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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 –** Noisy offering for Stitch and Chat
- **Angel Network –** canned corn and laundry detergent needed
- **Ingathering –** collecting Christmas gifts and baby items
- **Tanzania NICU and Kafika House –** collection begins November 29th
- **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank –** donate to feed the hungry

Family Worship Collection

During October, Family Worship supported the collection of cans of corn and laundry detergent for Emmaus High School Angel Network. Thank you to those who donated in support of this cause.

In addition, the Sunday School children made Halloween cards that were sent to our homebound and prayer concern members.

During the month of November, children will be participating in a noisy offering for LCHS Stitch and Chat group. The coins collected (and paper money) will help to cover expenses for supplies. The quilts that are made by the group are given to agencies that serve children and adults and is a ministry of bringing warmth and comfort to people in need in our community and church family.



Angel Network

Hello Holy Spirit!

I just wanted to thank you all and bring you up to date on our Angel Network collection. We are a little behind to meet our goals for this year's collection. This is a one-time collection of 320 cans of corn, and 320 laundry detergents, which supplies the Angel Network students and their families with food baskets twice a year in December and again in the spring.

That being said, we will be trying to get the Spring collection completed with this collection also, and those goals will be as follows:
Immediate needs for December are 30 cans of corn, and 110 laundry detergents.

Still needed for the spring:

42 cans of corn (Weis brand supersweet canned corn - .69 cents each- x 12= $8.28).

127 laundry detergents (CVS- Gain detergent pacs - 42 count $9.99).
Please feel free to share better prices so I can update them for all next week!

We have extended the collection into November, and the bins will still be outside the fellowship center. Thank you all so much for keeping Angel Network students and their families in your minds! Our receiver families are most grateful! And the EHS Angel Network is blessed to be partners with Holy Spirit in this important outreach program!

If anyone has any questions, please contact Deb Walsh at 610-217-2666 or Deblwalsh613@gmail.com.

Christmas Ingathering



2026 CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Christmas Giving Opportunities

As we celebrate the gift of Christ this season, we invite you to share His love with others through our collection for the Bright Hope Pregnancy Center and children in the Topton Home. Your generous support has made an awesome difference in the past, bringing hope, comfort and joy to children and families in need.

Together, we can help make Christmas brighter for others.

Collections begin Sunday, November 1st.
There will be designated boxes in the Fellowship Center Coat Room for Bright Hope and Topton.

We will be collecting 65 gifts for children at Topton. Please keep gifts to a value of $25-$30. Gifts should be placed in a seasonal gift bag – NO GIFT WRAP, please. Gifts will be done via the Sign-up Genius using the following link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8A82FA4F8C16-66856590-2026
Please limit your gifts to two children only.

Bright Hope Pregnancy Center

Baby wash
Baby Shampoo
Baby Lotion
Diaper Sizes: Newborn, 3 and 6
New Clothing Sizes: Newborn thru 2T
Baby Wipes
Baby Bottles and Sippy Cups

Please do not bring donations or gifts to the church before November 1st. The *Fellowship Center Coat Room* is the designated drop-off location.



Global Missions

HELPING CHILDREN AT RISK – SUPPORTING NICUs AND KAFIKA HOUSE

This Advent and Christmas season, help Holy Spirit save and transform the lives of prematurely born babies and children needing surgeries for correctible disabilities in Tanzania. Support the NICUs and pediatric clinic run by Dr. Steve (and wife Jodi) Swanson; help fund surgeries (and recoveries from those surgeries) at Kafika House.



Starting November 29th through the beginning of 2027, think not only of your blessings here in the USA, but also of the needs of our little siblings born in a country where accessing healthcare is a huge challenge.





Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Donations can be placed in the marked benches outside the Fellowship Center. 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

Neighborhood House



We will once again be supporting Neighborhood House with Sunday breakfasts. Our first date will be January 10, 2027. Neighborhood House at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown, fills a current unhoused community need on Sunday mornings by providing breakfast and lunch and a safe place to get out of the cold or heat, in a location central to other outreach support. Neighborhood House utilizes volunteers known as "Hosts" that supply, prepare, and share gifts of a hot meal for breakfast and a bag lunch, and connect with Allentown's unhoused community. The goal is to serve the unhoused and build community among Allentown, PA congregations, other community groups, and individuals. Stay tuned, more information and signups to follow in our December Newsletter!

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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