

## 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\*

- **2024 Ingathering Collection and Christmas Gift Collection for children at the Lutheran Home at Topton** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Details below.
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week** – November 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details below.
- **Sunday School Collection** – Coin bank collection for LCHS Stitch n' Chat. During the month of November. Details below.
- **Second Harvest Food Bank** – Sr. Food Box Packing Events: November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. Details below.
- **Support Our Sisters** - From December 1st, 2024, through January 26th, 2025, the Global Missions Team will be collecting donations to help combat abuse and violence against female teens and young adults in northern Tanzania. More info to come in the December newsletter.

# \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

## 2024 Ingathering Collection



The Lehigh Mission District Ingathering Program for 2024 is underway. As we have done for the previous four years, *Holy Spirit will be providing the “unwrapped” portion of gifts for two agencies – Turning Point and the Allentown Rescue Mission.* The following lists represent those items we have been asked to collect. There will be designated bins for each agency in the **Fellowship Center Lobby** starting November 3rd. Please place your donations in the designated bins. *We will collect from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 24th.* *We are also collecting 65 gifts for the children at Topton.* Below you will see the link for the Sign-up Genius to select your gift. Be sure to read the details of the Topton gift selections and instructions for gift value and wrapping.

### Turning Point

Bath Towels (new)  
Comforters, Twin Size, new  
Comforters, Full Size, new  
Pillows, new  
Shower Curtains, new

Body Wash  
Conditioner  
Shampoo  
Scented Hand Cream (for moms)

Baby Wipes  
Pull Ups, all sizes  
Diapers, sizes 4-8

Paper Plates  
Plastic Forks, Spoons and Knives  
Disposable Cups, hot and cold  
Laundry detergent

Women’s LEGGINGS, M-XL, NEW

\$10 Gift Cards: Giant, Weis, Wawa, Walmart, Target

### Allentown Rescue Mission

Single Serving Fruit Juice  
Salad Dressing  
Sauerkraut  
Lo Sodium Canned Soups  
Lo Sodium Chili  
Lo Sodium Pasta Sauce  
Powdered Milk  
Coffee  
Powdered Drink Mix  
Canned Beef Hash  
Granola & Cereal Bars

Disinfectant Cleaning Spray  
Pine Sol  
All Purpose Cleaner  
Trash Bags, 45-55 gallon  
Window Cleaner

Men’s Underwear, sizes M-XXL, new  
Men’s T-shirts, sizes M-XXL, new  
Winter Work Gloves

Notebooks/Lined Composition Books  
Anything on the Rescue Mission Amazon Wishlist

**Thank you for your kind and generous support of the  
2024 Christmas Ingathering Program.**

## Christmas Gift Collection for Children at the Lutheran Home at Topton

This year we will collect 65 gifts for children in the foster care program at Topton Home. Please keep gifts to a value of \$20-\$25. Gifts should be placed in a seasonal gift bag – **NO GIFT WRAP**, please. Gifts can be placed in the designated bin in the **Fellowship Center LOBBY** beginning November 3rd. Gift sign-ups will be done via the Sign-Up Genius using the following link: [Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit: 2024 Christmas Ingathering](#)

Follow the instructions to sign-up. If you have any problems, please contact Alice Mudge at 610-400-5349. **Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with these children.**

## Sunday School Collection

During the month of November children will be filling coin banks for LCHS Stitch and Chat group. The collected coins will help to cover expenses for supplies. The quilts that are made by the group are often given to agencies that serve children as well as adults and is a ministry of bringing warmth and comfort to people in need in our community and church family.

## Our Donations

Sometimes we may have items we would like to donate and prefer to go through the church, but the items are not specific to a particular collection. Other times we may have items to donate that are not specific to a particular collection and we choose to just drop them off ourselves at an agency of our choosing. Either way, the folks receiving the donated items will appreciate our thoughtful, gracious, and blessed action. However, if you would like to donate items through the church that are not specific to a particular collection, we ask you to please contact Carole Wetherhold before doing so. Carole can help match your donation with the appropriate agency, make sure it gets to where you'd like it to go, and keep things at the church organized and efficient. She can be reached at 610-369-3715 or [crwether@icloud.com](mailto:crwether@icloud.com). Thank you for your cooperation and your thoughtfulness to help our neighbors in need.



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## HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK 2024

NOVEMBER 17TH-23RD, 2024

### ABOUT H&HA WEEK

Be a part of the Conference's 3rd annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! This year promises many fresh, exciting events alongside beloved community favorites from previous years. As a special highlight, we'll commemorate the organization's 70th anniversary with a gala to conclude the week's festivities.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events.

Locally, the Conference will engage in a week of daily activities to educate the community, advocate for change, and raise funds to help those facing hunger and homelessness in the Lehigh Valley.

### H&HA WEEK SCHEDULE

- **November 17th:** The Power of 70: A Celebration of Ministry and Community
- **November 18th:** Addressing the Housing Crisis: A Virtual Event
- **November 19th:** Community Day with The Street Outreach Team
- **November 20th:** Keynote Breakfast featuring Mayor Tuerk, Mayor Reynolds, and Mayor Panto
- **November 21st:** "Walk A Mile in My Shoes" Luncheon
- **November 22nd:** 70th Anniversary Gala
- **November 23rd:** One Night Without A Home



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## Second Harvest Food Bank

The Second Harvest Food Bank often seeks help to support their efforts to feed the hungry. Currently they need volunteers to assist with the packing of food boxes for senior citizens at their facility located at 6969 Silver Crest Road in Nazareth. Volunteers will work on an assembly line filling boxes with food items. The dates and times are **November 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm – 3:30pm** and **December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am – 11:30am or 12:30pm – 3:30pm**. If you want to learn more or sign-up to help, [please click here](#).

## Laundry on Linden Changes its Name



Our church supports Laundry on Linden, now called ***Loads of Blessings***, in their faith-based ministry to meet the needs of the homeless and underserved in Allentown. They have a new website at <https://loadsofblessings.org/> where you can learn about their mission, history, and FAQ's.

There is also a referral form if you know anyone in need who can use this service. Thank you for your gracious support of this important ministry.

## \* OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES \*

### God's Work Our Hands

Thank you to the 100 volunteers who participated and supported the many service projects on October 6<sup>th</sup> God's Work Our Hands Sunday. It was a wonderful way to bring our time and talents together to serve our neighbors. Click on the link below to read an article published in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod News and written by Brenda Truhe, our GWOH coordinator this year. <https://nepasynod.org/hands-hearts-and-smiles/>



The collection totals for the children's activity bags for LV Reilly Children's Hospital were:

- 83 boxes of crayons
- 51 match box cars
- 35 decks of cards
- 34 travel games
- 33 small craft sets
- 35 figures/figurines

The hand painted kindness rocks have been spread around the community for people to find 😊 and the used crayons have been delivered to Staples for shipment to the Crayon Initiative so they can be recycled into new crayons for hospitalized children.

## Trunk or Treat

Thank you everyone who played a part in making Trunk or Treat a success! One-hundred folks volunteered, and we counted 305 attendees! It was a great outreach event that opened our hearts with an invitation to the surrounding community to join us!



## \*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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