

# 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\*

- **February Sunday School Collection** – for Peaceable Kingdom
- **Serving at Neighborhood House** – March 1
- **Angel Network** – Laundry detergent collection
- **Lenten ELCA World Hunger Appeal** – donate to feed the hungry
- **2026 Spring Mission Trip** – plan ahead and sign up now
- **Lehigh Valley Night to Shine** – volunteer at prom event February 20th

## \* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES \*

### Sunday School Collection

The Family Worship Collection for the Allentown School District was a huge success!

We collected:

- 218 granola bars
- 220 Slim Jims
- 200 packs of fruit snacks
- 280 Capri Sun juice pouches
- 268 squeezable applesauce pouches
- 204 packs of crackers with cheese
- 210 bottles of water



Our original goal was to assemble 100 snack bags, but we were able to fill twice that amount. The children assembled 200 snack bags to deliver to the Allentown School District.

Our current Sunday School collection for Peaceable Kingdom runs through February 22.

Items we are collecting include:



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## CATS:

- Purina One Kitten Dry Food
- Canned Food (No Seafood)
- Royal Canin Mother and Baby Dry and Wet Food
- KMR Kitten Formula (Powder)
- Miracle Nipples (Mini)
- Dry Cat Food - Purina One or Purina Naturals
- Jars of Chicken, Turkey, Beef Baby Food

## DOGS:

- Purina One Small Bites Beef
- Canned Dog Food (Any)
- Poop Bags
- Greenies Pill Pockets
- Kongs
- Nyla or Benebones
- New Leashes (6ft)
- Ceramic Water Bowls

## RABBITS/GUINEAS:

- Timothy Hay
- Orchard Grass Hay
- Oxbow Adult and Young Rabbit Food
- Oxbow Adult and Young Guinea Pig Food
- Willow Balls and Baskets
- Timothy Chew Toys

## SUPPLIES:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Bleach (Not Splashless)
- Trash Bags (13 & 30 Gal)
- Laundry Detergent
- Windex
- Dish Soap
- Copy Paper

## EHS Angel Network

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas, but the Angel Network is busy planning for the spring food basket and clothing/linens give a way. We are estimating that we will serve 135 students and their families this spring. We are in good shape for our collection of green beans and corn, and that is because of you, Holy Spirit! Green beans are done! And corn is nearly done!



Laundry detergent is our real need for spring.

[Click here](#) for an Amazon link for 70 loads of Arm and Hammer laundry sheets for \$7.59! This price is available for a limited time.

We will always accept pods and liquid detergent as well. 130 laundry detergents are needed for the spring boxes.

**The collection will begin February 22nd and will run through March 21st.**

You can find the collection bins in the fellowship center lobby. Your willingness to step up and help others is a blessing to the EHS students and their families that might find making ends meet a bit of a challenge.

Pictures below are from the Christmas/Holiday giveaway. You can see the generosity our community has demonstrated in all of the donations! Thank you all so much for positively impacting all our EHS families! Grateful doesn't cover how the Angel Network feels about our partnership! Thank you for being a part of our village!

Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network





A SAFE AND SECURE PLACE OF WELCOME FOR  
OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS TO REFRESH,  
RESTORE, AND SETTLE ON SUNDAY MORNING.

## Neighborhood House

Our second of three Sunday breakfasts at Neighborhood House had a new look this month. When the impending snowstorm looked to make our day to serve impossible, calls were made and a substitute plan was put in place. Shellie of Neighborhood House called to say that the Warming Station at the Y would be open at 5pm on Saturday and allow our friends to stay through the duration of the storm AND they would welcome our meal (and volunteers).

A few calls later and we had a plan. On Saturday afternoon volunteers delivered our 15 Breakfast casseroles plus fruit, muffins, crackers, granola bars, a cooked turkey, and other goodies to the Y. The Y usually expects 80 people but they were preparing for 120 people this weekend.

This was only possible through the unbelievable generosity of the members of Holy Spirit.

We have one more date – on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are collecting the small bottles of water and hot hands until then and will be requesting the same type of food donations. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. If one of our youth wishes to volunteer, they must be accompanied by a parent. If any questions, 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 EVERYONE!**



## Lenten ELCA World Hunger Appeal

During this coming Lenten Season, we will be supporting the ELCA World Hunger effort. Over 821 million people in the world, 11% of the world's population, are hungry. In the United States alone over 40 million people are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

The ELCA World Hunger program is making a difference around the world. Ending hunger is about more than just providing food; it is about providing a road to long-term sustainability and change. The ELCA is actively involved in connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water and provide education, health care and sources of income to bring about long-term sustainability.

The ELCA World Hunger programs provides valuable assistance around the globe. This program depends on financial support from ELCA congregations like Holy Spirit. We can help support these efforts during this Lenten season. Matthew 25:35 states this best; “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

### **Here are the various ways you can donate:**

- Click [here](#) to go to the Holy Spirit on-line donation form (on the church's website) and enter your donation amount on the World Hunger line.
- Use your weekly offering envelope by entering “World Hunger” and your donation amount on the Special Gifts line or use the special Lenten Offering envelope, contributions to which will go to World Hunger this year.
- Send your check to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, noting World Hunger on the check memo line.
- Use our Venmo app noting World Hunger on the memo line.



[Click here](#) for the Lenten devotional calendar which is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and information about how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.

Your donations will be life supporting, sustaining, and appreciated. Thank you!

## 2026 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 26<sup>th</sup> and returning Thursday afternoon April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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).

## Lehigh Valley Night to Shine



On Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30pm, Riverbend Community Church in Bethlehem will be hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Lehigh Valley Night to Shine at the Delta Hotel in Fogelsville. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom experience for those in our community with special needs. It is guided by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

The event will host 200 guests and their families and many volunteers are needed. Various volunteer roles are available. Just a reminder that every volunteer will be required to obtain the necessary clearances. Please see their website for more information, a video of last year's event, and the location for volunteer registration.

<https://lehighvalleynighttoshine.org/>

Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity.

Laura Coates  
610-331-1246

## \*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](mailto:jeffgross1@aol.com) OR Pastor Tami at [prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:prreichley@holyspirit-emmaus.org)

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