

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

- **Fundraising for Tanzanian Organizations We Plan to Visit in 2025** – Started last month and continues throughout the summer. Details below.
- **Sunday School Collection** – Started last month during Vacation Bible School. This collection for The Kindness Project continues until July 7th. Details below.
- **Church Community Garden** – Update below
- **God's Work Our Hands Day of Service** - Save the Date, October 6th, 2024, 11:30am - 1:30pm. Details below.

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

Fundraising for Tanzania

Support those Tanzanian ministries we have grown to know and love and 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 this summer 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. Remember that those donations can make a huge difference in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania. You know of a number of those ministries, including:



Kafka House (previously Plaster House) - providing pre- and post-operative care and rehabilitation for children with correctable disabilities. Over 1200 children can be treated every year and sent home to their families with new abilities and hope.



Olchoki Elementary School – providing educational opportunities for children in a rural area, with limited resources for teaching and learning, and for students to be fed.



The Arusha and Selian Lutheran Hospitals - including all the valuable healthcare ministries at those hospitals for mothers and children.

MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School - providing the opportunity for middle- and high-school education for the daughters of the Maasai and other semi-nomadic people of Tanzania.

ALMC School of Nursing - helping to meet the great need for nurses in Tanzania.

How to make donations: (a) take a decorated envelope in the Nave and return it with either a check or cash with your LCHS offering, notating it for “Tanzania Ministries”, or (b) donate online through the LCHS website at LCHSEmmaus.org, choosing “Tanzania Ministries” from the drop down menu, under the Give/Donate button, 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.

God’s Work Our Hands

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Oct 6th
2024

Prepare for God’s Work Our Hands – October 6th, 2024. This is a great opportunity to help various local community organizations working side by side with fellow Holy Spirit members. We are planning multiple service projects as well as options to donate gently used items to help those in need, including packing snack bags for Laundry on Linden, cemetery

cleanup, card making with the Rejoicers, quilt tying with Stitch & Chat, mini care bags with Faith Formation, building a court room model for LV Foster Care, Holy Spirit garden cleanup, and making reusable bags with the youth group.

We have leaders for most efforts at this point, THANK YOU! We still **need a leader for the court room model**. If you would like to showcase your design experience, please contact Brenda Truhe at 484-725-2488 or bltruhe@hotmail.com.

We will place totes for collections in August/September. More detailed information will be available later this summer in Holy Happenings and the Outreach Newsletter. Hold the date so you can join us October 6th 11:30am -1:30pm.

Sunday School Collection



This year's collection during Vacation Bible School was for The Kindness Project which got off to a great start! The Kindness Project provides free support to foster families in our area. We will continue collecting board games, Lego sets, flash cards, journals, sketchbooks, and nice pen sets until July 7th. All items should be NEW. Also, we will be collecting \$10 gift

cards for Amazon, Target, Walmart and Starbucks.

Church Community Garden Update



- The total produce harvested to date includes 104 bags of mixed salad greens, 28 bags of radishes (6-7 radishes per bag), and 8 heads of cabbage. These were delivered to the Food Bank at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. They have told me the recipients greatly appreciate receiving the fresh produce.
- Hot weather has brought an end to the salad related plants, so these have been pulled from the garden beds, making way for planting additional eggplant plants and string beans.
- Garlic and onions will be ready for harvesting soon. Tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant will follow.



Thanks to the garden team volunteers for your ongoing help with this valuable ministry!

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Through These Hands Medical Supplies Collection

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection of needed medical supplies to be distributed via Through These Hands of Slatington PA. The following summary shows the generosity of Holy Spirit members matching the priorities as provided by Through These Hands:

- Supplies for newborns – we collected 98 onesies, 35 receiving blankets, and 12 bottles of baby wash/shampoo.
- Wound care supplies – (the diversity of contributions was amazing) 430 bandages, gauze pads, gauze bandages; 140 specialized wound dressings; and 245 other wound care supplies.
- Toiletries for parents with hospitalized children – 75 toothbrushes, 13 toothpastes, 11 soaps, 5 shampoo/conditioner bottles, 4 chapsticks.
- Other medical supplies – (again, a real diversity of contributions) 2 boots/walking shoes; 2 slingshot/cast protectors; 412 wet/dry wipes; 350 examination gloves; 89 adult briefs or under pads; 5 hot/cold packs; 10 sets of hospital socks; 10 ostomy bags and accessories; 2 blood pressure/blood sugar monitors and accessories; 1 pill minder. Also 2 rollators, 1 wheelchair, 1 walker, 1 shower seat, 3 sets of crutches, 1 cane, 1 grabber.

The staff at Through These Hands were pleased to get all these contributions and were going to start immediately to sort them out to meet needs and get them on their way to organizations in need of those supplies. Again, thanks to all who contributed.

Sunday School Collection

The Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley was very appreciative of our recent donations. Our collection yielded: 5 bags of cat food, 7 bags of dog food, 1 bag of rabbit food, 49 cans of cat food, and 49 cans of dog food. These donations will help animals stay in their loving homes as families experience a period of economic uncertainty. Thank you to all those who donated.

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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