



# Seattle Fall 2020 Newsletter

## Lutheran World Relief

### Seattle Ingathering Covid19 process is different!!

1. We are planning to use only one container because of Covid19 issues. It is not advisable for our older loaders to work in a small area without ventilation. Churches will bring boxes over four days to a central location for storage. Then, professional movers will load the container without any volunteers being around dropping off boxes or helping to load.
2. Depending on traffic, the new location will take all of you about the same time to drive to as the old location of Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church.
3. Ingathering - please ensure drivers have masks. Hopefully most drivers will not need to leave their vehicles except to open trunk or the trailer. We will have loading staff to move boxes into the church.
4. Reply to [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com) with approximate number of items (boxes and items, if possible), date and time you can deliver, and how much you can store until next year, if anything. In my reply I will assign time and give location of the drop-off.
5. The storage church can handle overflow; if this method works well, we can repeat as necessary. We are not wedded to October/May Ingatherings.
6. Please fill out [lwr.org/qksurvey](http://lwr.org/qksurvey) as well. LWR needs more information from our quilting and kit making groups. If some of you don't use the internet—you can take the survey over the phone by calling and asking to complete the Quilt & Kit Survey at: 800.597.5972

### 2020 Seattle Loading Dates below:

Location	Date	Contact
Seattle Email <a href="mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com">lwrmathes@aol.com</a> for reservation	Oct 22-25, 2020 9am - 2pm daily Note: Reservation only	Rich Mathes 206.633.5795 (h) 206.384.1183(c); 206.919.7330(c) <a href="mailto:LWRMathes@aol.com">LWRMathes@aol.com</a>

<http://www.lwr.org/> - For quilts & kits information; current news releases

Queen Anne Lutheran Church 2400 8th Ave. W. Seattle, WA 98119-2517

**Background of changing Seattle Ingathering for Covid19:** Our process has always been to load 53' containers with volunteers - four to six of them inside the container. Container is 8 feet wide - 424 square feet. Some of our loaders do not want to load in this cramped, unventilated space - not much space for a minimum of four people. Many loaders are at risk for Covid19. Our normal process of 100 cars/trucks showing up and socializing a bit also may not be a good Covid19 practice.

**Seattle will only fill one container** - so we **must** allocate space (and a time). Please email [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com) with your church's preferred drop-off date/time/number of items, and what you could store. If you know both number of boxes and quilts or kits, that is best. **You must reserve a space/time to drop off boxes.**

**Beirut explosion, what next?** The Beirut ammonium nitrate explosion August 4th impacted a shipment of three LWR containers in port waiting to be unloaded. There were 22,500 quilts, 3,500 school kits, 19,500 personal care kits, and 2,250 baby care kits. The explosion may not have totally destroyed the three LWR containers. LWR's partner, ANERA, which has access to the area, is trying to determine what is salvageable. The devastation in the port area, along with the fact that the Lebanese authorities are still investigating the explosion, restricts access. In addition, the September 10th new, unrelated blaze makes the area harder to access. *Many of you want to help. Especially because many of the damaged kits and quilts came from the Pacific Northwest.* Besides sending quilts and kits as always, you can donate dollars to the Quilt and Kit Shipping fund. The [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) website has several good articles summarizing what happened, and a daily blog from their staff investigating the destruction. Link is: <https://loom.ly/X4U8q2k> LWR says **Personal Care Kits** are highest priority currently.

As usual, Queen Anne Lutheran continues sorting fabric so it will NOT end up at in the landfill. However, it will NOT be at the ingathering this year. If you would like fabric samples, from the Design Center, please call Candy @ 206-633-5795 and arrange a time to meet her at Queen Anne Lutheran Church, 2400 8th Avenue West Seattle. Fabric is available at Queen Anne Lutheran Church throughout the year. Did you know that many of the upholstery fabrics are warmer than cotton, and upholstery fabrics are one of the recommended fabrics for school kit backpacks?

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Yours in Christ,

*Rich and Candy Mathes*

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