



# Seattle Fall 2021 Newsletter

## Lutheran World Relief

### Seattle Fall 2021 Ingathering - hopefully not impacted by Covid19 again.

1. The past two Ingatherings went well, although our Ingathering process was complicated, due to social distancing and storing boxes prior to loading in containers. Thank you all who were able to contribute quilts and kits. And many, many thanks to First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLCB), which provided storage of boxes, for months, as well as hosting the Ingathering of boxes, and the later filling of containers.
2. We plan to hold to our traditional Ingathering at Our Redeemers' LC Nov 5&6. ***It is possible Covid19 rules could affect Fall Ingathering***, either mechanics, or your assembly processes. So please watch for updates. For now, I am assuming drivers may need masks. We can adjust as conditions change.
3. **Reply** to [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com) with approximate number of boxes and items, **by October 1**. I need to estimate number of containers.

### Reminders from LWR Baltimore:

1. **Please do not send bulk soap.** Baby Care Kits & Personal Care Kits still need 8-9 oz of soap - i.e. either **three 3oz bars or two 4 oz bars**.
2. **No more fleece blankets** - they are not biodegradable.
3. The tracking system has not been recording consistently - it is being fixed. **ALL** warehouse shelves are nearly **empty**. Know that your quilts and kits have all been delivered overseas.

Location	Date	Contact
<b>Seattle</b> Our Redeemer's LC Parking Lot; NW 85th St & 25th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117	<b>Nov 5 &amp; 6, 2021</b> <b>Friday - 8:00 - 2:00</b> <b>Sat - 8:00 - 11:30</b>	Rich Mathes 206.633.5795 (h) 206.384.1183(c); 206.919.7330(c) <a href="mailto:LWRMathes@aol.com">LWRMathes@aol.com</a>

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- **Results of both Covid19 Ingatherings.** I was really blown away by your dedication the past 18 months. I was also privileged to speak to at least one person from every congregation because I required you to estimate what you could deliver to FLCB. Quilt and kit groups had to change their processes, meeting places, etc. Some were not able to get together. Some could not access materials in locked churches.
- The “Covid19” totals below are for two Ingatherings, through May 2021, but over a period we normally would have had three Ingatherings. The two Covid19 Ingatherings sent 40-60% of our average amounts sent in 2014-2019 over three Ingatherings.

	<b>Quilts/ Blankets</b>	<b>School Kits</b>	<b>Personal Care Kits</b>	<b>Baby Care Kits</b>	<b>Fabric Kits</b>	<b>Masks</b>
<u><b>Covid19</b></u>	8,825	3,512	3,502	2,244	183	325
<b>Average 2014-2019 for 18 months</b>	17,645	8,799	7,841	3,378	548	Zero
<u><b>Covid19 as %</b></u>	50%	40%	45%	66%	33%	

**School Kits supplies** - I have 500-700 pencils to give away - hopefully someone close to central Seattle. Call me 206-384-1183. or Email [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com)

**LWR Affinity Pin update:** To save postage, LWR attempted to mail the pins using a bulk-rate 2nd class mail. That did not work well. All the remaining affinity pins are being mailed first-class in September.

Queen Anne Lutheran continues sorting fabric from the Seattle Design Center, so it will NOT end up at in the landfill. If you would like to pick up fabric samples at the Nov Ingathering, please visit us then, or call Candy @ 206-633-5795. 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?

*And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" **Micah 6:8***

*Rich and Candy Mathes*

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