

# 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\*

- **God's Work Our Hands Service Project: September 11, Noon-2pm**
- **Trunk or Treat Halloween Outreach Event:** Mark your calendars for Holy Spirit's Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 16, 1-2:30 PM. Come and enjoy the Trunks, music, games, activities and food. Anyone wishing to volunteer and help with Trunk or Treat, please contact Pr. Tami ([prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)) or Lorie Stout Sherman ([stouts2@ptd.net](mailto:stouts2@ptd.net)).
- **Food Bank Garden: All season long!**

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### \*GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE PROJECT\*



**We are celebrating God's Work Our Hands on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from noon-2pm.** Please mark your calendar and bring the whole family for an afternoon of helping, sharing and fun. This year our primary project is to collect, assemble and ship school kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The kits will be distributed to children in poverty all over the world. Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to situations that threaten their well-being. Education is an important tool to break the poverty cycle.

**Our goal is to fill 200 drawstring back packs with school supplies on September 11.** We need your help and your contributions. Supplies needed are listed below. **Please bring the supplies to the church office or to the Fellowship Center prior to September 10.**



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



No. 2 unsharpened pencils



One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)



Black and blue ballpoint pen (no gel ink)



70 sheet notebook wide or college ruled 8" x 10½" – **no loose leaf paper**

There are many ways to participate on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 11. There will be five different stations.

Station #1 - Assemble and pack the school kits for Lutheran World Relief

Station #2 - A group will be going to the Union and West End Cemetery to help clean up the cemetery. This cemetery is maintained by volunteers and our help is greatly appreciated.

Station #3 - Faith Formation is assembling "Birthday Bags" (cake mix, balloons, frosting etc.). These bags will be given to the local Boys and Girls club. This is a great opportunity for kids to help other kids.

Station #4 - Rejoicing Spirits will be making greeting cards in room 117/119 to be distributed to people in need. They will meet on September 11th from 1:15pm -2pm. **Masks are required.**

Station #5 - Holy Spirit's Stitch and Chat will be cutting squares and tying fleece quilts to be donated to the Kindness Project for local foster children.

*If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, come join us on September 11 from 12 noon-2 pm.*

### **\*FOOD BANK GARDEN\***

The success and appreciation we receive from food banks benefitting from our fresh vegetable harvests is amazing. To reach even more people in need, we have begun making deliveries to Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie who distributes food on a weekly basis. AND, due to Grayson Killingsworth's Eagle Scout project, the size of our raised bed gardens has doubled! Thank you Grayson! If you would like to help with this "growing" ministry please contact Marilyn Egner at [bu44@aol.com](mailto:bu44@aol.com).

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

### **Angel Network**

THANK YOU! WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

The EHS Angel Network will be holding a back to school event in collaboration with the Moravian Church in Emmaus on August 13th. We at Holy Spirit were asked to donate book bags for the High School students. As of Wednesday July 27th, there had been 31 high school back packs donated, and 5 elementary back packs, which will be distributed to our elementary schools! Holy Spirit has been involved in this effort for a number of years now, and Angel Network and our students are most grateful. This program helps our students begin the school year feeling like they fit in, and equips them with basic school supplies they need to help them be successful. Thank you all so much for your generous hearts. You always step up to help others, and we are very grateful for our partnership! We are all most certainly blessed!

### **Turning Point**

During the month of July, we collected 1445 diapers for the two Turning Point emergency shelters. On behalf of the women and children living in these shelters, thank you for your generous donations!

### Emmaus Garden Club Benefit for Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This ticketed event which included seven garden tours, resulted in \$5,000 that went to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. This organization helps families restore and sustain healthy independent living through short term assistance. One of the gardens on the tour belonged to our church members Marilyn and Frank Egner. Thank you to all that participated and thank you Marilyn and Frank!

### Food Bank Garden

Donated vegetables harvested from our church garden (and harvested from Marilyn and Frank Egner's garden) included 6 bags of parsley, 5 cabbages, 14 red beets, 4 eggplant, 8 bunches of kale, an assortment of tomatoes, 7 cucumbers, and bunches of basil, tarragon, chocolate mint and sage. Special thanks to Marilyn and Frank Egner who coordinate the planning, planting, care, harvesting and distribution of the harvest and also a big thank you to all those that help them. The harvesting will continue through the fall season so if you would like to help, please contact Marilyn at [bu44@aol.com](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](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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