



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

Location	Date	Contact
<b>Spokane</b> St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9706 N. Division, Spokane WA 99218	<b>May 6 &amp; 7, 2022</b> <b>Friday - 9:00 - 3:00</b> <b>Sat - 9:00 - noon</b>  <b>Fall Oct 14&amp;15,</b> <b>2022</b>	Karen or Ron Ovnicek 509.993.7672 (c)

**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. However, 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 shipment efforts evolved to helping persons after natural disasters, or in refugee camps around the world. LWR also coordinates with other agencies helping those impacted by those same disasters, or in the same refugee camps. Distributing medical supplies is one example. Spending cash by hiring local people to 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 the 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 to 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. A shipment of pins has gone out, so hopefully some of you receive yours soon. Candy and I received ours on 4/11.

**Faith in Action:** Winter 2022 edition was just mailed end of February. I have attached soft copy with your email cover letter. Print automatic; some print is small - you may want to scale it larger.

**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*