

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

LWML Texas District  
January 20, 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).*

**Greetings, in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessings to you as you join us in the work of bringing hope and healing to the world!**

Easter is right around the corner and Texas is gearing up for a blessed Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. Texas donated an astounding 21,852 quilts and over 28,000 kits in 2019. Information can be found at [lwmltxdist.org/human-care](http://lwmltxdist.org/human-care).

**NEW THIS YEAR: LWR IS NOT ACCEPTING BULK SOAP! This is the soap that we sent separate from kits. The personal care and baby care kits STILL REQUIRE SOAP just as before.** If you have been collecting already, we suggest you donate to a local food bank. Detailed instructions for making kits and quilts can be found at [lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits). The LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide is available from LWR by calling 800-597-5972.

Make sure your groups follow all directions on page 3 for packing quilts and kits. Use **sturdy** boxes, please use common sense and realize that if box is labeled and packed nice, the warehouse doesn't need to repack it for shipping. Use **smaller** boxes and **don't pack a box to weigh over 30 pounds**, because the backs of those volunteers loading and unloading these boxes are at stake. Tape all openings on the boxes with packing tape.

The reporting procedure is the same as last year and should be turned in directly to the collection sites. It provides the exact number of items submitted by each participating group. Human Care reports are no longer used by the district, but feel free to use these in your zones. I will compile and send a complete list of donated items by Texas to LWR. The weight of a box is not an issue and is not required by J.B. Hunt or LWR.

All boxes must have an LWR label. **Write all the information and tape it over the entire label so it does not get torn.** Write LWR in block letters on each box. Barcode labels are an awesome way for your groups to track your donations. Go to [www.lwr.org/tracker](http://www.lwr.org/tracker) and follow the directions.

Donations to the Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund (see page 2) need to be sent directly to Lutheran World Relief or LWML Texas District Financial Secretary Frances Molitor. Trimming canceled stamps is another way to raise money for this fund. Stamps can be sent directly to Sara Frank, information for trimming stamps is on page 2. **DO NOT BRING MONEY TO SITE!!!**

The website has numerous resources including a litany for dedication, leader's guides for projects, and videos (click the YouTube link at the top of the page). Another way to support LWR is to form Thrivent Action Teams, information is located on [www.thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.thrivent.com/actionteam). Ready-made "store bought" blankets, 60"x80", clean, without holes are accepted. No matter what project you choose, remember to do it out of **LOVE!!**

**Gaye Lynn Krueger**  
**LWML Texas District Vice President of Human Care**  
**[Humancare@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:Humancare@lwmltxdist.org)**  
**Jean Webber, Ingathering Key Leader**

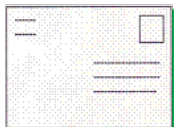
# LWML Texas District STAMPOREE PROJECT

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

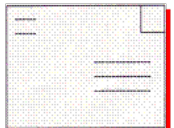
Anyone can contribute to the Stamporee Project by sending cancelled stamps to the stamp chairman instead of discarding them. Ask your congregation, family, neighbors, friends and co-workers to save their stamps for you. Ask your LWML to give stamps to your zone president to bring to the stamp chairman to save money on mailing them.

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

RIGHT:



WRONG:



Use commemorative or high value stamps to mail packages and ask the recipient to save the stamps for you!

Send stamps/envelopes to:

**Sara Frank**

**PO Box 1354**

**Kyle, TX 78640**

*saralfrank@yahoo.com*

Please put LWML in the subject line.

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, send them to the stamp chairman to be assessed.

The stamp chairman is available to give programs, answer questions and establish training sessions.

# Lutheran World Relief QUILT AND KIT SHIPPING FUND

Personal Care Kits

Quilts & Blankets

Baby Care Kits

School Kits

Fabric Kits

***They cost money to send!***

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.

Send your monetary donations to:

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

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

Please report any donations sent to LWR on the LWR Report taken to the drop-off site.

Or send your donation to:

LWML Texas District  
Financial Secretary  
Frances Molitor  
PO Box 820  
Anderson, TX 77830

Be sure to indicate it is a donation to LWR Kit and Quilt Shipping Fund.

## PACKING AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

- **USE SMALLER STURDY BOXES!** Packed boxes should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Smaller weights are fine.
- **BULK SOAP will NOT be accepted this year!**
- **Please completely fill boxes or cut to fit packed goods** (try sitting on the box, it should not collapse). Volunteers at the collection site will have to repack any box that is not full.
- Tape boxes securely with mailing or strapping tape all around the holes, corners, and anything else that is not closed. **NO MASKING TAPE, PLEASE!**
- Sort goods packing one type of item per box counting the items. Keep a record of packed items for filling out your LWR report.
- **PLACE BOX CONTENTS and RETURN ADDRESS ON LABEL.** You may duplicate and fill in the enclosed label. If you make your own, please be sure all information is included. Securely tape all labels to the boxes.
- Write in large, block letters LWR and contents of box on all sides of the box with a marker.
- If you choose to track your quilts or kits (and we sure hope you do!), please include a barcode on the inside and outside of your box. Go to [www.lwr.org/tracker](http://www.lwr.org/tracker) for instructions on tracking.
- If you combine shipments with other churches in your area, please:
  - Keep track of information from the participating churches and provide it to the site chairman.
  - Do your part to share the work, time, finances, and JOY with the other churches involved. Be sure everyone clearly understands the plans.
- Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service. Thank you for your help with the details!

