

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** – continues through the month of August. Details below.
- **Sunday School Collection** – Family Worship collection for Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital – through September 1st. Details below.
- **God's Work Our Hands Day of Service** - Save the Date, October 6th, 2024, 11:30am - 1:30pm. Details below.
- **Church Community Garden** – Update below

*** OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ***

Fundraising for Tanzania

Support those Tanzanian ministries we have grown to know and love and new programs 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 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 a number of those ministries, including:

- (a) Kafika House (previously Plaster House), which provides pre- and post-operative care for children with correctible disabilities. Over 1200 children can be treated every year and sent home to their families with new abilities and hope.
- (b) Olchoki Elementary School, a school with limited resources that provides educational opportunities for children while providing at least one meal a day.
- (c) The Arusha and Selian Lutheran Hospitals, whose numerous healthcare ministries include Neonatal Intensive Care Units, each of which has a remarkable survival rate for these vulnerable infants while also providing care for their mothers.
- (d) The MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, which provides the opportunity for middle- and high-school education for the daughters of the Maasai and other semi-nomadic people of Tanzania.

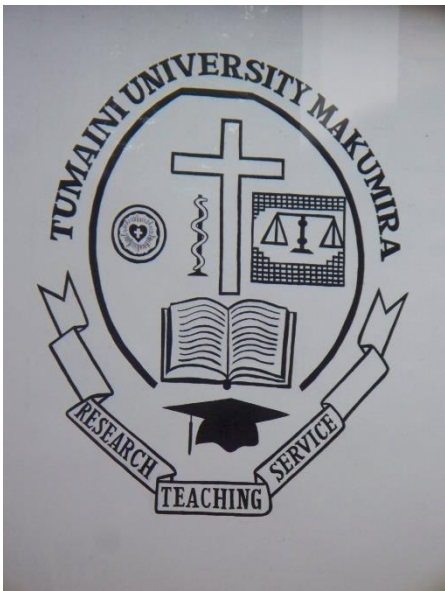
(e) The ALMC School of Nursing, which helps to meet the great need for nurses in Tanzania.

In this newsletter article, we wish to introduce you to three other programs in the Arusha area of Tanzania:



Ilboru Special Needs School

One of the first schools in Tanzania to educate students with special needs. Three categories of students are the deaf, the blind, and those who struggle with other learning differences. Started in basically a broom closet, the school now has multiple classrooms and even a small dormitory so that students do not need to undergo the potentially hazardous conditions of traveling to and from their villages.



Tumaini University at Makumira

The university was founded in 1997 as the Lutheran Theological College Makumira by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The university remains affiliated with the ELCT and includes among its many programs the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees, and a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree focusing on church musicians.



Empowered Girls

A relatively new program that equips, enlightens, and empowers girls in Tanzania. Seminars teach life skills and health, and fun activities help to build confidence.

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 “Tanzanian 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 that the donation is for Tanzania Ministries. All contributions are fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

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



This is a great opportunity to help various local community organizations working side by side with fellow Holy Spirit members. We have several service projects to help those in need, including packing snack bags for Laundry on Linden, Union West End cemetery cleanup, card making with the Rejoicers, quilt tying with Stitch & Chat, Children’s Activity Bags for LV Reilly Children’s Hospital and Kindness Rocks

with Faith Formation, Holy Spirit garden cleanup, and making reusable bags with the youth group.

We are collecting gently used backpacks for the Lehigh & Northampton County Foster Care children. While new backpacks are accepted, this is a great opportunity to put your used backpack to good re-use if you are shopping for a new one. Place donations in the big, labeled box outside the Fellowship Center.

Additionally, we are working with the Foster Care liaison to **build a court room model** to help social workers prepare children who will be testifying in court. If you would like to work on this project, please contact Brenda Truhe at 484-725-2488 or bltruhe@hotmail.com.

Look in future Holy Happenings and Outreach newsletters for collections, Signup Genius, and more detail in August/September. Hold the date so you can join us **October 6th 11:30-1:30**

Sunday School Collection

The current Family Worship collection will benefit patients at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital. As part of God's Work Our Hands day, we will be assembling activity bags for patients ages 5 -8 years old. The items must be new and will need to fit in a gallon Ziploc bag. The collection runs through September 1st. Items needed are:



- Crayola crayons
- travel size games
- decks of cards
- small craft kits
- action figures and figurines
- cars

Church Community Garden Update



- The produce harvested in the last month and delivered to the food bank at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie includes 11 eggplants, 35 peppers, 80 garlic bulbs, 50 onions, 10 cucumbers, and several packages of sage.

- Green beans have been planted, along with zucchini, which should be ready for harvest in about 50 days. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and brussel sprouts are growing well.

- In a few weeks fall crops can be planted, such as cabbage, kale, spinach, beets, or radishes.

- Thanks to the garden team volunteers for ongoing help with this ministry, and thanks to congregation members who have donated produce from their home gardens for the food bank.!



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Vacation Bible School and Family Worship Collection



Our recent collection for The Kindness Project in Emmaus was a big success! Thank you to all those who donated! The items will be given to foster children as they visit the boutique in Emmaus. Our Vacation Bible School and congregational members collected:

\$340 in gift cards

65 board games

51 sketch books

28 pen sets

23 Lego sets

17 packs of flash cards

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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