

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 Angel Network – see below
- **Angel Network** – see article below
- **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** – donate to feed people experiencing food scarcity

Family Worship Collection

Recently our Family Worship participants collected items for God's Work Our Hands personal care bags. We donated:

- 13 deodorants
- 6 bodywashes
- 55 toothbrushes
- 37 tubes of toothpaste
- 15 bottles of shampoo
- 7 bottles of conditioner
- 18 ChapSticks

Thank you to everyone who supported this collection.

During the month of October, Family Worship will be partnering with the Outreach Mission team to collect the items needed for

Emmaus High School Angel Network baskets. (See Angel Network article below.)

Angel Network



Hello Holy Spirit!

The EHS Angel Network has started thinking about our winter food baskets already! Our Holy Spirit collection is scheduled for the month of October! Our event will be held **December 6th - December 9th**, and we are expecting to again serve approximately 165 families. The baskets contain approximately \$145 worth of food and hygiene products that are truly appreciated. It is a big project and your generosity plays a huge part in making the food baskets meaningful to the families.

We are going to combine the Christmas and Spring collections again this year, so our goals are as follows:

300 laundry detergent (sheets, pods, or bottles)
300 cans of corn

The canned green beans have already been donated. Thank-you!

You will find the labeled bins outside the fellowship center.

Please bring your donations starting October 1st.

As always, this event is very well attended by our EHS families and students. The EHS Angel Network is most grateful for your continued collaboration and support of our receivers. You are THE VERY BEST and we can't express how much we appreciate you!!

If anyone would like to help on **Monday December 7th with inventory**, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you!

With much Gratitude, Deb Walsh and the EHS Angel Network

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

We continue to collect items for the Food Bank. The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Please put your donations in 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 and 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
- 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

* 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 September we donated 6 bags of red beets, 15 yellow squash, 21 eggplants, 36 sweet peppers, and a variety of tomatoes and herbs from members' home gardens.

As the 2026 growing season draws to a close, a big THANK YOU to the volunteers who faithfully helped with the church vegetable garden, and an additional thank you to the numerous members who donated surplus produce from their home gardens.



God's Work Our Hands

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who contributed personal care items, monetary donations and their time to participate in this year's God's Work. Our Hands event. We assembled 400 bags containing **6 personal care items** plus a **handwritten inspiring card**.

The Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Perfect Fit of the YWCA, and Turning Point of the LV each received 100 bags. We also blessed the quilts made by our Stitch and Chat Group that are to be donated to those in our local community who may need some warmth and comfort.

Thank you for all your help in supporting our larger community.

It was a joyous, fun-filled hour and our gifts are very much appreciated by the recipients.

If you would be interested in leading the God's Work Our Hands project next year (or being part of a leadership team), please contact Brenda Truhe bltruhe@hotmail.com or at 484-725-2488 to learn more.



Reusable Bags/Totes

Thank you to all those who donated reusable bags. We collected 200 bags! Bags were provided to Plesion Foster Care and Kinship Families and the Perfect Fit of the YWCA. Both organizations were very grateful. The bags will be used when providing clothing and personal care items to families.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

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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