION
\$25.00 before day of tour, \$30.00 on day of tour

PROCEEDS
All proceeds benefit East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:
Dan Schantz Greenhouse & Cut Flower Outlet
Eagle Point Farm Market and Greenhouses
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus (day of tour only)
Herbein's Garden Center Inc.
Lehigh Valley Home and Garden Center

For further information call
610 310 7497



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.**

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.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

LifePath/Coplay Home Collection

The total items donated for this collection during the months of April and May are listed below. Your generosity is so much appreciated by the six severely disabled residents of this home.

Thank you so much for helping to meet their current needs!

3 Body pillows	104 Toilet paper rolls	1 Liquid Laundry soap
20 Oversized bath towels	194 Dishwasher pods	42 Tide Pods
29 Washcloths	8 Disinfectant Spray	2 Liquid Dish Soap
1 Hand towel	8 Disinfectant Wipe pkgs (80 wipes each)	2 Cookie Sheets
18 Dish cloths	200 Napkins	2 Casserole Dishes
5 Pot holders	360 pcs Cutlery	46 Bowls/Containers
17 Kitchen towels	757 Paper plates	1 Set of 3 mixing bowls
24 Paper towels rolls		

Lehigh Conference of Churches Day Break Collection

The total items donated for this collection during the months of April and May are listed below. These items will be used in the Day Break drop in shower center 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 and generous giving!

52 Shampoo/Conditioners	3 Shower caps	26 Toothpaste
38 Shampoo	13 Body lotion/cream	11 Mouthwash
5 Shampoo (large)	6 Deodorant	19 Floss
1 Conditioner (large)	29 Individual & 6 boxes of razors	7 Floss picks packages
32 Conditioner	2 Shaving gel	2 Hand Soaps (w/pumps)
12 Body wash (large)	521 toothbrushes & 3 travel toothbrushes	3 Hand sanitizer
14 Body wash (small)		1 Hair brush/1 comb
42 soap bars		1 Nail clipper

Spring 2022 Lutheran Disaster Relief Mission Trip



Thirteen people participated in this year's LDR trip in early May. All enjoyed being able to make the trip after having to cancel the last two annual trips because of COVID. Our group worked on four houses in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia. This neighborhood was badly flooded in early 2020 after heavy rainfall in the area. We were involved in many activities; dry walling, painting, carpet removal, tile floor removal and electrical work.

Our group stayed at the Salt and Light Church in the neighborhood. The people

were wonderful. The church provides schooling and daycare for families in the neighborhood. It is a wonderful anchor for the area. We look forward to our next trip in the Spring of 2023.

Ukraine Medical Supplies



Mike Yablonski had the idea. Dean Black had the contact. Dorene Shannon was the contact. John Mosovsky had the truck.

In March Mike Yablonski inquired if the Outreach Mission Team could contribute to the Ukraine relief effort. Dean Black knows a non-profit in Slatington that collects and warehouses medical supplies. After some vacation time and date coordination, and a truck supplied by John Mosovsky, a nice supply of medical supplies were delivered to St Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God in Fullerton, which coordinates shipments to Ukraine.

Thank You to Dorene and Bruce Shannon for their generous donation through their non-profit Through These Hands. Thank You to Liz Cassler for her donation of dressing supplies. All this with no cost to LCHS except for our time and the use of John's truck.

Food Bank Garden

Our Garden has already donated 14 one-gallon bags and 5 small bags of salad mix greens which included 40 radishes to the Emmaus Groceries Plus Food Bank. If you'd like to participate in this "growing ministry" and get your hands dirty please contact Marilyn Egner at <mailto: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 prrichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org

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