

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

LWML Texas District — February 2021

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

Thank you for the outpouring of love in the form of quilts and kits at the Texas ingathering in November 2020. It was 19 months between the April 2019 and the November 2020 ingatherings and we thank you again for storing your donations and for your patience during the Coronavirus pandemic. **This year's ingathering will again be in November. See page 2 for 2021 LWR Ingathering sites, dates, and times.**

SPECIAL NOTES:

LWR IS **NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLEECE BLANKETS** LWR has received information that fleece causes environmental concerns and therefore will NOT be collecting them.

LWR IS **NOT ACCEPTING BULK SOAP**. THE BABY CARE AND PERSONAL CARE KITS STILL REQUIRE SOAP. We are not accepting any soap in separate boxes.

MONETARY **DONATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** AT THE INGATHERING SITES. For donation information please see page 4.

PACKING QUILTS AND KITS

1. Use SMALLER AND STURDY BOXES, no more than 30# per box and smaller is better.
2. Pack only ONE TYPE OF ITEM OR KIT PER BOX and KEEP A TALLY OF ITEMS IN EACH BOX.
3. PACK BOXES TIGHTLY, try sitting on the box to be sure it is tight. If it is "squishy" you may be asked to repack at the collection site.
4. TAPE ALL OPEN EDGES AND HOLES IN BOXES WITH MAILING TAPE, no masking tape. See "THINK LIKE A BUG" for more information (see page 3).
5. PLACE SHIPPING LABEL ON SIDE OF BOX AND TAPE OVER IT (see page 6).
6. LABEL ALL SIDES, TOP AND BOTTOM IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS WITH LWR AND NUMBER AND TYPE OF ITEM. Example: LWR 5 BABY CARE.
7. If you choose to track your quilts and kits, PLEASE INCLUDE A BARCODE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BOX. Go to www.lwr.org/tracker for instructions on tracking.
8. If you COMBINE YOUR DONATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES, the site coordinator will need a copy of the LWR INGATHERING REPORT from each church (see page 5).

LWR WEBSITE INFORMATION

The LWR website, www.lwr.org, has information on the "Get Involved" tab for preparing and packing quilts and kits along with a listing of the items needed for each kit. The ingathering sites can be found under Quilts and Kits on this tab. Videos are available on the website also. To order a copy of the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry guide, call 1-800-597-5972.

Specific items that SHOULD NOT be included or used for quilts and kits are as follows:

1. Any item with a religious symbol or message, or your group's name.
2. Any item with a US flag, US patriotic or military symbols, references to the US armed forces or camouflage.
3. No plastic bags enclosing the quilts, kits, or any items in them.
4. Do not add to or take out any item listed.

NOVEMBER 2021 LWR INGATHERING SITES

	Houston	Seguin	Dallas
Area Served	Southeast portion of state, including SE-ELCA and other Synods	Del Rio, Kerrville, Austin, Victoria and points south including SW-ELCA and other Synods	Temple to Lufkin and points north and west, including N&NW-ELCA and other Synods
Drop-off Dates	Saturday Nov 6, 2021	Friday–Saturday Nov 5–6, 2021	Saturday Nov 13, 2021
Times	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact Site Coordinator by email to schedule a drop-off date & time	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Location	Epiphany Lutheran Church	St. John Lutheran Church	Messiah Lutheran Church
Address	14423 West Road, Houston, Texas 77041	600 S. Center Street, Marion, Texas 78124	1801 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano Texas 75075
Telephone Contact for drop-off day	832-492-2208	210-415-0365	214-564-6107
Site Coordinator	Sandy Miller 832-492-2208 miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net	Debra Mattke 210-415-0365 dmattke@tlu.edu	Priscella Reid 214-564-6107 reid.priscella@gmail.com
Lead Coordinator	Mary Afsharirad Texas District LWML Mission Service Chair 214-226-0225 (call or text) missionservice@lwmltxdist.org mja.lwmltx@gmail.com		

Have your LWR Ingathering Report complete when you arrive at the site. Report any monetary donations that have been sent to LWR on the LWR Ingathering Report (see page 5).

Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service.

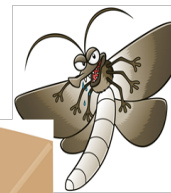
THINK LIKE A BUG

THINK LIKE A BUG...if a bug can get in...seal it up...
that includes all seams on top and bottom.



