

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

- **April Sunday School Collection** – noisy offering for God's Global Barnyard through April 5th; then socks and underwear for LCC
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches** – undergarment collection begins
- **2026 Spring Mission Trip** – plan ahead and sign up now
- **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** – donate to feed the local community in need
- **Earth Day Event Upper Milford Township** – see brochure below

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Sunday School Collection



Our recent Family Worship collection for Peaceable Kingdom yielded 241 items! Our collection included 46 cans of dog food, 8 leashes, 24 rolls of paper towels, 50 trash bags, 2 bags of timothy hay, 2 bags of guinea pig food, 3 nylabones, 2 bags of kitten food, and many other needed items. Thank you to everyone who supported this collection!

Our noisy offering for God's Global Barnyard will continue through Sunday, April 5th. God's Global Barnyard is an ELCA World Hunger initiative that seeks to end the cycle of poverty.

Beginning April 12th, we will collect new adult socks, underwear, and bras for Lehigh Conference of Churches. See related article below.

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 26th and returning Thursday afternoon April 30th. 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).

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. There are storage benches outside the Fellowship Center marked for donations. Please remember to check the best by dates before dropping off any contributions. Thank you!

Most Needed Foods:

- Canned fruits, packed in natural juices preferred
- Individual fruit cups
- Shelf-stable individual microwavable meals such as Dinty Moore Stew or Mac 'n Cheese cups, Hormel Completes, Shelf stable meals such as Chef Boyardee ravioli
- Packages of precooked rice, grains, or pasta
- Ready-to-drink breakfast protein drinks
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable oil
- Low-sugar cereal such as cheerios, bran flakes, etc. or Oatmeal
- Condiments such as salad dressing, ketchup, mustard
- Cans of Hearty soups
- Mac 'n cheese cups
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Diapers Size 5, 6, 7
- Feminine care products

Foods NOT Accepted:

- Home cooked, processed, or baked foods
- Foods in open containers
- Foods with best buy date less than 6 months

Global Missions

THE YOUNG WOMAN WE SPONSOR



Because of your generous contributions to the Support Our Sisters campaign, Holy Spirit was able to sponsor a student at the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School. Sinyati Mathayo will be covered for her entire Form 3 (Grade 10) year. Our sponsorship (\$1,200) includes tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies, clothing and medical care, everything she needs educationally and physically. Please keep Sinyati in your prayers for a successful Form 3 school year.

Sinyati's parents are livestock herders. She is one of 17 children born to her father, and her mother (the 2nd of 3 wives of the father) has nine children, with Sinyati being the eighth child born to her mother. According to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA), Sinyati shows a lot of potential. She likes math and science, and she hopes to become a doctor. The MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School is rated in the top 10% of schools in Tanzania, and many of its graduates continue on to careers in education and healthcare.

Because OBA likes to arrange for longer-term sponsorships, they would like to hear from Holy Spirit or individual members about sponsoring Sinyati for her Form 4 year (2027) and even beyond if she passes the required qualification tests. Partial sponsorships are available, so that no one individual would need to be Sinyati's sole sponsor for her Form 4 year. If you want more information about sponsoring Sinyati or another girl, please contact Operation Bootstrap Africa (612-871-4980) or Rick or Ruth Doty (484-225-2619) to learn about options. You can chat with your sponsored girl via an online portal run by OBA or by letters sent through OBA.

You can read the letter from Sinyati she wrote before knowing that Holy Spirit would be her sponsor this year on the following page.

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Dear sponsor

Hello! I hope you are doing well together with your family members my name is Siziati Mwachya is my side I am doing well in my studies with enough health and also my family members are doing well.

The aim of writing for you this letter is to talk about my self, my studies, my family members, where I am come from, my parent my name, my dream, what I am planning to do in my future.

My name is Siziati Mwachya Mwachya, I am a student of Form two at Mwasae Girls Lutheran secondary school. I am come from Mwanza region and my father name is Mwachya He is Farmer and my mother name is Siziati she is livestock keeper.

In my family we are ten people with my parents I had two brothers and I have five sisters and I have my young brother.

In my academy progress I am doing well on 29th September 2025 I have done my pre national examination and my dream is to be come a doctor because I like to help others to treat people to help my fellow students for example when a student in the dormitory I will make sure that I will treat her well not only in the school also in my society to

I hope you will get this letter on time and answered me on time.

I wish you all the best in your life and also greet your family members, your relatives and other peoples in your country or near by you. I pray for you to God to help you to protect you, to give you long life in this world. I wish you to come here at Tanzania and to come in my school to greet me, to see me and other things about life, I wish you again to come in graduation at Form 42, 43 or graduation at Form 12, 13 because it is very good to me. Thanks. The word of God is PSALMS 32: 8, JEREMIAH 33: 3 and other words of God's when I get another, I will check you by writing another letter please if you get any chance please check me by writing a letter to me and sent to me please, and another leaves, to say thanks to you to help me to get education and please continue to help and to support me to reach my goals.

This letter is from
your lovely daughter
Sioyati - Makhaya - Larmu

Good bye my sponsor
I love you alot
God be with you
Amen



SAVE THE DATE

May 13th – Sarah Rejman, the Director of Tanzania’s Kafika House, will be visiting Holy Spirit to talk about her plans to increase the number of children who can receive surgery for treatable disabilities. Sarah is passionate about helping children become whole and return to their communities ready to reach their full potential. We are excited to welcome Sarah to Holy Spirit and hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 13th.