***Demonstrate our Christian love to all who help us and extend our thanks.***

## 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 up to \$250 in seed money for your volunteer activity. The possibilities are endless! Bring together friends to make and donate quilts or kits with the seed money. Go to [thrivent.com/actionteam](http://thrivent.com/actionteam) for more information.

## LWR SHIPPING LABEL

Information for Avery Label Template can be found on our website: [lwmltxdist.org/human-care](http://lwmltxdist.org/human-care) where there are four LWR shipping labels you can print and cut out.

*(NOTE: Save a copy of these labels so you have a head start for next year!)*

<b>Church:</b>	_____
<b>Address:</b>	_____ _____ _____
<b>Contents:</b>	_____
<b>Number enclosed:</b>	_____
<b>TO:</b>	<b>LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 601 MAIN STREET NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776</b>

## INGATHERING SITES

<b>City</b>	<b>Houston</b>	<b>Seguin</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Area Served</b>	Southeast portion of state, including SE ELCA Synod	Del Rio, Kerrville, Austin, Victoria and points south, including SW ELCA Synod	Temple to Lufkin and points north & west, including North Texas ELCA Synod
<b>Drop-Off Dates</b>	Monday April 13, 2020	Wednesday April 15, 2020	Saturday April 18, 2020
<b>Times</b>	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Epiphany Lutheran Church	Texas Lutheran University Student Activity Center at Jackson Park	Messiah Lutheran Church
<b>Address</b>	14423 West Road Houston, TX 77041	842 Fleming Street Seguin, TX 78155	1801 W. Plano Pkwy Plano, TX 75075
<b>Location Telephone</b> <small>(on drop-off days)</small>	832-492-2208	210-415-0365	214-564-6107
<b>Site Chairman</b>	Sandy Miller 832-492-2208 <i>miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net</i>	Debra Mattke 210-415-0365 <i>dmattke@tlu.edu</i>	Priscella Reid 214-564-6107 <i>reid.priscella@gmail.com</i>

Ingathering Key Leader:  
Jean Webber, 281-923-6486, *jeanhwebber@gmail.com*

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Ministry Guides are available!

To order brochures or other resource items from LWR, call 1-800-LWR-LWR2.

The LWR website, [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org), has many resources, including videos on how to pack the personal care kits, detailed instructions to print for participants, and signs for completing projects. Use the Get Involved tab to locate information or contact the Vice President of Human Care at [humancare@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:humancare@lwmltxdist.org) for assistance.

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name. Please do not donate any items decorated with a US flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces including camouflage. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Do NOT enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

## PERSONAL CARE KITS

## SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the Personal Care Kits. All items should be new and in good condition. Fold the towel in half width-wise. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string, or rubber bands.

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" X 40" to 27" X 52"), dark color recommended

Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*

One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), remove packaging

One metal nail clipper (attached file optional), remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope;

No plastic bags or wrap. DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE!!!

## SCHOOL KITS

## SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the School Kits, including options for ordering backpacks or sewing them. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.

Include the following items in each School Kit:

Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

One 2 ½" eraser

One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill

## FABRIC KITS

## SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric Kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before assembling Fabric Kits. Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string, or rubber bands.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:

- 2 1/4 yards of 58"-62" wide fabric, OR
- 3 yards of 42"-45" wide fabric, OR
- 4 yards of 36-37" wide fabric

Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

## **BABY CARE KITS**

## **SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION**

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. She worries about her baby's health and well-being when there is a lack of money to buy the things every mother wants for her newborn. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby the way she hopes to-soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in a Baby Care Kit welcome both mother and baby out into the world.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the Baby Care Kits.

Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:

Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies®)

Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet, this gives room for growing babies)

Two swaddling blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, 36" to 52" square

Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*

Two pairs of socks

One hand towel, dark color recommended

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)

Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. Diapers, towels, soap in the kit must be new.

Tips for Baby Care Kits:

Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. In place of sleepers or gowns, pajama sets, tops and pants may be substituted. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn or made from heavy double knits. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility. Visit [lwr.org/babycare](http://lwr.org/babycare) kits for diaper, gown and hooded cape patterns and a Diaper Tip Sheet.

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Fill out the information on the Lutheran World Relief Report form and bring to the ingathering site. This form will be forwarded to Vice President of Human Care to send a complete report to LWR.
2. One form should be used by each society or church if being brought to the ingathering.
3. Keep a copy of this form to use for your zone or society record if you so desire.

**The LWR Report form is available on page 7 and on the LWML Texas District website  
[www.lwmltxdist.org](http://www.lwmltxdist.org).**

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 one copy with you to drop-off site. You may also wish to keep a copy for your records.**

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# **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE**

Gaye Lynn Krueger  
308 Rock Ridge St.  
Kerrville, TX 78028

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## **Lutheran World Relief Bulletin**

- **All the information you need for packing and labeling your Lutheran World Relief items**
- **Important drop-off dates, times and sites**
- **Carefully read the enclosed information and then do the following:**
  - **Copy information as needed to share with your Zone and Society Chairman and Church officers**
  - **Call or contact enclosed personnel with any questions**