

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT – JANUARY 2023

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:2–3).

To God Be the Glory for the outpouring of love with quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) at the Texas Ingathering in November 2022.

Location	Quilts	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Kits	TOTAL ITEMS PER SITE
Marion - St. John Lutheran	8,373	3,557	3,226	965	163	16,284
Houston - Epiphany Lutheran	4,301	3,584	3,706	645	168	12,404
Plano - Messiah Lutheran	4,087	1,756	3,991	82	96	10,012
TOTALS	16,761	8,897	10,923	1,692	427	38,700

Thanks to all the women, men, and youth of the Texas Lutheran Churches that volunteered and made the ingathering such a success. We also extend our gratitude to Martha Piedrasanta, LWR Quilt & Kit Senior Manager, and LWR representatives, Hannah Chow and Lee Grant, who came to Texas to give their on-site support and personally express their gratitude.

Thank you for the support and encouragement of the members of the Mission Service Committee, Chairman Mary Afsharirad, Giovanna Turincio, Roberta Heiner, and Amanda Mahrt; the Site Coordinators, Sandy Miller, Priscella Reid, and Debra Mattke; and LWML Texas District President Frances Molitor and Vice President of Gospel Outreach Patti Samsel. Much work goes into planning and executing at each ingathering site, but it is well worth the effort, knowing that the love of Jesus is going out into the world through quilts and kits.

Specific dates for 2023 have not been finalized, but the Texas LWR Ingathering will be in the fall. **Tentative** dates are as follows:

- Marion:** St. John Lutheran, Wednesday November 1
- Houston:** Epiphany Lutheran, Saturday, November 4
- Plano:** Messiah Lutheran, Saturday, November 11

As the 2023 Ingathering approaches, specific dates, and information on preparing and packing quilts and kits, along with a list of the items needed for each kit can be found at the LWR website, lwr.org — “Get Involved” tab — “Quilts and Kits.”

For our quilt makers remember that LWR is NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLEECE BLANKETS. Keep in mind that quilts and kits should not have any religious symbol or message, your group’s name, any representation of the US flag, US patriotic or military symbols, references to the US armed forces or camouflage. These items can cause unrest in some areas where the quilts and kits are distributed, but rest assured that the message of Jesus’ love as our risen Savior comes across to those needing His comfort and reassurance.

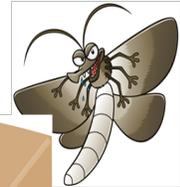
And keep in mind to always **THINK LIKE A BUG...**

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 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 are 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.