

Outreach Outlook

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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

- **Tanzanian Missionaries at Holy Spirit** – June 5 @ 7pm in the Fellowship Center. Details below.
- **Fundraising for Tanzanian Organizations We Plan to Visit in 2025** – Starts in June and continues throughout the summer months. Details below.
- **Sunday School Collections** – Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, June 1st – June 9th. Vacation Bible School collection for The Kindness Project, June 16th – July 7th. Details below.
- **Church Community Garden** – Update below
- **God's Work Our Hands Day of Service, Save the Date – October 6th, 2024** – This will be a great opportunity to help various local community organizations working side by side with fellow Holy Spirit members. We plan to have multiple service projects as well as options to donate gently used items to help those in need. More information will be available soon in Holy Happenings and the Outreach Newsletter.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Tanzanian Missionaries at Holy Spirit



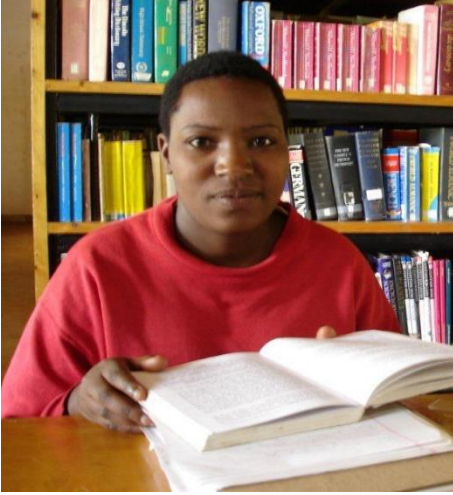
We have a great chance on June 5th @ 7pm to talk with and learn more about the pediatrics work Steve and Jodi Swanson are doing. Dr. Steve heads up the NICUs at the Arusha and Selian hospitals in Tanzania. He and his team have worked for over ten years to develop and successfully use low-cost, low-tech care to treat premature babies and other vulnerable children. Their techniques are now a model for use across Africa.

The Swansons are building a sustainable future for pediatrics in Tanzania, using native-born doctors and nurses. Hear about what they do, why they do it, and what our church's role can be in making sure the future is bright for children in Tanzania. Come see and learn on Wednesday, June 5th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Center. A light dessert will be available for your snacking pleasure as you interact with this engaging and successful couple.

Fundraising for Tanzania

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES WE PLAN TO VISIT

Twelve LCHS members and friends will be traveling to Tanzania in spring 2025 to visit and learn from our ministries in that African country. During the summer of 2024, the Outreach and Global Missions teams and our travelers are collecting donations to be distributed (100%) to the charities which Holy Spirit has been supporting. Donations make a huge difference in the lives of many brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania. You know of a number of those ministries, including:



- *Kafika House (previously Plaster House)
- *MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School
- *NICUs at the Arusha and Selian Lutheran Hospitals, and the other valuable healthcare ministries at those hospitals
- * Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, School of Nursing, helping to meet the great need for nurses in Tanzania.
- * Ilboru Special Needs School



How to make donations: (a) take a decorated envelope in the Nave and return it with either a check or cash with your donation notating it for “Tanzania Ministries” or (b) donate online [here](#), choose “OTHER”, and specify your gift as “Tanzania Ministries,” or (c) mail your donation to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 3461 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Emmaus, PA 18049, notating the donation is for Tanzania Ministries. All contributions are fully tax deductible.



What else can you do now: Pray for the ministries we support and pray for the travelers as they prepare to visit Tanzania next spring.

Sunday School Collections

Love in Every Bowl!



HELPING KEEP PETS OUT OF THE SHELTER SYSTEM AND IN THEIR LOVING HOMES... ONE BAG OF PET FOOD AT A TIME.

needed are dog food (dry and wet), cat food (dry and wet), and pet food for rabbits, gerbils, fish, and birds.



collection will run from June 16 – July 7.

