

Outreach Outlook

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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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

- **Allentown 6th Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment:** Collection starts in April and continues to May 15th.
- **ELCA World Hunger Appeal:** Continuing through Lent up to April 6th.
- **Lutheran Disaster Relief Mission Trip:** April 23rd – April 27th.
- **Lutheran Day of Advocacy at the Pennsylvania Capitol:** April 27th.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

ALLENTOWN 6TH SHELTER ADOPT-AN-APARTMENT

LCHS adopted a Sixth Street Shelter Apartment in March. We are collecting **specific new** items in April to prepare our apartment for three new families throughout 2023. Check out the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAAAF2BA7F9CE9-lchs3> to sign up for an item or two.

Please bring your donated items to the Fellowship Center lobby coat closet. If you are not able to purchase items and prefer to contribute monetarily, please send your donation to LCHS and mark as 'Sixth St Shelter'. If you cannot access the online signup, please contact Brenda Truhe at bltruhe@hotmail.com or 484-725-2488 to discuss what items are needed.

Additionally, we will need volunteers to help prepare the apartment for each new family, e.g. do light repairs, paint and/or clean. The apartment can turn over in a few days. So we are looking for individuals, families and youth, to help on short notice to carry supplies and spruce up the apartment. If you would like to volunteer to help with the apartment setup, please contact Carole Wetherhold at crwether@verizon.net or 610-360-3715. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

We are continuing our Lenten ELCA World Hunger appeal until April 6th. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed. This program is making a difference around the world and depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. Matthew 25:35 states it best; "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Here are the various ways you can donate:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [here](#) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.

- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering “World Hunger” and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

***LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP ***

This spring's LDR mission trip team will be heading to York, PA to assist the local community in recovering from local flooding last year. Our van will be leaving Sunday afternoon April 23rd and will be returning Thursday April 27th after the work day. There are some people who cannot stay the entire week so we can arrange for carpools as necessary. **We would love to have new team members. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Bob Mueller (610-442-7892).**

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On April 27, join advocates from around Pennsylvania for inspiration, learning and advocacy. Taking Micah 6:8 as a starting point, we will focus on how we as Lutheran Christians understand our call to live together as God's faithful people and to strive for justice and peace in the context of today's debates over the role of faith in public life.

Learn more at <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/lutheran-day-in-the-capitol-2023/>

Contact John Mosovsky at 484-264-6151, vistafarm@ptd.net if you are interested in going as part of a team from Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Registration deadline is April 21st.

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Lutheran Day of Advocacy - April 27, 2023

DISCIPLESHIP
What Does God
Require of Us?
IN A DEMOCRACY

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APRIL 27, 2023
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and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

JOIN US for inspiration and advocacy as we focus on how we as Lutheran Christians understand our call to live together as God's faithful people.

THE WORKSHOPS will connect our ministries of service to opportunities to advocate on issues from hunger to housing, creation care and more.

Interested in going as part of a team from this congregation?
Contact: _____

Trinity Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA
with shuttles to the State Capitol

8:30am	Registration & Breakfast
9:20am	Welcome & Keynote
10:20am	Workshops
11:30am	Luncheon & Celebration
12:45pm	Worship
1:45pm	Travel to Capitol
2:00-4:30pm	Legislative Visits & Tours
4:00-4:45pm	Shuttles to Trinity

For More Information
& to Register:



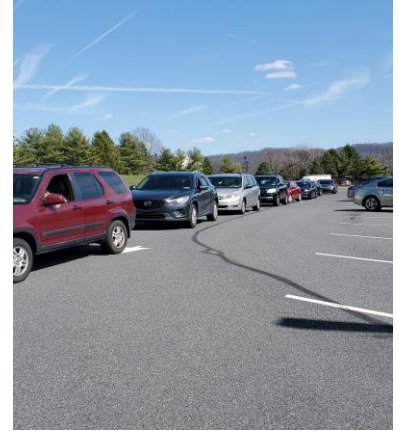
For questions or problems with
registration contact
LAMPa@LutheranAdvocacyPA.org.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Angel Network - Thank you Holy Spirit! Thank you! The EHS Angel Network is so grateful for all of you! You are all amazing! We have completed another successful collection here, and distributed baskets to 138 families. When we set our goal at Holy Spirit of 300 cans of green beans/peas, 300 cans of corn, and 150 bottles of laundry detergent, we know we don't have to worry if we will get the items. Angel Network can count on you, and that makes our collection easier! You are the BEST! These families must sign up to receive a basket each time, so we know that they are happy for the opportunity. You are



making a difference in people's lives that just need a little help sometimes. I'd like to also thank those of you who offered time at our "Controlled Chaos Monday," where we inventory the collection, and to those of you who help with the actual basket distribution. I can't say it enough, but I'll say it one more time, "Thank you from the EHS Angel Network!!" Deb Walsh



Sixth Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment – After two weeks of getting our adopted apartment ready, our first family of 8 guests have moved in! Thank you all for the donations and hard work! We couldn't have done it without the Spirit led heart felt compassion and generosity and the will to support and get involved. Through God's Work Our Hands we share our faith and have fun doing it! The adventure will continue for one year as families come and go. We will be true to our commitment!



SPOTLIGHT

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Mission Support

GOD'S PEOPLE

Doing What Matters
Together

THANK YOU!

Holy Spirit generously
gave \$33,000 to undesignated
ELCA Mission Support in 2022

In 2022, congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod contributed a total of \$1,832,213 to undesignated Mission Support. Of this total amount, \$971,072.89 stayed in the Synod and \$861,140.11 was sent on to the ELCA to support various ministries. That means that 53 cents of every dollar of Mission Support from Holy Spirit and the other NEPA congregations support commitments for mission and ministry stayed right here in the Synod.

Local commitments include the following:

- Deepen the spiritual lives of people
- Build a network that uses our gifts, skills, and resources
- Develop leaders, both lay and ordained
- Enhance lives of service to deal with social needs and issues
- Strengthen the work being done with children, youth, and families.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for your Mission Support Commitment through the NEPA Synod.

To learn more about what our generous offerings through the Synod do, check out the Synod's website:

<https://nepasynod.org/resources/>

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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