

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: Sunday, September 24th.** This annual service 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. See details below.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Mark your calendars for Holy Spirit's Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat, **Sunday, October 22nd**. Come and enjoy the trunks, music, games, activities and food. Anyone wishing to sponsor a trunk or volunteer and help with Trunk or Treat, please contact Victor Schmidt at vschmidt@ptd.net or Pr. Tami at prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org.
- **Food Bank Garden:** Continuing efforts to supply fresh produce to local food banks.

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 24th starting at 12:30pm at the church. This year our service activities include a foster care collection/assembly for young adults, a bicycle collection, quilt/blanket making, and making greeting cards. Below are the descriptions of these specific activities:

- Each year, 20,000 young people age out of foster care. Many youth in foster care have higher education aspirations and expect to earn a college degree. However, the road to achieving their educational goals typically is a rocky one. They're less likely to have a support network, stable housing and employment, medical insurance, and they're less likely to have a safety net to fall back on during any crisis.

Currently, two local public colleges, Kutztown and Penn State, have programs for foster youth to attend college tuition free. Their room and board is not covered. Some students are homeless, living in shelters. In addition, through our Angel Network partner, we are aware of some young adults not attending college in need of immediate assistance.



To celebrate God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we would like to collect items to help these students and young adults succeed. If you would like to make a donation, please go to this Sign-Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548abad2da5f49-gods#/>.

If you would like to make a donation but can't use Sign-Up Genius, please contact Alice Mudge at aemudge50@gmail.com. Some of the items we need are listed below:

Portable fan (always needed for un-air conditioned res halls!)
First aid kit (hand sanitizer, alcohol swabs, Band-Aids, thermometer)
Travel umbrella
Set of towels
Laundry detergent
Hygiene supplies (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, tampons for females)
Snacks—always appreciated
Book bag

We need your help! Beginning today, the Sign-Up Genius is activated. Mark your calendars!

- Our **bicycle collection** will benefit Community Bike Works, a local organization that has been teaching life lessons to kids through bicycles for 28 years <https://communitybikeworks.org/> Their "Earn a Bike" program has engaged thousands of kids teaching them team work and perseverance. **Our collection will take place anytime on GWOH Sunday only** and includes any and all bikes, parts, and bike accessories regardless of condition or size. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off anytime on GWOH Sunday at the grassy area above the upper parking lot (look for the sign).
- **Quilt and Blanket Making** - Holy Spirit's Stitch and Chat will be tying quilt tops and fleece blankets for donation.
- **Faith Formation Ministries** will have service activities for all ages (more details coming in the September Outreach newsletter). This will be a great opportunity for kids to help other kids.
- **Rejoicing Spirits** will be making greeting cards to be distributed to various groups to brighten people's days.

Global Missions Trip to Tanzania 2025

Want to explore God's world...in AFRICA? Join our Global Missions trip to Tanzania in 2025.

Holy Spirit's Global Missions team is in the initial planning stage for a return trip to Tanzania in 2025. The purpose of the trip is to witness God's spirit at work in the Arusha area, particularly through our ELCA missionaries in that area, and also to offer the opportunity to experience the wonders of God's creation that are unique to eastern Africa. The trip will likely be scheduled for about two weeks in length, at a time convenient to those interested in joining our spirited travelers.



Come learn more at one of our information sessions in Room 117/119

Sunday 8/20 at 9:15-10:15am and Wednesday 10/18 at 7pm

If interested in more information, please contact Dean Black, Rick or Ruth Doty, or Pr. Tami

Sixth Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment

After careful consideration, the Outreach Mission Team has decided to end our commitment to this Adopt-an-Apartment program. The Sixth Street Shelter building is undergoing some modifications and construction which has prevented occupancy of the apartment we adopted. It was our understanding that families would occupy the apartment and the turnover to new families would be approximately every 60-90 days. This has not happened and so you deserve to know what will happen to the very generous donations you provided to this program.

We have given the Sixth Street Shelter the option to use the single family donation we have already provided. The Outreach Mission Team has decided to donate the other items you provided (enough for 3 more families) to:

- Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, a safe place where all survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse and their children can find refuge (<https://turningpointlv.org/>)
- Penn State and Kutztown Universities' student foster care programs in support of God's Work Our Hands Sunday. <https://www.solutionsnetwork.psu.edu/education/fostering-lions-program> and <https://www.kutztown.edu/about-ku/administrative-offices/enrollment-management-and-student-affairs/profs.html>

We will continue to support the mission of the Sixth Street Shelter in other ways and ask that you include them in your prayers.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Food Bank Garden – Frank Egner and Carole Wetherhold had another successful harvest during the month of July. Deliveries to the Grace Lutheran Church food cupboard included garlic, onions, cabbage, and kale. The recipients of the harvest were very thankful!



If you'd like to help Frank and Carole with the garden, please contact them directly or John Mosovsky at 484-264-6151, vistafarm@ptd.net

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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