

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

- **God's Work. Our Hands.** - October 5th
- **Sunday School Collection** – Month of October
- **Foster Care Support** – October 15, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center
- **Emmaus High School Angel Network** – Collection is through October 31st

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *



God's Work Our Hands – October 5, 2025, at 9:35 am in the Fellowship Center

Get in the spirit of the day and wear **GOLD** as our hands are blessed to serve God in our community and the world!

Please join us as we hold our annual event at 9:35 am in the Fellowship Center. This is a great opportunity to help local community organizations while working side by side with fellow Holy Spirit members. We will be putting together care bags to help those in need in our community.

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 be making handmade cards to add to each bag.

We are planning to prepare 450 bags so each organization receives 75 bags!

Thank you so much for all the items you have donated. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact [Brenda Truhe](#).

Please note worship times are adjusted this day to 2 blended worships at 8:45 and 10:30

Sunday School Collection

Family Worship/Sunday School collections:



During the month of October, Family Worship will be partnering with the Outreach Mission Team to collect items needed for Emmaus High School Angel Network and Neighborhood House in Allentown (also see Angel Network Article). Needed items are:

- Cans of corn
- Laundry Detergent
- Adult size socks – men's and women's



Foster Care Support

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is hosting a collaboration event on October 15th to hear from Lehigh and Northampton County Child & Youth Services caseworkers regarding support to at risk families, foster families, and kinship families. If you have an interest in hearing more about the current situation and how you can help, please contact [Brenda Truhe](#).

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 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.



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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.

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With that being said, we are going to **add adult men's and women's socks**, 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 SUMMARIES ***

Community Garden

We harvested produce four times in September and delivered an additional 3 cucumbers, 155 peppers, 24 yellow squash, 8 eggplants, 35 tomatoes, 40 garlic bulbs, and numerous packages of herbs to the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. Thanks to those who have contributed produce from their home gardens!

The raised beds are now at rest for the season. If you would like to help with the garden in spring, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com or 610-390-1074.



Tanzanian Craft Fair on September 14th

Proceeds from the craft fair held on September 14th totaled \$1,353. Lots of people stopped by the craft fair and admired both the colorful and practical crafts designed by the women of Widow's Might in Tanzania and the cards adorned with pictures taken by Holy Spirit travelers to Tanzania. The proceeds will be funneled back to Tanzanian organizations focused on the safety and education of the women of Tanzania.



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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