This year's mission project for Vacation Bible School will be the Kindness Project. The Kindness Project provides free support to foster families in our area. We will be collecting board games, Lego sets, flash cards, journals, sketchbooks, and nice pen sets. All items should be NEW. Also, we will be collecting \$10 gift cards for Amazon, Target, Walmart and Starbucks. This

Church Community Garden Update



- The raised garden beds are all fully planted. In addition to the previously planted garlic, onions and radishes and assorted salad greens, peppers, tomatoes, brussel sprouts, and eggplants have been added.
- In early May we harvested 26 food storage bags of mixed salad greens and delivered them to Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie to be distributed by their food pantry.
- In later May we harvested 29 bags of salad greens and 10 bags of ½ dozen radishes. These were also delivered to Grace Lutheran Church for the food pantry.
- Thanks to the garden team volunteers for your ongoing help with this valuable ministry!

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES



Successful LDR Mission Trip

The LCHS team successfully completed our mission trip in early May. This was one of our best trips to date.

We worked with Servants, an organization that does work in the York, PA area. As it turned out, this trip was more like Project Help trips than disaster relief trips. Servants works with resource-strapped individuals in the York area who need work done on their homes.

Over four days we built two new ramps allowing people to get into and out of their homes more easily and stained a ramp that had been previously installed. The Servants organization is well organized and filled with wonderful people.

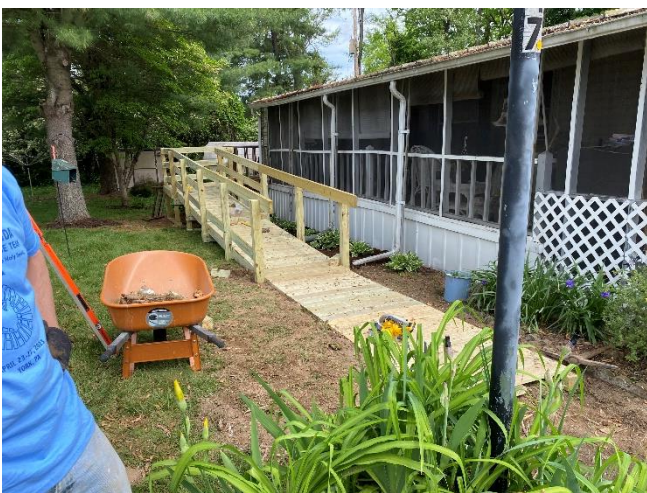
We had a larger than usual group with 13 people working the first two days, 16 people working the third day and nine people working the last day. We had several new team members which are always welcome.

We stayed at Camp Friendly Acres, a church camp owned and operated by Advent Lutheran Church in York. The camp facility is one of the best places we have ever stayed.

The group has decided that we will make this destination our permanent annual trip because of the good experience we had. The work was very rewarding, but the fellowship shared among the team was equally important.

Dear Friends, Words cannot convey adequately our thankfulness in getting a new ramp built for my mom. It was very

concerning getting her down 2 steps and now we can go away without any issues! Your team was such a blessing to us as you loved on Phyllis and Rodney by your kind words, mulching and giving the beautifully made quilts. We are so blessed by your servant's hearts. God bless you! ~ York LDR Homeowners and



Summer Ingathering



The Lehigh Mission District had the opportunity to do a "Summer Ingathering" this year and assist Trinity Lutheran Church, Catasauqua, in providing snacks, bottled water and Walmart gift cards (for additional day camp supplies) during the month of May for their summer community program.

We collected the following items for Trinity's summer community program:

- \$430 Walmart gift cards
- 434 Snack bags
- 164 16 oz water bottles
- 12 8 oz water bottles

Thank you to the members of Holy Spirit for your very generous donations to this project. The Mission District will be back in late October with plans for the Christmas Ingathering. See you then!

Lutheran Day in the Capitol



Three members of our congregation, Dean Black, Jeff Gross, and John Mosovsky attended the Lutheran Day in the Capitol on May 9th. It was an active and very worthwhile day attending workshops, a wonderful worship service (The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop ELCA preaching), visiting legislators, learning how and what current legislation to support, and

networking with old friends. We attended workshops on Caring for Creation, advocating for a hunger free Pennsylvania, housing advocacy, and "Hate Should Have No Home in PA". The Capitol building itself is a priceless architectural and artistic treasure, a majestic symbol of history and power, and an icon of democracy and freedom. It is a wonder to behold! If you'd like to learn more or have questions about our experience, catch one of us at church.

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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