

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT — JANUARY 2024

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 of quilts and kits at the Texas Ingatherings in November 2023.

Location	Quilts / Blankets	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Kits	TOTAL ITEMS PER SITE
Marion - St. John Lutheran	7,704	4,460	4,417	987	153	17,721
Houston - Epiphany Lutheran	4,006	3,155	3,874	550	195	11,780
Plano - Messiah Lutheran	4,345	1,831	4,266	214	106	10,762
TOTALS	16,055	9,446	12,557	1,751	454	40,263

Thanks to all the women, men, and youth of the Texas Lutheran Churches that volunteered and made each of the ingatherings such a success. We also extend our gratitude to LWR, Martha Piedrasanta, Sr. Mgr., Quilt & Kit Ministry.

Thanks also to the members of the Mission Service Committee: Mary Afsharirad (chairman), Giovanna Turincio, Roberta Heiner, and Amanda Mahrt, and the Ingathering Coordinators: Sandy Miller, Priscella Reid, and Debra Mattke along with LWML Texas District leaders Frances Molitor (President) and Patti Samsel (VP of Gospel Outreach).

Ingatherings are a lot of work but well worth the effort, knowing that the love of Jesus is going out into the world through quilts and kits.

Specific dates for 2024 have not been finalized but the Texas ingatherings will be in the fall. **Tentative** dates are as follows:

Marion: St. John Lutheran, Wednesday November 6

Houston: Epiphany Lutheran, Saturday, November 2

Plano: Messiah Lutheran, Saturday, November 9

Visit the LWR website, www.lwr.org, “Get Involved Tab” — “Quilts and Kits” — “Find an Ingathering” as we get closer to 2024 Ingathering for specific dates. On the “Get Involved” tab you can find out how to prepare and pack quilts and kits along with a listing of the items needed for each kit.

Remember 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. Also, LWR is NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLEECE BLANKETS.

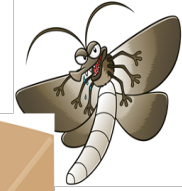
And keep in mind to always **THINK LIKE A BUG...**

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 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.