

## 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\*

- **Sunday School Collections** – See article below
- **Community Garden** – See article below
- **Foster Care** – See article below
- **Blood Drive** – See Flyer below

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### Sunday School Collection

Family Worship/Sunday School collections:



Our collection of **new or gently used children's books (preschool – middle school aged children) continues through July 6<sup>th</sup>**. Board books are ***not*** accepted as part of this collection. Our VBS participants and volunteers contributed 883 books towards this collection. We are hoping to reach 1,000 books when our collection drive is complete.

These books will be donated to Cops-n-Kids, and will be distributed by them at their summer reading room events held on Wednesdays in July and August.

### **July 13, 20, and 27 we will be collecting diapers and wipes**

for foster families served by Lehigh County  
Children and Youth Services.



## Community Garden



We harvested salad items twice in June and delivered an additional 18 bags of salad greens and 8 bunches of radishes to the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie.

If you have extra produce from your home garden that you would like to contribute, please bring it to the church kitchen by 9am Wednesday mornings beginning July 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help with this gardening effort, please contact Jeff Gross at [jeffgross1@aol.com](mailto:jeffgross1@aol.com) or 610-390-1074. No green thumb required!



## Foster Care Support

**Want to help foster or at-risk families?** July 13, 20, and 27 we will be collecting diapers and wipes for foster families at the Family worship service.

**Ongoing need:** We often have people donating desperately needed dressers or beds, but we don't have the people to pick-up and deliver the items. Are you willing to pick up a dresser and deliver to a local family? If so, please let me know.

If you would like to **contribute in other ways**, sign-up to donate items via the Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ABA823ABF5CE9-45785693-donations#/> I am happy to pick up the donated items and get them to Maria and into the hands of case workers and the families in need.

Contact Brenda Truhe at [bltruhe@hotmail.com](mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com) or 484-725-2488 with any questions or to hear more information on this outreach opportunity.

## Blood Drive

Please consider participating in our community blood drive. See flyer below. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Black at [black@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:black@holyspirit-emmaus.org).



### **Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

**3461 S Cedar crest Blvd, Emmaus, PA**

**Wednesday, July 30th**

**1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**To schedule an appointment:**

**Scan the QR Code OR**

**Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2**

**and mention Sponsor Code 0743**



#### **APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

**All donors must present valid ID with:**

- First & Last Name
- Photo &/or Signature

**Veterans, ask your coordinator  
about our complimentary MKBC  
Military Challenge Coin.**



**Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids & eat within 2-3 hours of donation.**

**GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR |**



# **\* OUTREACH SUMMARIES \***

## **Past Sunday School Collection**

Recently our Family Worship participants collected items for the East Penn Food Coalition, a local service organization in our area which supports the feeding needs of those in our community. We donated:

- 10 boxes of rice or pasta
- 10 cans of fruits or vegetables
- 54 cans of tuna fish or chicken
- 13 cans of heat and serve pasta meals
- 2 boxes of cereal
- 6 jars of peanut butter
- 6 containers of shelf stable milk
- 164 Juice boxes

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this collection.

## **Tanzania Trip**

### ***First Thoughts About a Visit to Tanzania ~ Reflection by Ruth Doty (one of the Traveling Twelve)***

By the time we got to the end of our trip, my shoes were worn out. Not just worn down in the soles but coming apart at the seams.

#### **Shoes.**

As I thought about what to write about our trip to Tanzania, I thought about shoes.

I thought about all the people we had visited who let us know a bit about what it was like to walk in their shoes.

For me, getting a feeling for what it is like to walk in another's shoes is an important part of travel. It's particularly important for a mission trip like ours, a trip where the mission is to learn.



It takes seeing the circumstances in which people live and listening to the personal stories of our siblings who live in those different circumstances to help us begin to adjust our vision of the world and what is important. As we look and listen, it takes God's Spirit to help us step back from falsely thinking that just because their life is so different, it is inferior to what we know. It takes God's Spirit to help us process what we experience and begin to identify possible ways our knowledge and resources that we can access *might* help our siblings bring to reality *their* God-given visions of how God wants the world to be. It takes God's Spirit to give us the humility to hear how these siblings have so much to teach us about being faithful, enthusiastic, and joyous children of God.

Over the next few months there will be several opportunities for those who traveled to Tanzania this year to share their experiences, learnings and yearnings. We have thousands of pictures of our newly discovered siblings as well as the wondrous creatures we were privileged to see and hear up close and personal in their natural habitats. We will share not only the challenges in health care, education and social services that our siblings face, but also the very creative and effective measures they have put in place to meet these challenges. For many of us, their strong trust and hard work will be instrumental in facing times when we feel worn out and our lives seem to be coming apart at the seams.

For now, let these pictures whet your appetite and keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to hear more from us.

As for me, I decided to plant bright flowers in my worn-out shoes as a reminder of the faith that blossoms in and through my siblings in Tanzania.



Ruth's Shoes



Nursing Students at ALMC school



Nurse at Selian Hospital



ALMC NICU – a baby under care



Sharing Visions about the Future Kafika House



Empowered Girls, sharing personal dreams



Deb's Sponsored Student (Esta) at the Girl's Lutheran Secondary School



Eager Students at Olchoki Primary School





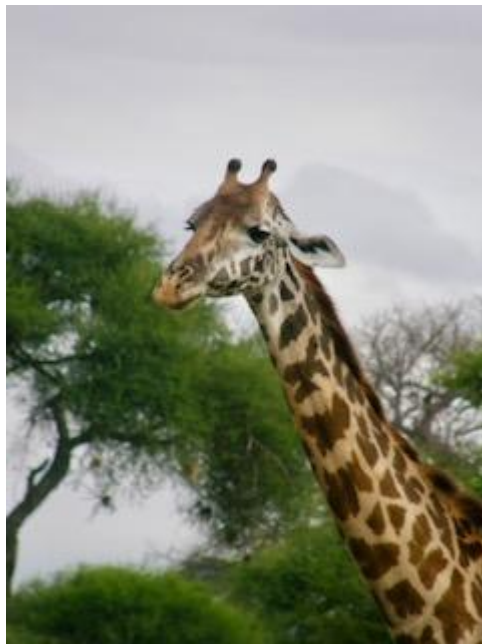
Sunset in Tarangire National Park



Karatu Lutheran Parish



Central Serengeti



Arusha National Park

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