

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

- **Spring Mission Trip** – See information below for planned trip April 6th thru April 10th
- **Neighborhood House** – March 16th, 2025 prepare breakfast and lunch for our unhoused neighbors. More information below.
- **Angel Network** – See article below for March collection information.
- **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** – See article below for more information
- **Foster Care Support** – See article below for more information

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Spring Mission Trip

Holy Spirit's Spring mission trip is again heading to York, PA. We will again be working with SERVANTS, INC. to provide home repair work to families in the local community. We will be staying at beautiful Camp Friendly Acres which is a church camp run by Advent Lutheran church in York. We will be traveling to York on **Sunday April 6th and returning Thursday afternoon April 10th**. We do have opportunities to coordinate carpools with other people if you can only work part of the week. There will be work for all skill levels. Please contact Bob Mueller if you have any questions (610-442-7892).

Bringing Hope and Help.



ELCA World Hunger Appeal

During this Lenten Season we will be supporting 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 and 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 program 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.
- Use our Venmo app noting World Hunger on the memo line.

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



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[ELCA World Hunger Lent Calendar 2025](#)

If you would like to incorporate prayers for World Hunger into your Lenten spiritual discipline you are invited to use the ELCA World Hunger Lent Calendar which can be found by clicking [HERE](#). Each day of this Lenten devotional calendar is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and information about how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.

[Foster Care Support](#)

LCCHS Coffee, Tea & Connect on Foster Care Support: Maria Samaritano will be speaking at Coffee, Tea & Connect on **Sunday, March 9th**. Come to hear more about the amazing work Maria is doing in Lehigh & Northampton Counties to help foster families as well as families at risk of losing their children to foster care.

Do you know what the primary reason children end up in foster care? It's not abuse. It's poverty. Poverty creates a situation where parents cannot adequately provide necessities for their children.

Maria generously gives of her time to coordinate with the county case workers and various individuals and organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley to collect items (new and gently used) to help families. She issues a detailed newsletter each week, typically on Thursdays, identifying the needs. You can sign-up to donate via a link to a Sign-up Genius in Maria's newsletter. Maria coordinates with those donating to collect the items and deliver them to the case workers.

Maria will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you would like to receive her weekly newsletter. If you cannot attend, and would like to receive the newsletter, simply notify Brenda Truhe at bltruhe@hotmail.com or 484-725-2488.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda.

Neighborhood House



A Safe and secure place of welcome for our unhoused neighbors to refresh, restore, and settle on Sunday morning.

If you would like to join this volunteer opportunity, Holy Spirit will be serving breakfast again on **Sunday, March 16th** for our unhoused neighbors at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. We have cooks, hosts, servers, kitchen help lined up, but you can still join us if you wish. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com.

Angel Network

March is the month for the EHS Angel Network to collect for our spring food baskets. We are again collecting detergent (pods, sheets, or bottles), as well as canned corn.



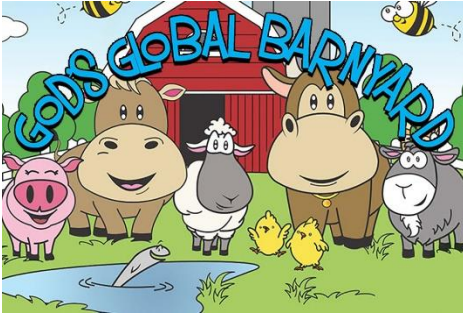
Your generosity is a blessing to these students and their families. We know that the food baskets are appreciated because each family must sign up to receive a basket, and at Christmas, we gave out 160 baskets. Here is a sampling of a few thank-you notes we received following the Christmas give-a-way.

- *"The support you provide is greatly appreciated! The food/grocery gift cards are very helpful. TY!"*
- *"Thank you for your help and being such a blessing to our family and others."*
- *"I thank you so much for offering to help for the holidays. It is appreciated so very much! This is wonderful!"*
- *"Thank you so much for your generosity and helpfulness this holiday season!"*

We at Angel Network feel blessed to have the opportunity to help these students and their families. I hope you do as well! We couldn't do this without you, and as always are so thankful for our partnership! If you would like to help in the spring, the donation bins are outside the fellowship hall, and you can contact me for other ways to help Deb Walsh 610-217-2666, or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sunday School Collection



The Sunday School Classes will have a noisy offering during the season of Lent. We will be collecting donations for God's Global Barnyard, an ELCA World Hunger initiative.

This collection will run from **March 9 – April 13.**

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 Jeff Gross - Outreach Mission Team Convener at jeffgross1@aol.com OR Pastor Tami at prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org

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