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24

Lehigh Conference of Churches

Adult undergarment drive for Lehigh Conference of Churches: We are **collecting new ADULT socks, underwear and bras** for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Due to the items we are collecting, all items must be new with tags or new in packages. The Lehigh Conference of Churches (LCC) is a faith-based, nonprofit agency connecting basic human needs to the most vulnerable people in the Lehigh Valley. LCC runs the Conference Kitchen to receive a free nutritious meal 3 times a day, five days a week for working poor, homeless, individuals on fixed income, and those who have nowhere else to turn. LCC has a Drop-In Center in Allentown and Easton to provide lockers, showers, clothing, access to computers and trained caseworkers.

Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.com.

Community Garden



The Community Garden on our church property raises produce for the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. We have just begun planting early cold weather ‘crops’, onions and salad greens, with more vegetables to follow as the weather warms.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our community garden. It doesn’t require a lot of your time to water the garden or help pick some of the produce delivered to the Pantry. 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!

Earth Day Event

Want to help make our community cleaner and healthier? The Joint Environmental Advisory Council for Emmaus and Upper Milford is hosting its annual Earth Day Event on **Saturday, April 25th from 9–11 AM at Emmaus Community Park.**

Volunteers can sign in starting at **8:30 AM** and join us in picking up litter throughout the area. Gloves, vests, and garbage bags will be provided, and the borough will handle collection—no need to haul full bags back.

Our youth group will be participating, and we’d love for you to join them!

We’ll also be offering **free document shredding** for residents, along with **electronics recycling**. Most electronics can be recycled at no cost, though some items may have a small fee.



Emmaus CommunityPark 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus PA 18049



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



WHERE & WHEN:

Emmaus & Upper Milford
Emmaus Community Park
1401 Shimerville Road
Emmaus PA 18049

Saturday, April 25, 2026
9am-11am

**IF YOU CAN PLUG IT IN,
WE CAN RECYCLE IT!**

Be Environmentally
Friendly! Recycle your old
unwanted, broken and
outdated electronics and
appliances.



✓ Items that can be recycled **FREE** of charge:

- Desktop Computers (fee for monitors)
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Keyboards and Mice
- Cables, Cords & Chargers
- Laptops & Tablets
- Calculators & Adding Machines
- UPS Battery Backups
- Home and Office Telephones
- Cell Phones
- Ink Cartridges
- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items & Water Heaters
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Filing Cabinets
- Grills and Lawn Mowers (drain all fluid)

✓ Items that can be recycled with a fee:

- Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers & Stoves - \$20
- Computer Monitors - \$20
- Televisions under 42" (CRT or Flat Screens) - \$40
- TVs over 42" (Flat screens, consoles, projection, tube, broken screen) - \$60
- Water Coolers or Mini Fridges - \$25
- Toner Cartridges - \$5
- Air Conditioners - \$25
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- Refrigerators - \$35
- Floor Freezers - \$35
- Floor Copiers - \$20
- Console Stereos (in cabinet) - \$35

DESTRUCTION SERVICES

- FREE onsite document shredding
- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive

**FREE DOCUMENT
SHREDDING FOR
RESIDENTS!**

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****

RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING SERVICES LLC
responsiblerecyclingservices.com | 484-641-5156

* OUTREACH SUMMARIES *

Neighborhood House

We served 70+ unhoused individuals on March 1st at the Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. This was our third volunteer Sunday serving breakfast and we went with a variety of homemade dishes provided by the members of Holy Spirit. Thank you to our congregation members who volunteered to serve the many tasty dishes, provide brown bag lunches and other needed items like socks, Hot Hand warmers, and bottled water. Members of Rejoicing Spirits decorated the brown paper bags used for the lunches. On Sunday, March 1st, the Allentown Morning Call came to Neighborhood House and spoke to several individuals which resulted in a very nice newspaper article. ([See link](#)) Soon we will start planning for the next breakfast dates beginning in the Fall.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS MINISTRY!

EHS ANGEL NETWORK

Holy Spirit you come through every time! The EHS Angel Network had a very successful spring basket give-a-way! We helped 135 families with groceries, clothing and bedding. It's a challenging time right now with higher prices for gas, electricity, etc. and these items our recipients received were really appreciated!

Our receivers must request to be a part of the give-a-way so we know they are in need of some help, and because of people like you, we can make a difference twice a year. Our food baskets are designed to last 1-2 weeks with staples and a gift card to Weis or Giant. The clothing, linens and extra food help to ease some of their financial burden as well. We also had a donation of 15 wreaths that flew out of the room! We are happy that there will be some doors decorated this spring!



The Angel Network can't thank you enough! Please see the thank-you note from one of our coordinators below.

"Thank you all who played a part in making our 25/26 food basket program a success!! Last week we gave out 135 baskets to families in East Penn.

Thank you to:

- All the groups that collect for us - school clubs and sports teams, community groups, churches, neighborhood groups and workplaces
 - All the individual donors that step up to fill the holes with what we need
 - All the school staff who work so graciously with us to serve these families
 - Holy Spirit for their partnership and generously letting us use their space for most of a week each time.
 - All the volunteers who work basket week and make a logistical challenge run smoothly
 - All the new volunteers who bring fresh energy and remind us why we do this!
- We are just all very grateful for the support we get from our community. Have a wonderful spring!!!"

EHS Angel Network

Thank you Holy Spirit! We are blessed to have this opportunity!



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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