

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

We invite you to read the articles below relating to our calendar of activities on:

- Family Worship/Sunday School Collections
- Community Garden
- Tanzania Mission Trip Presentation – 9/14
- Tanzanian Craft Fair – 9/14
- God's Work Our Hands – 10/5
- Angel Network – collections starting 10/1

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Family Worship/Sunday School Collection

During the month of September, Family Worship will be partnering with the Outreach Mission Team to collect items needed for our God's Work Our Hands service project. Needed items are:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo
- Bar of soap
- Chapstick
- Pocket pack of tissues
- Wide tooth Comb
- Deodorant

Items need to be **individually wrapped** and fit in a gallon Ziplock bag. No trial size items, please. See Holy Happenings weekly to see updates on current need.

Community Garden



We harvested produce four times in August and delivered an additional 6 cucumbers, 88 peppers, 56 yellow squash, 14 eggplants, 56 tomatoes, 160 garlic bulbs, 57 onions, and 11 packages of herbs to the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. Thanks to those who have contributed produce from their home gardens! If you have extra produce from your home garden to contribute, please bring it to the church kitchen by 9am Wednesday mornings.

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

God's Work Our Hands



God's Work Our Hands – October 5th, 2025: Please join us as we hold our annual event at approximately 9:30-10:30am. This is a great opportunity to help various local community organizations working side by side with fellow Holy Spirit members. We will be putting together care bags to help those in need.

We are collecting the following for each care bag: **toothpaste, toothbrush, bar of soap, shampoo, Chapstick, pocket pack of tissues, wide tooth comb, and deodorant.** Local organizations receiving the bags are: Neighborhood House, Allentown Rescue Mission, Loads of Blessings (i.e. Laundry on Linden), Turning Point, Lehigh Conference of Churches, and LV Foster Care families. We will add a handmade card to the bags.

We plan to prepare 450 bags so each organization receives 75 bags! **All items need to be new and individually sealed for sanitary reasons.** See Holy Happenings weekly for most immediate need.

Additionally, we are collecting gently used (or new) backpacks for the Lehigh & Northampton County Foster Care children. While new backpacks are accepted, this is a great opportunity to put your used backpack to good re-use if you are shopping for a new one.

Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center.

Please join us on October 5th 9:30 – 10:30am. Exact time to be announced in September.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe at bltruhe@hotmail.com or 484-725-2488.

Tanzania Mission Trip Presentation

WHAT DID WE EXPERIENCE ABOUT EDUCATION IN TANZANIA?
SEPTEMBER 14TH – 9:30 AM – FELLOWSHIP CENTER



Members of the team who traveled to Tanzania this spring will tell you about their experiences and lessons learned from visiting educational programs in Tanzania – become a “member of the team” on Sunday morning, September 14th at 9:30 AM. The focus will be on visits made to elementary and secondary schools, the ALMC nursing school, and other programs designed to emphasize self-confidence, leadership and safety of girls in middle schools and older. It’s almost guaranteed that you will be very impressed by the challenges met and the successes achieved by visionary program innovators, in part using the resources that Holy Spirit and other contributors provide for them.

November 16 – The Tanzania travelers will host a session on health care in Tanzania. Also, there will be description of Lutheran parishes visited this last spring.

Tanzanian Craft Fair

TANZANIAN CRAFT FAIR – SEPTEMBER 14th (8AM-Noon)

Join us in the narthex on Sunday September 14th to admire and purchase creative, colorful, and practical crafts designed by the women of Widow’s Might in Tanzania. The widows have developed skills in art and design to enable them to support their families and learn to manage a small business.



Take home a great gift and help support a widow and her family!



Angel Network

Hello Holy Spirit!

Who has started thinking about Christmas???

The EHS Angel Network has, and they have begun planning for the Christmas food baskets! As part of that, our Holy Spirit collection will take place in the month of October.

Our event will be held December 7th – December 10th, and we are expecting to serve approximately 165 families.

The baskets contain approximately \$145 worth of food and hygiene products.

It is a big project and your generosity plays a huge part in making the food baskets meaningful to families.

We are going to combine the Christmas and Spring collections again this year, so our goals are as follows:

300 laundry detergent (bottles, sheets, or pods)

300 cans of corn

The canned green beans have already been donated. Thank you to the Stevens!

We are also adding adult men's and women's socks (new) to be distributed to the community friends who attend the Sunday morning breakfasts at Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. You will find the labeled bins outside the Fellowship Center. **Please bring your donations starting October 1st.**



As always, the EHS Angel Network looks forward to this give-away and we are most grateful for the many years of collaboration with Holy Spirit that help to make it a success. You are THE BEST!! If anyone would like to help on Monday December 8th with inventory, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

With much gratitude, Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network

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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