



Seattle Spring 2022 Newsletter

Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to all of you who have helped send these wonderful gifts of love around the world through LWR. During 2020 & 2021, many Quilt and Kit groups had to change their processes and meeting places. Some groups could not meet. Some could not access materials in locked churches. LWR had to deal with Covid19 protocols that limited bringing goods and people into countries. **Below are the LWR world-wide shipments the past five years.**

Year	Quilts/ Blankets	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Kits
2017	305,490	214,490	153,560	51,800	12,710
2018	323,610	216,430	119,865	64,445	11,890
2019	333,405	210,745	137,760	51,945	16,646
2020	264,585	174,055	71,900	52,860	12,300
2021	122,400	103,880	60,030	38,850	915

Note: LWR fiscal year for distributions ends Sept 30th.

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 3 oz. bars** or **two 4 oz. bars**.
2. Baby Care Kits - **No more fleece blankets or fleece jackets** - they are not biodegradable and microfibers are being found in local water sources.
3. The tracking system has not been recording consistently - it is being fixed. Know that your quilts and kits have all been delivered overseas.

Location	Date	Contact
Seattle Our Redeemer's LC Parking Lot; NW 85th St & 25th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117	May 13 & 14, 2022 Friday - 8:00 - 2:00 Sat - 8:00 - 11:30 Fall - Nov 4 & 5, 2022	Rich Mathes 206.633.5795 (h) 206.384.1183(c); 206.919.7330(c) LWRMathes@aol.com

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

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LWR Update from Rich: Most of you who read this newsletter are very interested in quilts, or kits - whether you make them; or buy articles; or pack them; or deliver them to the Ingathering; or load the containers.

You may also see articles from or about LWR that are related to other LWR efforts. LWR started sending goods (soap, clothes, quilts, even lard and food) to Europe after WW2. LWR shipments efforts have evolved to helping people after natural disasters, or in refugee camps, around the world. LWR also coordinates with other agencies helping people impacted by those same disasters, or in the same refugee camps. Distributing medical supplies is one example. Spending cash by hiring local people to help clean up debris after typhoons and earthquakes is another example. Often those needing help cleaning up are in areas that may not have infrastructure to pay for, or even perform, the cleanup.

Once LWR has appraised each situation to figure out how to best allocate resources, many responses simply need cash to be available. The LWR World of Good fund is that LWR emergency-focused fund. It allows LWR to respond immediately to many emergencies, before specific funds can be raised during the early days of a response. Once a response gains greater clarity, a specific fund - recently the Ukraine Emergency Fund - is created. Any gifts made to World of Good fund towards Ukraine are tagged, and will be the first money spent towards the Ukraine response. If the Ukraine Emergency Fund runs out of cash, more can be drawn from the World of Good fund. Quilts and Kits will also probably be distributed for Ukraine.

LWR Affinity Pin update: To save postage, LWR attempted to mail the pins using a bulk-rate 2nd class mail. That did not work. Another shipment of pins has gone out, so hopefully some of you receive yours soon. Candy and I received ours April 11.

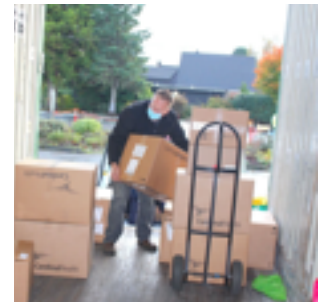
Seattle Spring 2022 Ingathering May 13/14 -

1. First, the Fall 2021 Ingathering at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church went very well. We still wore masks. If any Covid19 protocols may be necessary in May 2022 for your drivers, we will send Email in early May.
2. **Spring Ingathering: Friday May 13 8:00am - 2:00 pm;
Saturday, May 14 8:00am - 11:30am.**
3. Please ask your drivers to pick up copy of 2022-23 Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide pamphlet as they check in. They will hopefully read it, but also need to pass it on to your Quilt or Kit groups. There are articles highlighting those who make Quilts & Kits, as well as receive them. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville is highlighted, with photos and interview with Twyla Lucas.

• **Results from past five Seattle Ingatherings:**

Year	Quilts/ Blankets	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Baby Care K	Fabric Kits	Congre gations	Total Pounds
2017	12,187	6,159	5,417	2,853	468	111	83,678
2018	12,268	5,698	5,449	2,307	496	113	78,778
2019	11,311	6,034	5,006	2,197	241	104	76,766
2020	2,405	2,932	1,780	1,119	86	81	23,962
2021	10,750	5,044	3,629	1,642	256	80	63,369

Many thanks to all of you who continued to make quilts and kits. Covid19 certainly had an impact on your groups and processes; hopefully many of you will be able to “return to somewhat normal” this year. Ingathering photos follow:



School Kits supplies - Rich has 500 pencils to give away hopefully someone close to central Seattle. Call me 206-384-1183 or Email lwrmathes@aol.com

Faith in Action: Winter 2022 edition was just mailed at the end of February. We have attached soft copy with your email cover letter. Print “automatic”.

Queen Anne Lutheran will no longer obtain fabric from the Seattle Design center as the majority is too small, or the wrong fibers, or wrong weight to be of use. We will continue to provide banana boxes of fabric this spring and fall to recycle what we still have. If you would like to pick up fabric samples at the May Ingathering, please visit us then, or call Candy @ 206-633-5795. Fabric is available at Queen Anne Lutheran Church throughout the year.

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

Yours in Christ,

Karen, Ron, Rich and Candy

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