

## 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\*

- **November Sunday School Collection – Noisy Offerings for Stitch-n-Chat**
- **2025 Christmas Ingathering – November 5 - 23**
- **Tanzania Presentation and Craft Fair – November 16**
- **Support Our Sisters – November 30 – February 1**
- **Serving at Neighborhood House – December 7, January 25, and March 1**

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### Sunday School Collection



Family Worship/Sunday School collections:

During the month of November, children will be filling coin banks for LCHS Stitch and Chat group. The collected coins will help to cover expenses for supplies. The quilts that are made by the group are given to agencies that serve children and adults and is a ministry of bringing warmth and comfort to people in need in our community and church family. Thank you!

## 2025 CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The Lehigh Mission District Ingathering Program for 2025 is underway. Holy Spirit will collect “unwrapped gifts” for:

Refugee Resettlement Program and  
Sixth Street Shelter

The following lists represents those items we have been asked to collect. There are bins in the Fellowship Center Coat Room for each agency.

Collections begin Nov. 5th and continue thru Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will also collect 65 gifts for the children at Topton.

Below you will see the link for the Sign-up Genius to select your gift.



*“Christmas  
is doing  
something  
extra for  
someone  
special”*

### Refugee Resettlement Program

Bethany Ministries

|                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Bags of Rice, 10# bags (staple food for various cultures) |
| Diapers                                                   |
| Maxi Pads                                                 |
| Shampoo and Conditioner                                   |
| Deodorant                                                 |
| Toothpaste                                                |
| Laundry Detergent                                         |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Hoodies & Sweatshirts (children & adults, various sizes) |
| Hats and gloves (children & adults)                      |
| Books for children (Pre-K to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)      |

Please do not bring donations or gifts to the church before Nov. 5th. The Fellowship Center Coat Room is the drop-off location.

### Sixth Street Shelter

#### CLEANING SUPPLIES

|                    |
|--------------------|
| Dish Soap          |
| Paper Towels       |
| Floor Cleaner      |
| Sponges            |
| Disinfectant Wipes |
| Toilet Paper       |
| Mops & Brooms      |

#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| Bath Towels (NEW)       |
| Twin Sized Sheets (NEW) |
| Bed Pillows (NEW)       |

#### PERSONAL PRODUCTS

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Women's Deodorant |
| Women's Shampoo   |

#### BABY ITEMS

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|------------------------------------------------|
| Diapers: Sizes-2, 4, 5 & 6 (5 & 6 most needed) |
| Baby Wipes                                     |
| Baby Shampoo                                   |
| Children's Plastic Dishes & Cups               |

### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LUTHERAN HOME AT TOPTON

This year we will collect 65 gifts for children in the foster care program at the Topton Home. Please keep gifts to a value of \$25-\$30. Gifts should be placed in a seasonal gift bag – NO GIFT WRAP, please. Gifts can be placed in the Fellowship Center Coat Room (designated bins), beginning November 5th. Gift sign-ups will be done via the Sign-up Genius using the following link: [LCHS Congregation: 2025 Christmas Ingathering](#) Please limit your gifts to two children only.

Follow the instructions to sign-up. If you have problems, contact Alice Mudge, 610-400-5349. Thank you for your kind and generous support of the 2025 Christmas Ingathering Program.

## Tanzania Presentation and Craft Fair

Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** during our Adult Faith Formation “Connect with Community” time when our Tanzania Travelers will lead a presentation on the Medical and Church partnerships we connect with in Tanzania.

Come and hear from ones who traveled to Tanzania earlier this year, sharing their experiences with partners in ministry in this extraordinary country.

A Tanzania Craft Fair will also be offered on Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex of the church.



## Support Our Sisters

From **November 30, 2025 through February 1, 2026**, the Global Mission Team will be collecting donations to help female teens and young adults grow in their abilities to prevent and rise above limited opportunities, poverty, abuse and violence. Help us gather resources for organizations like Empowered Girls, Eripoto, and the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School provide safety, security, and education to teens in need of support. More info to come in the December newsletter.





## Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House (Sunday mornings) fills a current unhoused community need on Sunday mornings by providing breakfast and lunch and a safe place to get out of the cold or heat, in a location central to other outreach support for the unhoused community

in Allentown, PA, November - April. Volunteers known as “Hosts” are needed to: supply, prepare, and share gifts of a hot meal for breakfast and a bag lunch, and connect with Allentown, PA’s unhoused community. Our goal is to serve the unhoused and build community among Allentown, PA congregations, other community groups, and individuals.

We have signed up to serve Sunday breakfast at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown on 3 dates: **December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup>**. At this time we are looking for 6 volunteers for the December 7<sup>th</sup> date. If one of our youth wishes to volunteer, they must be accompanied by a parent. If interested, please contact Deb Smith by email at [dsfotog@outlook.com](mailto:dsfotog@outlook.com) or text at 610-972-6176. First come, first served. Thank you.

## \* OUTREACH SUMMARIES \*

### God’s Work Our Hands



**God’s Work Our Hands – A Success! Thank YOU** to everyone who attended our service project on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Your donations and your help allowed us to fill 450 personal care bags for various local community organizations, including: Neighborhood House, Allentown Rescue Mission, Loads of Blessings (i.e. Laundry on Linden), Turning Point, Lehigh Conference of Churches, and LV Foster Care/Kinship families. All bags were delivered and were so much appreciated.

Allentown Rescue Mission was thrilled with the items and especially the inspirational cards. They said the men love receiving a card. Turning Point was so appreciative of the personal care bags and said they are perfect for their emergency hotel program for women who leave a domestic violence situation with nothing. Neighborhood House at Christ Church and Lehigh Conference of Churches were equally excited to have so many highly needed items to share with those in need.

Your donations and participation helped so many people! Thank you so very much!



## **\*Outreach Mission Team Action Groups and Leaders\***

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