

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

- **Angel Network Collection** – During the month of February. Details below
- **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** – During Lent, February 14th through March 27th. Details Below
- **Sunday School Outreach** – Details below under “Outreach Opportunities”
 - ELCA God's Global Barnyard, February 11th – March 24th
 - Angel Network detergent collection, during the month of February
- **Collection for our Homeless** - Details coming in March

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

EHS Angel Network



Angel Network

Hello Holy Spirit!

I feel like Christmas season just ended, (I'm still putting away decorations!) and I am already organizing our EHS Angel Network Spring food collection! **The collection will run for the month of February**, and our Give-a-way will be March 17 - 20th.

You all were so generous in November/December that **all the canned goods for the Spring food baskets are completed!** Thank-you! Holy Spirit never ceases to amaze me with your generosity. We received a number of thank-you notes from our receivers expressing their gratitude, and we are grateful for the opportunity to ease their burden a few times a year.

For the spring collection **we will only be collecting laundry detergent!** We will accept both jugs and pods. If you are buying pods, please consider buying them in bags to help reduce the stress on our planet. Please bring your donation to the lobby just outside the Fellowship Center.

I know I have said this many times, but EHS Angel Network is beyond grateful for this partnership. Thank you to those of you who donate items, and for those that donate their time. It truly “takes a village.”

We are making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you!
Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network

ELCA World Hunger Appeal



During this Lenten Season we will be focusing on support of the ELCA World Hunger effort.

Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in: Connecting people with the resources they need to

produce food and gain access to clean water. Provide education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

In 2017, ELCA World Hunger support topped \$21.3 million in aid. The ELCA World Hunger program is active in 62 countries in the world including the United States. Projects supported by the ELCA World Hunger program include:

- Establishing health clinics
- Providing micro loans
- Building water wells
- Establishing animal husbandry programs
- Providing community meals
- Establishing advocacy programs to influence country and local governments

The ELCA World Hunger programs provides valuable assistance around the globe. This program depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. We can help support these efforts during this Lenten season. Matthew 25:35 states this best; "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Here are the various ways you can donate:

- Go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form [here](#) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering "World Hunger" and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

ELCA has also developed new resources to support the Lenten theme of "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed" with a Lent Calendar [found here](#) and a Lent Study [found here](#) .

Sunday School Outreach



Our Lenten collection from February 11th – March 24th will be monetary donations for God's Global Barnyard, an ELCA World Hunger initiative. The program is designed to break the cycle of hunger and poverty by providing animals to families in need. The Sunday School children will receive a barn bank to fill with coins, paper money and checks. A donation of just \$10 provides for the purchase of chicks. The chicks begin to lay eggs within a few months and provide the family with protein rich meals. If an additional bank is needed, please see Karin Kahler.

EHS Angel Network



During the month of February we will also collect laundry detergent for Angel Network. Donations can be either jugs of detergent or pods (preferably in bags).

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Global Mission Fundraising (December 2023 – January 2024)

Contributions for the support of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center totaled \$3,740 as of January 23rd. With that generosity, Holy Spirit members have ensured that care is given to numerous tiny children of God struggling in their first days of life.

Holy Spirit members also contributed \$1,100 to Kafika (Plaster) House to support their care and treatment of children with correctible disabilities and \$50 to Widows Might to support craft production by widows learning to support their families after the deaths of their husbands.

A real outpouring of the Spirit from our members!

Sunday School Outreach

Our December collection of hats and gloves was given to the clients at the Grace Lutheran Church food cupboard. We collected 27 hats and 32 pairs of gloves. Way to go! Great job!

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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