



Seattle Spring 2021 Newsletter

Lutheran World Relief

Seattle Spring 2021 Ingathering Covid19 process same as Fall 2020!!

1. We will continue the Modified Covid19 process of offloading and storing boxes at First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLCB) Apr 29 - May 1 prior to filling the container the following week. This allows us to spread out and social distance.
2. Offloading boxes at FLCB - please ensure drivers have masks. Hopefully most drivers will not need to leave their vehicles except to open trunk or the trailer. We will again have loading staff to move boxes into FLCB.
3. Reply to lwrmathes@aol.com with approximate number of boxes and items, and date and time you prefer. I will confirm. Reservations ensure we can keep some distance - even if you are not on time. **YOU DO NEED A RESERVATION. If you just show up, there may not be loaders to help you.**

Results of Fall 2020 Ingathering:

First, I was really blown away by your dedication. As you may remember, in August, we received the bad news of an explosion in Beirut harbor that apparently destroyed many of our kits and quilts bound for refugee camps. Many of you asked how to contribute money to replace goods, or even how to ship more. Even though many of your quilting groups or churches were shut down for Covid19, you eventually dropped off about 20% more boxes than you signed up for in September. However, the fact that you brought more meant that we have 400 boxes that were not sent in our single container. We will send those boxes, plus additional items in May. Please email lwrmathes@aol.com with your church's preferred drop-off date/time/number of items, and number of boxes. Or call 206-384-1183 if you do not have Email. **And please let me know if you will not come to the Ingathering.**

Location	Date	Contact
Seattle First Lutheran Church of Bothell, 10207 NE 183rd St, Bothell WA 98011	Apr 29 - May 1 2021 9am - 2pm daily Note: Reservation only	Rich Mathes 206.633.5795 (h) 206.384.1183(c); 206.919.7330(c) LWRMathes@aol.com

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Quilts & Kits sent Nov 2020 Ingathering: 2,394 Quilts; 2,932 school kits; 1,780 Personal Care Kits; 1,165 Baby Care Kits; 86 Fabric Kits; 11 Blankets; 250 Masks.

• **PLEASE BE CAREFUL BOXING SCHOOL KITS:**

- School kits weigh 3.5 pounds - so no more than 8 - 10 per box. This box had 19(?) school kits. **19!!**
- Make sure the box can hold the weight - see photo of collapsed box. Each box may have 7 more boxes on top of it. No light cardboard boxes for school kits. They can get crushed in transport.
- Apple boxes are perfect for 8 kits Extra space at top ok. Or buy Home Depot or UHaul boxes. Thin cardboard boxes collapse even without boxes on top - which can damage pencils, rulers.



Beirut explosion: A shipment of LWR quilts and kits was awaiting customs clearance in Beirut harbor Aug 4th, 2020. Initially LWR thought that four containers of LWR quilts and kits were lost in the huge blast, that destroyed 300,000 homes. At the time, many of you told me you wanted to send more quilts and kits, or at least money to help LWR. After weeks of

searching through rubble, the LWR shipment contents were found, undamaged. Your gifts of love - needed more then ever - were distributed to 24,000 people impacted by the explosion, as well as refugees from Syria and across the region.

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 May ingathering 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 LC 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?

Galatians 6:2 *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Yours in Christ,

Rich and Candy Mathes

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