

Keeping the Orphan Grain Train rolling!

God is at work through Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in South Texas. After five years of waiting, OGT has been blessed with a beautiful building to expand its mission of sharing Christ's love with those in need. A \$15,000 mission grant from the LWML Texas District has provided funding to purchase supplies and distribute donations to local charities. The support and interest from LWML groups and zones have also been invaluable.

In 2024, OGT Houston distributed over 6,000 boxes for children's homes, homeless outreach programs, veterans' support services, and disaster relief efforts. God continues to connect OGT with those who help with emergency foster programs, faith-based addiction recovery centers, and community assistance initiatives. These connections demonstrate how God is weaving OGT's mission with others to extend its impact.

Supporters often ask how they can help. Specific needs in the Houston area include new underwear and socks, twin-sheet sets and pillows, hygiene kits, and school kits. OGT is also developing comfort kits

for children who are experiencing difficult situations. Each kit will include a backpack, a stuffed animal and a children's book to provide comfort to vulnerable children through local organizations.

OGT Houston is excited to witness how God will continue to guide and grow its ministry, and is thankful for the prayers and support of the LWML Texas District, which enables them to carry out their mission.



OGT Houston board members joined with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left, Erika Adams, Bernice Wolf, Mike and Marti Rathje, Holly and Steve Harris, Greg Balfany and Jeff Bibler.

Dates set for LWR ingathering

We did it! We had a great out-pouring of quilts, school, health, fabric, and infant kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in 2024. Let's do it again! Mark your calendars now for the 2025 ingatherings.

Marion (San Antonio area)
St. John, 600 S. Center Street
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Houston
Epiphany, 14423 West Road
Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Plano (Dallas area)
Messiah, 1801 W. Plano Parkway
Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Visit lwmltxdist.org/mission-service.
A listing of kit items and specifics for quilts can be found at lwr.org.



Make plans to attend retreat

The LWML Texas District retreat will be held Oct. 10–11 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waco. The theme is "Faith Over Fear" and the featured speaker will be author Christina Hergenrader.

Optional activities will take place the evening of Oct. 10. The registration fee of \$50 includes breakfast and lunch on Oct. 11. Housing is not included in the registration, but a block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Waco Northeast.

Registration details can be found at lwmltxdist.org/christian-life.

Nominations sought for district offices

Do you know someone who would make a faithful LWML district officer? Consider nominating them for the 2026–2030 term! Nominations are requested for VP of Gospel Outreach, VP of Communication, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee. Submit nominations by Nov. 1 to nominatingch@lwmltxdist.org. For more information, visit lwmltxdist.org/nominating-committee.

2024-26 Mite Goal: \$403,000

Mites received through March 31: \$191,365 (\$211,635 still needed)
Mission Grants paid through March 31: \$134,064

Send your mite offerings, along with a remittance form to:
LWML Texas District, Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 183; Seguin, TX 78156