

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

- **Family Worship Collection** – for GWOH Sunday – see below
- **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** – donate to feed the needy
- **God's Work Our Hands (GWOH)** – Collection for Sunday September 27th
- **Reuseable Bags/Totes** – for several organizations; see below

Family Worship Collection

During the month of September through September 20th, Family Worship will be supporting the collection for God's Work Our Hands in preparation for the assembly of care bags on September 27th. All items need to be new and individually sealed for sanitary reasons.

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Chapstick
Men's bodywash
Men's deodorant
Women's shampoo
Women's conditioner





God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands – This year we will be holding our God's Work Our Hands event on **Sunday September 27 at 9:25a m.** Alternate worship times will be held at 8:45 am and 10:30 am so that all can participate. We hope you join us and enjoy the collaboration with people across our different services.

We will be supporting the **Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Perfect Fit of the YWCA, and Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.**

Through September 20th, we are collecting:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Chapstick
- Generic or Men's Body Wash,
- Generic or Men's Deodorant
- Women's shampoo
- Women's conditioner

All items need to be **new** and **individually sealed** for sanitary reasons. Please no multipacks, unless each item is sealed inside the larger package.

Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. Please see the recipient list located above the collection boxes for detail on the organizations.

If you prefer to donate monetarily and let the GWOH project team shop for you, that is an option. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.com or at 484-725-2488.

Thank you for all your help in supporting our larger community. Hope to see you on September 27 at 9:25 am.

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Any donations can go into the 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 greater than 6 months

Love for the Least – Preemie Hats



During Advent and Epiphany our Global Missions team will be seeking monetary collections for the Tanzania programs of the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) led by Jodi and Dr. Stephen Swanson and Kafika House for children. We are also promoting the crafting of preemie hats for NICU babies to send to the Tanzania NICUs which we support. Preemie hats can save lives of infants by

keeping them warm. Anyone who would like to knit or crochet preemie hats with baby yarn is welcome to use the attached knit or crochet pattern to craft them. Patterns are attached. **Hats are due by February 7, Global Mission Sunday.** For questions, contact Charlotte Gross.

Baby Knitted Cap

Baby yarn and Size 10 knitting needles

Cuff: Cast on 44 stitches. Work in Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing for 1 ½ inches.

Crown:

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2 (wrong side) Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 5 inches from cast on edge, ending with a wrong-side row.

Shape Top:

Row 1: *Knit2together, K2; repeat from *across: 33 stitches.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: *Knit2 together, K1; repeat from * across: 22 stitches.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit2 together, *K2, Knit2 together; repeat from *across: 16 stitches.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit2together across: 8 stitches. Cut yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread yarn into yarn needle and draw through remaining stitches on needle.

Draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

Sew side seam. Turn up cuff.

Baby Crocheted Cap

Crochet hook size H

Baby yarn

Round 1:

Ch 4, work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook; join with a sl st to top of beg ch; counts as 12 dc.

Round 2:

Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), dc in joining ch; 2 dc in each dc around, join: 24 dc.

Round 3:

Ch 3, dc in joining ch; *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from *around, join: 32 dc.

Round 4 through 11:

Ch 3, dc in the top two loops of each dc around; join.

Round 12:

Sc crochet in the top two loops of dc around; join, finish off. Weave in all ends. Turn cuff up.

Reusable Bags/Totes



Reusable Bags/Totes – Have you accumulated too many reusable bags? If so, please consider donating to **Plesion Foster Care** and **Kinship Families** and the **Perfect Fit of the YWCA**.

These organizations provide clothing and personal care items to families and are in need of bags/totes to use for the family donations.

While you are welcome to donate new bags, we are happy to accept **clean, used** reusable bags. Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. Please see the recipient list located above the collection boxes for detail on the organizations.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

* OUTREACH SUMMARIES *

Community Garden

The Community Garden on our church property raises produce for the Food Pantries at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie and Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Emmaus.

In August we donated

- 14 gallon bags of kale
- 4 bags of red beets
- 26 yellow squash
- 21 eggplants
- 34 sweet peppers
- 125 red and yellow onions
- 6 dozen carrots

If you have any produce from your home garden that you would like to donate, please leave in the church kitchen on **Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning by 9:00 am on the second and forth Wednesdays of the month only.**

Thank you!

If you have any questions about this gardening effort, please contact Jeff Gross at jeffgross1@aol.com or 610-390-1074.



SERVING OTHERS



Holy Spirit's staff took time out of the workday on Tuesday, August 25th to lend a helping hand at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.

It was a wonderful service opportunity and a great way for Holy Spirit staff to spend time together doing God's Work!

The Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank serves approximately 2,000 families each month between in person pickups and delivered donations.

Holy Spirit has ongoing collections for the food pantry year-round and there are always opportunities to help serve at the food bank daily (Mon. - Fri.).

Please consider ways you might want to help make a difference!

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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