

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 next page.
- **Angel Network Collection, Month of October:** Details coming in next month's outreach newsletter
- **Trunk or Treat, Sunday October 22nd, 1:00-2:30pm:** Mark your calendar for Holy Spirit's Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat. Come and enjoy the trunks, music, games, activities and food. Anyone wishing to sponsor a trunk or volunteer to help with Trunk or Treat, please contact Victor Schmidt at vschmidt@ptd.net , Lorie Stout Sherman at stouts2@ptd.net , or Karin Kahler at Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org. Sign-up to sponsor a Trunk will begin via Sign-up Genius on September 24th.
- **Christmas Ingathering Collection, Month of November:** Details coming in the November newsletter
- **Global Missions Trip to Tanzania 2025:** Read additional information below
- **Food Bank Garden:** Our continuing efforts to supply fresh produce to local food banks.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

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 the information session in Room 117/119 on **Wednesday 10/18 at 7pm**



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

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 at Penn State and Kutztown Universities, a bicycle collection, quilt/blanket making, and making greeting cards.



Below are the descriptions of these specific activities.

Here is a list of collection items (all items must be new) still needed to support the foster care programs at Penn State and Kutztown universities. 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.

Portable fan - need 35

First aid kits - need 53

Travel umbrellas - need 51

Set of towels (bath towel & hand towel) - need 24 sets

Laundry detergent, pods only - need 27

Deodorant unisex - need 41

Shampoo (unisex) – need 35

Tampons – need 33

Back Packs – need 32

Snacks – need 57

Thermometers – need 49

Shower gel (unisex) – need 36

- **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 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 be creating snack bags and greetings to be distributed through Laundry on Linden Ministry (associated with St. Luke's).
- **Rejoicing Spirits** will be making greeting cards to be distributed to various groups to brighten people's days.

Mark your calendar for this service event. Hope to see you at the church on September 24th @ 12:30pm!

Maui Wildfire Relief

The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors, and how Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed and affected hundreds of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

The ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany our neighbors in Hawaii impacted by these wildfires. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can use your offering envelope or click this link <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?erid=60d2cd73-e9e2-4de0-b1d0-950e679cae7d&trid=60d2cd73-e9e2-4de0-b1d0-950e679cae7d> By standing with Maui's wildfire survivors, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley – In the August newsletter we informed you that the Outreach Mission Team had decided to end our commitment to the Sixth Street Shelter Adopt-an-Apartment program and to donate the items you provided to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley and Penn State/Kutztown universities foster care programs. The items which included bedding linens, small kitchen appliances and supplies, cleaning supplies, and many more items were delivered to Turning Point. They were pleasantly overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you many times over! Other donated items, i.e., bathroom linens will be included in the God's Work Our Hands Sunday collection/service project on September 24th for the university foster care programs.

Food Bank Garden – Frank Egner, Carole Wetherhold, and Wilma Stewart had another successful



harvest during the month of August. Deliveries to the Grace Lutheran Church food cupboard included kale, zucchini, eggplant, red beets, and green peppers. The 2023 harvest has been consistently abundant and the recipients of the harvest were very thankful!

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

Your Impact on Lutheran Disaster Response - The ministry of Lutheran Disaster Response is critical to the mission of the ELCA. It gives us an opportunity to reach communities and people that we might not reach through other means, and to share the love of God through our actions. During 2022, our congregation had supported LDR with a mission trip to the Eastwick section of Philadelphia and monetary contributions to ELCA/LDR's appeal to the crisis in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your time, talents, and generosity. You are invited to read the many stories of impact LDR has had around the world and reflect on the global presence of our church in [*Thrive: Your Impact on Lutheran Disaster Response*](#)

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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