

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

- **Jon Satrom Concert:** May 6th @ 4pm in the Worship Center. Free Will Offering to be split 50/50 for Hearts for Haiti and 6th Street Shelter. Details below.
- **Allentown 6th Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment:** Collection started in April and continues to May 15th. Details below.
- **Ministry and Mission Team Fair:** June 11th 9am-10:30am in the Fellowship Center. Displays of LCHS's many ministries during a summer breakfast/fellowship time – watch for more details in Holy Happenings and the June Outreach Newsletter.
- **God's Work Our Hands:** A hands-on service project in late September or Early October – exact date TBD. More details to come.

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

ALLENTOWN 6TH SHELTER ADOPT-AN-APARTMENT

LCHS adopted a Sixth Street Shelter Apartment in March. We started our second collection of **specific new** items in April which will continue to May 15th. This collection will help 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 to donate. **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.

Thanks so much to those who have already donated and/or volunteered their time to prepare the apartment.

JON SATROM CONCERT** **HEARTS FOR HAITI AND 6TH STREET SHELTER

The Jon Satrom concert on May 6th at 4pm in our church Worship Center will include a free will offering split 50/50 for Hearts for Haiti and the 6th Street Shelter.

Hearts for Haiti is a public charity, non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 2001 by Jill Jarrett, a member of LCHS, and Eva Stephens. The organization promises that 100% of all monetary donations go directly to the most immediate needs of the babies and children living in the BRESMA orphanage in Port Au Prince, Haiti. These needs include formula, milk, water, food and diapers. The founders and friends sponsor all administrative expenses.

The humanitarian crisis in Haiti is beyond devastating. Horrific gang violence added to the long existing extreme poverty is having an unfathomably disastrous impact on everyone in Haiti, especially children who are the most vulnerable. One third of children are in urgent need of emergency assistance. For most, the only hope resides in aid from organizations like Hearts for Haiti.

The Sixth Street Shelter, a member of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is located in Center City Allentown. It provides safe, short-term housing for families of any configuration. Their 18-24 month transitional housing programs make it possible for parents to pursue educational or vocational training while working towards self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

FOOD BANK GARDEN



Believe it or not, harvest by Carole Wetherhold and Frank Egner from the food bank garden has already started with 30 bags of lettuce donated to the Grace Lutheran Church food bank in Macungie. The next harvest will be radishes and then garlic and then a number of different veggies to follow. Folks who visit the food banks so appreciate the fresh produce! If you would like to help with the garden, please contact John Mosovsky at 484-264-6151 or vistafarm@ptd.net



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Sixth Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment – You are amazing with your donations for our adopted apartment. Thank you so much. There is currently a family living in the apartment as we continue our collection for future families. The staff at the shelter has shown the apartment to other potential sponsors as a standard for them to work towards. Your Spirit-led compassion and generosity has enabled us to provide a home to a family who otherwise might have broken up or gone homeless. God bless our congregation!

ELCA Lenten World Hunger Appeal - As a result of our Lenten World Hunger Appeal, we will be sending ELCA World Hunger a check for \$3,956.95. This will greatly assist them with their many programs. Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL

For "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

On April 27th Lutherans from around Pennsylvania (including LCHS's Liz Moessner, Dean Black, and John Mosovsky) met at the Capitol for inspiration, learning and advocacy. Taking Micah 6:8 as a starting point, we focused 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. At Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, we attended workshops on food, housing, LGBTQ+ rights in PA, and faith in civic life. We celebrated outstanding advocates during lunch, attended worship, and then boarded a shuttle to the Capitol to meet with our elected legislators.

A keynote address, "Discipleship in a Democracy: Sorting out a Lutheran View" was given by Rev. Dr. Roger Willer, ELCA Director for Theological Ethics. Dr. Willer focused on maintaining an institutional separation of church and state with a functional interaction of our responsibility (403.n of the ELCA Constitution) to call government to account for God's intention of a flourishing society. In other words, working with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavors by supporting the best for the common good AND expressing the tension of our dual citizenship in the eternal and temporal realms of God not as self-righteous dominance (Christian Nationalism) but as a humble motivation to love one another.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) organized Lutheran Day at the Capitol and will be celebrating its 45th Anniversary next year with a similar event on May 9, 2024. Mark your calendars today! You can follow LAMPa on TWITTER: @LAMPAAADVOCACY, FACEBOOK:LAMPAAADVOCACY, WEB:WWW.LUTHERANADVOCACYPA.ORG, @LAMPAAADVOCACY, #ELCAADVOCACY, #SERVEPRAYSPEAK.

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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