

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

- **May Sunday School Collection** – socks and underwear for LCC
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches** – undergarment collection
- **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** – donate to feed the local community in need
- **Global Missions** – Sarah Rejman presentation May 13th
- **'Serve Day'** – ASD – volunteers needed May 15th
- **Medical/Dental Mission Trip to Malawi** – prayer request

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Sunday School Collection

Throughout Lent, Family Worship collected a noisy offering to benefit God's Global Barnyard, which is a ELCA world hunger initiative. God's Global Barnyard works to break the cycle of poverty by providing livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive. Our collection total was \$301.92. Thanks to all who supported this important collection.

During the month of May, we will continue our support of the Lehigh Conference of Churches by supplying new adult socks and underwear. This collection will conclude on Sunday, May 31.

Community Garden



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

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!

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. There is box 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

Lehigh Conference of Churches

Adult undergarments 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.

Thank you for all the donations thus far. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.com.

Global Missions

**SEE HOW THE VISION GROWS
AND THE CHILDREN THRIVE
MAY 13TH in the FELLOWSHIP CENTER – 7 PM**



KAFIKA HOUSE

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The Founder of Kafika House, Sarah Rejman, will be visiting Holy Spirit on **Wednesday, May 13th**. She will talk about what Kafika House is doing each year to bring hundreds of children with treatable disabilities back to full life in their local communities. And be prepared – she will fill you with her vision of what an expanded Kafika House can become and the transformative impacts it can have. Hear powerful

stories of barriers overcome, surgical care and rehabilitation completed, and visions being realized. A light supper is being planned for those who may be interested in arriving at about 6 PM. Please let Rick or Ruth Doty, Pr. Tami, or Nikki Clark know if you are interested in attending the supper before the presentation begins at 7:00PM.

SAVE THE DATE – Monday, June 15, 2026

Jodi Swanson, collaborator with and wife of Dr. Steve Swanson, will be visiting Holy Spirit on Monday, June 15th. She will be bringing us some exciting updates about the pediatrics work she and Steve are doing. Among the highlights will be discussion of the Arusha Pediatric and Maternal Care Center that will soon be opening. That means an expansion of the pre- and post-natal care that can be provided to needy families in northern Tanzania.



Photos from Institute for Child Healthcare Africa

Dr. Swanson and his team have worked for many years to develop and successfully use low-cost, low-tech care to treat premature babies and other vulnerable children. Their techniques are now a model for use across Africa. The Swansons are also working to ensure a sustainable future for pediatrics in Tanzania, using native-born doctors and nurses.

See you on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM in room 117/119. A light dessert will be available for your snacking pleasure as you interact with this engaging and successful woman.

Medical/Dental Mission Trip to Malawi

Josh Gregory and Dean Black will be traveling to Malawi from May 13 through May 26 on a medical mission trip organized and sponsored by **Village in Partnership**, a nonprofit based in Allentown, New Jersey, dedicated to fighting extreme poverty in rural Malawi.

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeastern Africa and is among the poorest nations in the world. The rural area we will be serving has very limited access to medical care.

During this trip, Josh and Dean will be helping treat conditions such as malaria, pneumonia and lung infections, scabies, sexually transmitted diseases, parasitic and worm infections, dental extractions and care, as well as providing care for other urgent medical needs as they arise.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare, travel, and serve. Pray for safe travels, effective treatment for patients, and that God would use this mission to bring hope and healing to many.

'Serve Day' – Allentown School District

Serve Day, May 15th, is a collaborative event for volunteers from ASD's Interfaith Council and the Family Advisory Council to come together and lend a hand to help with various beautification projects throughout all of Allentown School District buildings and properties.

Our Sunday School recently participated in a collection of 250 snack bags for Ruby Bridges Early Education Development Center. LCHS now has an opportunity to help Ruby Bridges with their beautification projects on ASD Serve Day.

Volunteers will help with painting, organizing the teacher planning space, and creating a space for students and teachers for indoor recess. There are several other schools that have outdoor volunteer projects such as gardening and cleanup. There is something for everyone! The day begins with a volunteer breakfast at 8:30 where you will have the opportunity to connect and build relationships with leaders from different faith traditions as well as families in the ASD. This is a wonderful day of connection and service!

You may sign up by clicking [HERE](#), scan the QR Code, or contact Pr. Tami with any questions.

For more information on the ASD Interfaith Council [click here](#).

