



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

- **SOS- 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. Details below.
- **Sunday School Collection** – During the month of December – winter hats and gloves for Grace Macungie Food Pantry.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

SOS – Support Our Sisters

In the United States, we usually think of Advent and Christmas as a time of love and family, within a safe comfortable house. However, in our nation and world, December and January may be times when you are vulnerable, subject to abuse, and wondering where you might find a place of love and acceptance. We hope that in this season of Advent (waiting for a Savior to come), you consider the young women in Tanzania who are often marginalized by culture, tradition and systems that leave women voiceless. A faithful response is needed from us to help protect and educate women, give them life skills and enable them to become leaders.

Three organizations come to mind which can help deliver our faithful response: the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Empowered Girls, and Eripoto, all in the Arusha area of Tanzania. All three of these organizations are on the itinerary for a visit by our global mission travelers in the spring of 2025.



Help us to take young women from poverty, forced marriage, and life at best as a teenage mother and family look to a future where they live their dreams.

The MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School is a residential place of education for girls of secondary school age. The school offers sponsored year-round refuge for girls' education and development of life skills.

Empowered Girls teaches life skills and health and uses fun activities to build confidence and equip them to take control of their lives and make good decisions.



Eripoto is dedicated to education, protection of women and girls (including sheltering victims of domestic violence), and advocacy for economic opportunities for young women.

From December 1st through January 26th please donate in one of three ways:

- Online via Holy Spirit's website
- Venmo QR code
- Check made out to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and mailed to the church office.



Please be sure to designate that the donation is for Support Our Sisters.

Also, please take an ornament from one of the Global Missions trees (narthex and Fellowship Center lobby) to help you or someone to whom you give the ornament think about how your blessings can be used to address the needs of others. Wait for the savior with faith, hope, and action.



Sunday School Collection

During the month of December, Sunday School will be collecting winter hats and gloves for our neighbors who visit the Grace Macungie Food Pantry. This collection was well received last year so we thought we'd do it again!

Donations

Sometimes we have items to donate that are not specifically called for in an advertised collection. If you'd like to drop off donation items at the church that are not specifically called for in an advertised collection, we ask you to please contact Carole Wetherhold before dropping them off. Carole can help connect your donation with an appropriate agency, make sure it gets there, and keep things at the church organized and efficient. She can be reached at 610-369-3715 or crwether@icloud.com. Thank you for your cooperation. Our neighbors in need always appreciate your gracious and blessed thoughtfulness.

* OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES *

Angel Network



The EHS Angel Network cannot say enough great things about our congregation. You are wonderful giving people who always step up to take care of those less fortunate! Your help with the food baskets for the EHS students is truly God at work!

The EHS Angel Network is providing 150 families with a much-needed food basket to help ease their financial burden this holiday season. We couldn't do this without your help! With your donations we were able to meet the goals for both this Christmas Give-A-way, and we met the goal for all the canned goods for the spring! Thank you to Holy Spirit for the use of the Fellowship Center, and to those who volunteered their time for inventory, as well as all of you who so generously made donations.

Thank you! Thank you! We are called to do God's work, and you most certainly do! The EHS Angel Network is most grateful!

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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