



*Painting a wall at an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence. (January 2016)*

### **How do you get involved?**

Identify a service opportunity that interests you and reach out to the contact person for more information.

- Prepare and/or serve meals to homeless families sheltered by the Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network or a local soup kitchen.
- Donate items to stock local food pantries or provide much needed supplies to local ministries or Lutheran World Relief.
- Visit people who are in hospitals, hospice or homebound.
- Serve as part of a team on a national or international mission trip.
- Get involved in advocacy work – for example, to support refugees.
- Help welcome visitors who come to Christ Ascension to participate in worship.
- Learn and grow by participating in reflective learning exercises and workshops.

## **Who We Are**

### **About Us**

The Outreach Committee empowers the congregation to take the good news out into the world through local, regional and international service programs, events, trips, and projects.

### **Contact Us**

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# **CHRIST ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Outreach Committee*



**CHRIST ASCENSION**

8300 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia PA 19118



Soup kitchen (March 2008)

## What can you do?

### Lutheran Settlement House

Provides social, educational, employment, and counseling services to adults, youth, families, and seniors. Every January there will be a service project opportunity.

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### Welcoming

Help welcome first time visitors and get to know potential new members!

Gordon Gerhart: [eggerhart@comcast.net](mailto:eggerhart@comcast.net)

### Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality

Assists families to stay intact and supports them as they move toward permanent housing. Prepare and/or serve dinner during the church's week-long commitment.

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*"I have learned so much through service – the way I view the world has changed and I feel more a part of it."*

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### Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

Help organize a Thanksgiving dinner basket to help needy families celebrate the holidays.

Martha Reumann: [jreumann@aol.com](mailto:jreumann@aol.com)

### Keystone Hospice

Provides services that respond to the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of patients and their families.

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### Advocacy

Work for change in public policy by partnering with efforts sponsored by the ELCA Advocacy Office.

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Sara Calderon: [calderon.sarae@gmail.com](mailto:calderon.sarae@gmail.com)



Kenya mission trip (August 2011)

### Mission Trips

Explore the possibility of serving overseas – let us know about your interests!

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### Soup kitchen

Help serve food to those in need – group efforts are planned throughout the year.

Ralph Wellington: [rwellington@schnader.com](mailto:rwellington@schnader.com)

### Ingathering Donations

In late November – early December, donate goods to benefit local, national, and international service providers.

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### Education

Participate in discussions about why and how we serve others as well as reflective learning after service activities. Our goal is to help people feel comfortable exploring new ways to serve and to build community among congregational members.

## What will you do?