

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:30am - 1:30pm. Details below.
- **Angel Network Collection** - During the month of October. Supported by Sunday School and Family Worship Service. Details below.
- **Trunk or Treat** - Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm in the lower church parking lot (rain date Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>). Includes a collection. Details below.
- **Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering Collection and Christmas Gift Collection for children in the Lutheran Home at Topton foster care program** – These collections are scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will be provided in the November Outreach newsletter.
- **Church Community Garden** – All through the current growing season. Update below.
- **ELCAvotes Initiative** – September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>. Details below.

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### God's Work Our Hands



#### **God's Work Our Hands – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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, 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.

**We are collecting** used colorful t-shirts for creating reusable bags.

Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center

Sign up for Garden project here:

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

Please join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30am - 1:30pm.

## Angel Network



Hello Holy Spirit!

Fall has arrived, and Angel Network is gearing up for our Food Basket Give-a-Ways December 8th -11th 2024, and April 5th - 9th of 2025. If you remember, last year we did this collection only in October and we thought it would be a challenge to get everything we needed for both winter and spring in one

collection. But thanks to all of you it was easy-peasy! The "one-time" collection worked, (we only needed to fill in with detergent in the spring), and as always, we made all of our collection goals! You are all so generous in helping the Emmaus High School students and their families! We could not do this without you!

This year we will again be collecting canned corn and canned green beans or peas, and laundry detergent or laundry pods. We are starting with 38 laundry detergents, 110 cans of corn, and 96 cans of green beans. The green beans/peas have already been donated by some generous congregants! So that goal is already met!! Thank-you! **Our collection during the month of October, supported by the Family Worship Service and Sunday School is:**

- **Detergent - 272 bottles or bags (laundry pods)**
- **Corn - 200 cans of corn**

A few reminders - Any grocery store will be happy to provide you with a case of corn - they usually come in 4, 8, and 12 cans to a case, and **are much easier to carry!** You may need to give them a heads up and come back for it, but most of the time they can accommodate you.

Many of you have contacted me about donating used clothing or other items. Here's how to help with that. We only accept STUDENT clothing in new or very good condition.

We will also be offering new or very gently used blankets, comforters, towels, and sheets in all sizes. Please contact me at [Deblwalsh613@gmail.com](mailto:Deblwalsh613@gmail.com) or by phone- 610-217-2666 to make arrangements for these items. **THEY CANNOT BE LEFT AT THE CHURCH!!**

Also, there are opportunities to help in the basket assembly process. **1.** Monday December 9th - inventory food items (9am-11am), **2.** Tuesday December 10th - basket assembly (2:15pm-3:30ish).

Please contact Laurie Fine at [finelaurie@gmail.com](mailto:finelaurie@gmail.com) to sign up.

Thanks to everyone who helps with this effort. The EHS Angel Network is beyond grateful for our partnership, and the generosity that is shown to these families.  
Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network

## Trunk or Treat / Fall Fest



**Saturday October 19**  
**1:00 – 2:30 pm**  
**(Rain Date: Sunday October 20)**

In addition to Trunk or Treat, the Fall Fest will include music, crafts, games, s'mores, hot dogs and beverages. Our entire church



family is invited to decorate car trunks and offer wrapped candies or items such as pencils and stickers to the children of Holy Spirit and our church neighborhood children.

If you are interested in sponsoring a trunk, the sign-up can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8A82FA4F8C16-50712643-trunk#/>

**The deadline for sponsoring a trunk is Friday, October 4th.**

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

For additional information or questions about Trunk sign-up, please contact Karin Kahler at [Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:Kahler@holyspirit-emmaus.org); Lorie Stout Sherman at [stouts2@ptd.net](mailto:stouts2@ptd.net); or Victor Schmidt at [vschmidt@ptd.net](mailto:vschmidt@ptd.net)

## Church Community Garden Update



Produce deliveries are winding down. Lettuce/salad greens have been recently planted and garlic will be planted in mid-October for harvesting in July 2025. Salad greens, peppers, Brussel sprouts, eggplants, and zucchinis were delivered to the Grace Lutheran Church Food Cupboard.

**Pastor Tami recently visited the Food Cupboard** to better understand organization and how we might assist in other ways over the winter months. The food cupboard serves 60-70 families every week. They also receive fresh produce from a local farmer and weekly food donations from Weis in Emmaus. 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

During September, the ELCAvotes Initiative focused on:

- Register to Vote
- See What's on Your Ballot
- Pledge to Vote
- Why is it Important to Vote
- How Voting Machine Work



During the month of October our focus will be on:

- Deadlines
- Know Your Polling Place
- Voting Super Power

As we approach the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election, we will continue to answer questions and provide resources from the ELCAvotes Initiative and from the League of Women Voters of Lehigh Valley. Please visit the table in the church lobby. For more information, you can also visit the ELCAvotes website at: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly%20Engaged-Church/ELCAVotes>

We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as citizens of the United States and as people of faith to help ensure 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.

## \*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](mailto:vistafarm@ptd.net) OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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