

The Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church

Harrisburg, PA

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Did you know that the highest needs zip code in Central Pennsylvania is right here the city of Harrisburg? The residents of 17104, Allison Hill, face the most significant barriers to health and wellbeing in our community. But while Allison Hill faces deep seeded economic challenges, the community is also vibrant and is the most diverse community in the region. In this place of rich cultural diversity, and social and economic hardship, the Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church has for over 20 years served the health needs of our neighbors through a series of free health clinics provided by the congregation.

Christ Lutheran Church was founded in 1890 and today our mission to seek the wellbeing of our neighbors is as vital as ever. The Health Ministries is the primary work of our church. The Health Ministries consist of The Medical Outreach Clinic, a daily, nurse run, walk-in clinic that provides basic nursing care, over-the-counter medications, wound care, and orthopedic supports. Nurses are multilingual and so often provide help finding additional resources available in the community, reading mail, helping with employment and housing issues. The Medical Outreach clinic has remained open Monday-Friday through the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to serve the needs of the community.

Additionally, the Health Ministries provides a free Dental Clinic, offering emergent care and oral hygiene; a weekly Urgent Care Clinic with a volunteer physician, and a Prenatal Clinic for uninsured women with low risk pregnancies.

All these services are provided for free and we receive no reimbursement. The Health Ministry is a mission of our congregation made possible by individual donors, donations from worshipping communities like yours, and private grants.

We are grateful for the interest and support of Ohev Sholom as a partner in this work. We are motivated by the words of the Prophet Jeremiah who tells us, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Blessings,

Rev. Drew Stockstill

NOTE FROM RABBI KESSLER: *The Health Ministries needs the following items: Eucerin cream, cough drops, clean grocery bags, Emergen-C, Airborne, Zinc, Kotex pads, tissues (boxes or travel size), men's white undershirts (L, XL, XXL), women's white underwear, soap, lotion, deodorant, razors, shampoo, Boost nutritional supplements, disinfecting surface wipes, and hand sanitizer. **Please drop off your donations when you pick up your prayer books during your designated group time on Sunday, August 30th.***