

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
- **Family Worship Collection** – During the month of February – collecting new Play-Doh. Details below.
- **Berks County LDR** – See information below for rebuild efforts on February 8 & 22
- **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.
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* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Spring Mission Trip

Holy Spirit's Spring mission trip is again heading to York, PA. We will 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).

Sunday School Collection



The February Family Worship collection is Play-Doh for patients at LV Reilly Children's Hospital. The donations must be NEW and Play-Doh brand at the request of the hospital's child life team.

Bringing Hope and Help.



**REBUILD
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Berks County experienced flood damage in July 2023. Can you help with general construction including installation and removal of skirting, drywall, flooring and insulation? Please help these survivors to full recovery.
Skilled and unskilled volunteers welcome.

FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY
8	22
8:30 - 4 PM	8:30 - 4 PM

Registration required @
berksrecoveryvolunteers@gmail.com

The Antietam Valley Unmet Needs Roundtable exists to help survivors of the July 9, 2023 storms in Berks County, PA. It is a partnership of Antietam Valley Community Partnership, Pennside Presbyterian Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, and PA SouthEast Conference, UCC.

I want to Volunteer!

* OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES *

S.O.S. - Support Our Sisters (and Other Tanzanian Siblings)



Thanks so much to the members of Holy Spirit for giving over \$1,400 over the Christmas season for three Tanzanian ministries which protect young women, provide them with education, teach them life skills, and advocate for their economic opportunities. All three of those organizations (the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Empowered Girls, and Eripoto) will be among those ministries visited by the Holy Spirit team visiting Tanzania this spring.

And the even better news: because of the generosity of members of Holy Spirit and friends of the congregation, a total of more than \$26,000 has been raised over the last year for the ministries being visited. That is an amazing figure to be distributed to the groups helping the marginalized and vulnerable young people of Tanzania. From money given for NICU operations, elementary schools, secondary schools, and other ministries, you are showing God's love to many! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Sunday School Collection

During the month of January, our Family Worship participants collected 3,885 child-friendly Band-Aids. These Band-Aids will be given to pediatric patients. We hope these bright and colorful Band-Aids will put a smile on the face of a child going through treatment or having a medical procedure.





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

On Sunday, January 12th, members of Holy Spirit's Outreach Mission Team met at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown to serve breakfast to the unhoused folks of Allentown. When the church doors opened, the guests were served a warm breakfast of egg casseroles, sausages, coffee cake, bagels and all the fixings for a comforting start to their day. We had opportunities to share conversation with them, hear their stories and see the appreciation in their eyes for a few hours of warmth from the cold temps outside and a hot meal to begin their day. On that particular day, they were also invited to enjoy the 12th Night Festival program being presented at Christ Lutheran after receiving a bagged lunch and the offering of a few more hours in the heated church building. It was a wonderful experience for the Outreach Team members who returned to Holy Spirit saying, 'we need to do this again'.

If you would like to join this volunteer opportunity, Holy Spirit will be serving breakfast again on Sunday, March 16th. We need cooks, hosts, servers, kitchen help. If you cannot join us on the day, you can help by preparing and/or purchasing food for the day we serve. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com. Jeff is the convener of the Outreach Mission Team and will welcome your participation as our team continues its outreach to the local community and unhoused of Allentown through the Neighborhood House program.



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 will be 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!

We bid Goodbye and say Hello

Our Outreach team finds itself in a time of transition, as our Outreach Convener, John Mosovsky, recently transferred to another church. We thank John for his steadfast leadership and passion for ministry in sharing God's Word and faithful service. We are very happy to announce that Jeff Gross is graciously stepping into the role and serving as our new Outreach Convener.

Our Outreach team remains strong and active with our dedicated mission team leaders: Alice Mudge, Bob Mueller, Rick Doty, Deb Walsh, Carole Wetherhold, Dean Black, Brenda Truhe, and Deb Smith. We are so very blessed to have Outreach team leaders who faithfully and steadfastly lead with servant hearts sharing God's love to all. Thank you!

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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