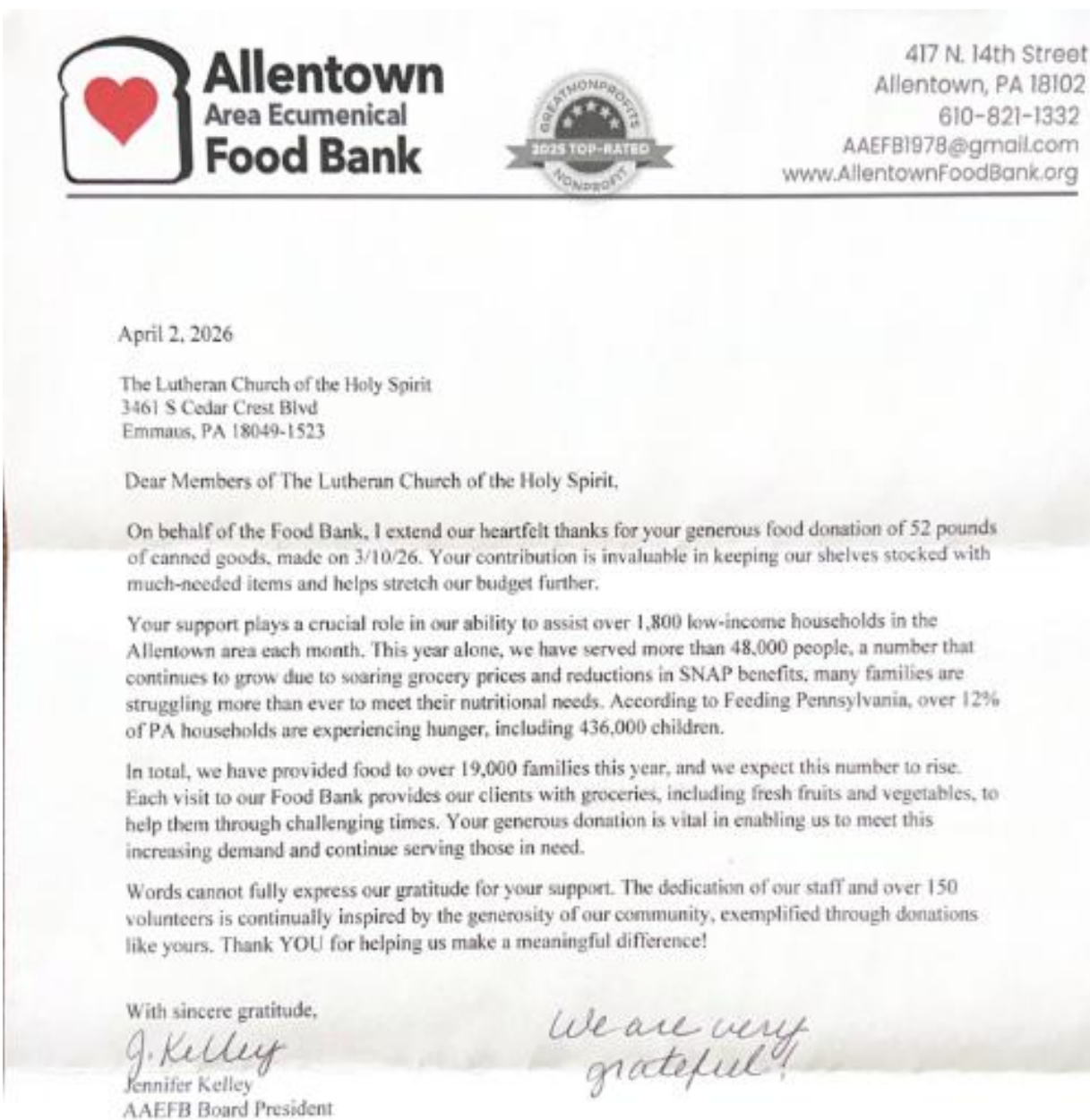


* OUTREACH SUMMARIES *

2026 Lenten World Hunger Appeal

This year's Lenten World Hunger appeal raised \$1,250.50 which has been given to the ELCA World Hunger Program. This program is extremely effective in developing reliable food supply programs in many countries around the world, including the United States. Thanks to our generous congregation for gifts to this cause this year which assists our brothers and sisters around the globe.

A Thank You from the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank



A Thank You From Operation Bootstrap Africa

*Many of our most loyal friends have included OBA in their will.
Would you consider naming OBA as a beneficiary in yours?
Leave the Legacy you live by.*

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Dear Friends at Lutheran Church Of The Holy Spirit,

Thank you for making a difference in Africa. It has come to our attention that you have made a generous gift of \$6,146.00 to Operation Bootstrap Africa.

Date	Amount	Fund	Note
3/12/2026	\$1,882.00	MGLSS Scholarship Fund	Sinyati Mathayo
3/12/2026	\$1,882.00	Eripoto	
3/12/2026	\$1,882.00	Nursing College Scholarships	
3/12/2026	\$500.00	Mark and Linda Jacobson Endowment	Widow's Might

We want to express our most sincere gratitude. This expression of appreciation is a reflection of those whom your gift helps in Africa. Your donation creates opportunities that can change lives for generations to come.

Operation Bootstrap Africa has been changing lives since 1965. Today our work supports a variety of needs including scholarship funds for secondary and post-secondary education, primary school breakfast and lunch programs, teacher salaries, school construction, special needs education, healthcare and health education programs, and more.

When we visit our projects in Tanzania, Kenya, and recently in Madagascar, the students and teachers ask us to thank the generous donors who have made their education possible. "We have nothing to give in return other than our prayers."

Your passion and dedication do not go unnoticed. We are so grateful for your partnership, and do not take it lightly. Your support is changing countless lives in Africa - thank you!

In service to the people of Africa,

Thank you!

Jason Bergmann
Executive Director



For over 60 years Operation Bootstrap Africa has been making a difference in Africa as an independent 501(c)(3). Charity Navigator has recognized OBA as one of the most fiscally responsible organizations in the US for 12 years running with a 4/4 rating. Your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please keep this letter as your tax receipt. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. LW:41-6051952



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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