

## Mercy Ministry Committee of Christ Lutheran Church



### Food Pantry Donation

January/February - Pottstown Cluster

May/June - Boyertown Salvation Army

July/August – Pennsburg Open Link

September/October – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

November/December – Boyertown Salvation Army

Food collection for local food pantries is an ongoing outreach that our committee supports. Watch for news of the “special” needs each pantry needs in the monthly newsletter.



### Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Mercy Ministry is still collecting Redner's Save-a-Tape BUT when submitting your receipts, We have to have the bottom part that says “Today's Contribution - \$XX.xx” or Save-a-Tape with the dollar figure. Without this on the bottom, Redner's will not give us the 1% back. So, all you need to do is get a Save-A-Tape card from Redners, go shopping at Redner's and deposit your complete receipt in the box in the narthex. Redner's will send us a check for 1% of the receipts!

It's that easy!

Money received from the Redner's Receipt program enabled donations to be sent to: the Boyertown Area Multi-Service; the Boyertown Salvation Army; Quilting Ministry; Operation Christmas Child; “grief booklets”; shipping cost of quilts to Red Bird Mission and many more ministries.



### Various Collections throughout the Year

During each year, the Mercy Ministry committee decides to support and ask for donations for various local organizations.

We have collected hygiene items; baby items; animal items for SPCA; items for Hope Rescue Mission to name a few.



## Various Ministries we support

In prior years, we have participated in “Blanket Sunday” and we, along with members of our congregation, continue to participate in the Salvation Army “Red Kettle” collection at the Bechtelsville Wal-Mart.



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## Christmas Card Exchange

Each year, except during COVID, the congregation is invited to participate in the “Christmas Card Exchange” with the money collected from the “cost of postage” going to support our committee outreach programs.

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## Quilts and Afghans

The **Crocheted Afghan ministry**, that a member started many years ago, is still ongoing. Other members of the congregation have taken on the task of crocheting and assembling the blankets for donation to local organizations for distribution to those in need.

Thank-you to all who help in this program.



The **Quilting Ministry** has assembled and donated **1,605** bed-sized quilts from 2018 - 2023. Thank-you to everyone who assisted in this ministry in any way (donating items, sewing quilt tops, helping to assemble and/or pack quilts and/or deliver finished quilts). We continue with this ministry, so those numbers are even higher!

Those who have received quilts are: Several local veterans; Philadelphia “Project Home”; Lebanon Valley Veterans Medical Center; Lutheran World Relief; South Eastern Veterans Center; Red Hill VFW; Red Bird Mission Senior Center, Kentucky; Coatesville Veterans Medical Center; State Representative Donna Scheuren for her Veterans Breakfast and State Senator Tracy Pennycuick for her Veterans Breakfast.

Our committee is always looking for new members and new ways to help our community. Our meetings are open to anyone with a passion for giving and sharing God’s love.