

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** - 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 January – colorful children's favorite character Band-Aids for children going through tough times. Details below.

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

SOS – Support Our Sisters

Become a Christmas angel to a young woman in need. Consider the young women in Tanzania who are often marginalized by culture, tradition and systems that leave women voiceless. Help Holy Spirit support the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Eripoto and Empowered Girls as they protect young women, provide them with education, teach them life skills, and advocate for their economic opportunities. A contribution of \$20 can send a girl to primary school for an entire month; \$30 buys a school uniform, school supplies and toiletries for a student; \$60 covers the cost of a girl in a safe house for a month; and \$100 will pay all the costs (tuition, room and board) for a teen at a secondary school for a month.



Through January 26th, **please donate in one of three ways:**

*Online via Holy Spirit's website,
*Using the church's Venmo QR code below.

*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 you can show God's love to one of God's vulnerable children.



Sunday School Collection

In January, the Sunday School classes will be collecting child friendly themed Band-Aids. We hope our Band-Aid drive will put a smile on a child's face, who is going through a difficult time. Each week at Family Worship we will collect boxes of colorful character Band-Aids, such as those with Disney Princess, Sesame Street characters, Superheroes or other children's favorites.



* OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES *

Ingathering and Christmas Gift Collection



Thank you *People of Holy Spirit* for another awesome year of donations to the Lehigh Mission District Ingathering Project. Holy Spirit collected food items (including granola bars, salad dressing, soup, canned food, juice, sauerkraut), clothing items (including socks, underwear and gloves) and cleaning supplies for the Allentown Rescue Mission. We had 4 large boxes of supplies plus two very large containers of coffee for the men in their program. Thank you.



We also collected items for Turning Point that included shower curtains, baby wipes, women's leggings/bras, bath towels, comforters, pillows, diapers in multiple sizes as well as shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Special thanks to the children of Holy Spirit's Nursery School who collected 100 bottles of shampoo and conditioner as part of their Thanksgiving gifts in addition to all the other items collected.

Once again Holy Spirit supplied 65 gifts to the children in the Foster Care program of the Topton Home as well as 10 new jackets for children in need of a warm coat for winter.

Our team is always amazed by the volume of items donated. Your kindness in thinking of those in need at this time of year is inspiring. Special thanks to John Mosovsky and Craig Kauffman for the use of their time and truck for making deliveries to Turning Point and the Rescue Mission. We could not make these deliveries without your help.

Once again, thank you for your very generous support of the Mission District's Ingathering. The support of our local churches is certainly making a difference in the lives of those in our communities that need assistance.

Thank you,
Alice E. Mudge – Outreach Team Ingathering Coordinator

Sunday School and Family Service Collections



In November, the children collected \$275 for LCHS Stitch and Chat through their noisy offering. The children collected more than double the amount they collected last year for Stitch and Chat! They were so excited to add their coins (and bills) to our glass jars each week!

In December, the children collected hats, gloves, and scarves for the Grace Lutheran Church Food Cupboard in Macungie. We collected 86 pairs of gloves, 68 hats, and 6 scarves. What a great expression of God's love as these are shared with those in need this winter season.



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 prrichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org

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