

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

**LWML Texas District**  
**September 2020**

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 storing your donations and for your patience as we worked through rescheduling our ingatherings. See page 2 for the revised information for the November ingathering sites, dates, and times.

## **SPECIAL NOTES:**

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. Please donate any that you have to a local charity.

LWR WILL ACCEPT FLEECE BLANKETS AT THE NOVEMBER INGATHERINGS BUT NOT AFTER THAT. LWR has received information that fleece causes environmental concerns and are NOT collecting them after November 2020.

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](http://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](http://www.lwr.org), has information on the "Get Involved" tab for preparing and packing quilts and kits and items needed for each kit. The ingathering sites are listed 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 2020 LWR INGATHERING SITES

	<b>Houston</b>	<b>Sequin</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Area Served</b>	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
<b>Drop-off Dates</b>	Saturday Nov 7, 2020	Saturday – Monday Nov 7-9, 2020	Saturday Nov 14, 2020
<b>Times</b>	9:00am – 4:00pm	Sat. 8am-5pm Sun. 1pm-4pm Mon. 9am-3pm <b>Contact Site Coordinator by email to schedule a drop-off date &amp; time</b>	9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Location</b>	Epiphany Lutheran Church	St. John Lutheran Church	Messiah Lutheran Church
<b>Address</b>	14423 West Road, Houston, Texas 77065	600 S. Center Street, Marion, Texas 78124	1801 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano Texas 75075
<b>Telephone Contact for drop-off day</b>	832-492-2208	210-415-0365	214-564-6107
<b>Site Coordinator</b>	Sandy Miller 832-492-2208 <a href="mailto:miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net">miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net</a>	Debra Mattke 210-415-0365 <a href="mailto:dmattke@tlu.edu">dmattke@tlu.edu</a>	Priscella Reid 214-564-6107 <a href="mailto:reid.priscella@gmail.com">reid.priscella@gmail.com</a>
<b>Key Leader for all sites</b>	Jean Webber 281-923-6486 <a href="mailto:jeanhwebber@gmail.com">jeanhwebber@gmail.com</a>		
<b>Mission Service Committee Chair</b>	Mary Afsharirad 214-226-0225 <a href="mailto:missionservice@lwmltxdist.org">missionservice@lwmltxdist.org</a>		

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.



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



**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.

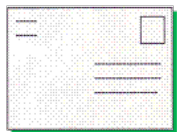
## LWML Texas District STAMPOREE PROJECT

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

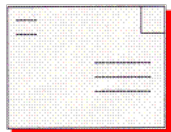
Anyone can contribute to the Stamporee Project. Ask your congregation, family, neighbors, friends and co-workers to save their stamps. Use commemorative or high value stamps to mail packages and ask the recipient to save the stamps for you! Your LWML group should give the collected stamps to your zone 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)**

Stamporee Assistant: Mary Dobrasko

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		
FLEECE TIED BLANKETS		
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:**

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**Address:**

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