YES

NO



NO FRESH PRODUCE OR FRESH FLOWER BOXES...
they are too flimsy or have too many openings.



Not the best



COPY/PRINTER PAPER BOXES CAN WORK...

But must seal the top to the bottom all the way around,
not just a few pieces over the top.



all the way around – no handle holes exposed – seal the bottom!



HELPFUL HINTS

- Best way to seal the box is the H-method on TOP and BOTTOM regardless if the bottom is glued or not.
- No exposed seams or holes.
- Handle-holds seem like a good idea, but they are a NO-NO; seal over them.
- Fill to top of box so they won't be crushed when stacked.
- No boxes should weigh over 30 pounds.
- The more uniform the shape and size of the boxes the better.
- Tape down the provided label and put it on one side of the box (not on top).
- Write LWR and number & type of item in large-block-black letters on the top, bottom and all four sides of the box. Example: LWR 10 QUILTS
- Correct packaging and taping is the responsibility of the person bringing the boxes to the ingathering.
- Do it right, so no one must repack or add more tape.
- Have your ingathering report ready to give to the site coordinator.
- Help us unload your boxes, please.
- Wait until your ingathering has been cleared for shipment.

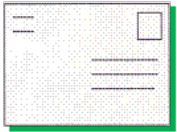
LWML Texas District STAMPOREE PROJECT

All Proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund

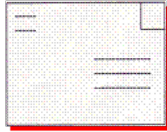
Anyone can contribute to the Stamporee Project. Ask your congregation, family, neighbors, friends and co-workers to save their stamps. Use commemorative or high value stamps to mail packages and ask the recipient to save the stamps for you! Your LWML group should give the collected stamps to your zone president to deliver to the stamp chairman. It is not cost effective to mail the stamps.

Place stamps on envelope in the upper right-hand corner, allowing 1/4-inch space on each edge.

RIGHT:



WRONG:



Stamporee Project Chair - Sara Frank

saralfrank@yahoo.com

Please put LWML in the subject line.

(DO NOT SEND STAMPS TO PO BOX 1354, KYLE, TX)

Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from envelopes. If trimming envelopes, leave at least 1/4-inch around stamp. Sorting into categories or weighing is not necessary. **DO NOT SOAK OFF!** Damaged stamps are those that are torn, or the perforations have been destroyed. If in doubt, go ahead and collect and the stamp chairman will assess. The stamp chairman is available to give programs, answer questions and establish training sessions. Contact her at: saralfrank@yahoo.com.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent Action Teams allow you to support the work of Lutheran World Relief while taking part in a meaningful service activity. Thrivent members are eligible to lead a service activity that can be completed within 90 days. Once you are approved to lead a team, Thrivent will send you a Thrivent Action Team Kit and a \$250 VISA card in seed money for your volunteer activity. Go to thrivent.com/actionteam for more information.

Lutheran World Relief QUILT AND KIT SHIPPING FUND

LWR spends around \$1.3 million to distribute about \$13 million worth of quilts and kits each year. Encourage your contributors to collect monetary contributions to help distribute quilts and kits around the world.

LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas

One Quilt or Blanket	\$2.25
One School Kit	\$1.40
One Personal Care Kit*	\$2.65
One Baby Care Kit	\$1.30
One Fabric Kit	\$1.00

*Includes the cost of toothpaste to go with the personal care kit

Send monetary donations to:

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND
PO BOX 17061
BALTIMORE, MD 21297-1061

Or may be sent to:

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT FINANCIAL SECRETARY
KATHY WALTHER
PO BOX 124
GIDDINGS, TX 78942

Indicate it is a donation to LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Report
LWML Texas District



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Date: _____

CONGREGATION NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

CIRCLE ONE: ELCA ELDONA LCMC LCMS NALC

LCMS Churches — LWML Group Name: _____

LWR ITEM	QUANTITY	# OF BOXES
QUILTS		
BLANKETS – No Fleece		
SCHOOL KITS		
PERSONAL CARE KITS		
BABY CARE KITS		
FABRIC KITS		
QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND (Amount sent to LWR or LWML Texas District Financial Secretary)	\$	

Please complete this form and bring with you to drop-off site. You may also wish to keep a copy for your records.

Church:

Address:

Contents:

Number enclosed: _____

**TO:
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
601 MAIN STREET
NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776**

Church:

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