

OUTREACH OUTLOOK

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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 Day of Service** - **October 6th 11:30am - 1:30pm.**
See more details below.
- **God's Work Our Hands Collections** - During the **month of September.**
Supported by Sunday School and Family Worship Service. See more details below.
- **Tanzanian Ministries Invitation** – **September 8th 9:30am** in the Fellowship Center. Come hear new information on the playing out of God's Work Our Hands in Tanzania and our church.
- **Trunk or Treat** - **Saturday October 19th 1:00-2:30pm** in the lower church parking lot (rain date Sunday October 20th). See more details below.
- **Church Community Garden** – All through the current growing season. Update below.
- **ELCAvotes Initiative** – **September 1st – November 5th.** See more details below.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

God's Work Our Hands



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. Join us for fun and fellowship while doing God's Work!

We have several **GWOH's 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 for Children
- Holy Spirit Community/Food Bank Garden cleanup
- 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.

We are collecting applesauce cups, fruit cups, cheese or peanut butter sandwich crackers, tuna pouches, snack bars, protein bars and 16oz bottles of water for Laundry on Linden.

*** Collection boxes are located outside the Fellowship Center ***

Sign up for Garden and Cemetery projects here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAAAF2BA7F9CE9-50452678-lchs>

Please join us on **October 6th 11:30am - 1:30pm.**

Get in the spirit of things...

wear **Gold** or **Yellow** (GWOH's theme color) to worship that day!

Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendar for Holy Spirit's Trunk or Treat / Fall Fest on Saturday October 19th, 1:00-2:30pm in the lower church parking lot (rain date Sunday October 20th).

Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the trunks, music, games, activities and food. Sign-up to sponsor a Trunk via Sign-up Genius will begin on September 8th.

We are collecting wrapped candy (peanut free) and items such as pencils and stickers to distribute at the event. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Fellowship Center.

Church Community Garden Update

- The produce harvested in the last month and delivered to the food bank at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie included string beans, cherry tomatoes, eggplant, radishes, and peppers.
- Fall crops will be planted, such as cabbage, kale, spinach, and beets.
- 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!



ELCAvotes

Each Sunday starting September 1st and continuing until the November 5th General Election, volunteers will answer questions and provide resources from the ELCAvotes Initiative along with resources from The League of Women Voters of Lehigh County.

The initiative has 4 key elements:

1. Register to Vote
2. See What's on your Ballot
3. Pledge to Vote
4. Vote



We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as citizens of the United States and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all. We are also called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote for all citizens. Please visit the table in the lobby starting September 1st. For more information on our journey to the election on November 5th, please visit ELCAvotes at: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly%20Engaged-Church/ELCAVotes>

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Fundraising for Tanzania Ministries



This summer, Holy Spirit has been raising money for our travelers to take to Tanzanian ministries when they visit in spring 2025. The GREAT news is that as of August 31st, **the generous members of Holy Spirit have donated \$12,056.25** for those ministries. A BIG **THANK YOU** to those of all ages who have donated their dollars, time, and talent to that fundraising, which closes at the end of August.

There will be donations to the Tanzanian ministries still to come from two summer breakfasts, parking at two Emmaus home football games and potentially from a couple of events to take place before the travelers make their way toward Tanzania.

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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