

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

## LWML Texas District - September 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).*

**THANK YOU** for the outpouring of love in the form of quilts and kits at the Texas ingatherings in November 2021. With the support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) it has been decided that going forward, the Texas ingatherings will be held in the fall of each year and more specifically in November. **The 2022 Texas LWR ingathering schedule is on page 2.**

**KUDOS** for "Thinking Like a Bug" and for the most part doing a super job at packing and labeling the boxes in 2021. It might be annoying to label each side, tape up each seam and make sure your label is attached correctly (on the side – not the top) but for the volunteers loading the trucks and for the LWR warehouse workers it is a huge relief. In past years the volunteers have had to re-tape, re-label and sometimes even re-pack to meet standards. Please keep up the good work - it is greatly appreciated.

**MONETARY DONATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE INGATHERING SITES.** Any and all monetary donations need to be mailed **directly** to the Lutheran World Relief headquarters (see page 4).

LWR IS **NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLEECE BLANKETS** LWR has received information that fleece causes environmental concerns and therefore will **NOT** be collecting them.

LWR IS **NOT ACCEPTING BULK SOAP**. The Baby Care and Personal Care Kits still require soap. We are just not accepting any soap in separate boxes.

### **PACKING QUILTS AND KITS**

1. Use SMALLER AND STURDY BOXES, no more than 30 lbs. per box or smaller is better.
2. Pack only ONE TYPE OF ITEM OR KIT PER BOX and KEEP A TALLY OF ITEMS IN EACH BOX.
3. PACK BOXES TIGHTLY, try sitting on the box to be sure it is tight. If it is "squishy" you may be asked to repack at the collection site.
4. TAPE ALL OPEN EDGES AND HOLES IN BOXES WITH MAILING TAPE, no masking tape. See "THINK LIKE A BUG" for more information (see page 3).
5. PLACE SHIPPING LABEL ON SIDE OF BOX AND TAPE OVER IT (see page 6).
6. LABEL ALL SIDES, TOP AND BOTTOM IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS WITH LWR AND NUMBER AND TYPE OF ITEM. Example: LWR 5 BABY CARE.
7. If you choose to track your quilts and kits, PLEASE INCLUDE A BARCODE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BOX. Go to [www.lwr.org/tracker](http://www.lwr.org/tracker) for instructions on tracking.
8. If you COMBINE YOUR DONATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES, the site coordinator will need a copy of the LWR INGATHERING REPORT from each church (see page 5).

### **LWR WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The LWR website, [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org), has information on the "Get Involved" tab for preparing and packing quilts and kits along with a listing of the items needed for each kit. The ingathering sites can be found on the LWR website: "Get Involved Tab" – "Quilts and Kits" – "Find an Ingathering". Videos are available on the website also. To order a copy of the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry guide, call 1-800-597-5972.

**Specific items that SHOULD NOT be included or used for quilts and kits are as follows:**

1. Any item with a religious symbol or message, or your group's name.
2. Any item with a US flag, US patriotic or military symbols, references to the US armed forces or camouflage.
3. No plastic bags enclosing the quilts, kits, or any items in them.
4. Do not add to or take out any item listed.

## NOVEMBER 2022 LWR INGATHERING SITES

	<b>Houston</b>	<b>Sequin</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Area Served</b>	Southeast portion of state, including SE-ELCA and other Synods	Del Rio, Kerrville, Austin, Victoria and points south including SW-ELCA and other Synods	Temple to Lufkin and points north and west, including N&NW-ELCA and other Synods
<b>Drop-off Dates</b>	Saturday Nov 5, 2022	Wednesday Nov 2, 2022	Saturday Nov 12, 2022
<b>Times</b>	9:00am – 4:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Location</b>	Epiphany Lutheran Church	St. John Lutheran Church	Messiah Lutheran Church
<b>Address</b>	14423 West Road, Houston, Texas 77041	600 S. Center Street, Marion, Texas 78124	1801 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano Texas 75075
<b>Telephone Contact for drop-off day</b>	832-492-2208	210-415-0365	214-564-6107
<b>Site Coordinator</b>	Sandy Miller 832-492-2208 <a href="mailto:miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net">miller4vs1@sbcglobal.net</a>	Debra Mattke 210-415-0365 <a href="mailto:dmattke@tlu.edu">dmattke@tlu.edu</a>	Priscella Reid 214-564-6107 <a href="mailto:reid.priscella@gmail.com">reid.priscella@gmail.com</a>
<b>Lead Coordinator</b>	Mary Afsharirad LWML Texas District Mission Service Chairman 214-226-0225 (call or text) <a href="mailto:missionservice@lwmltxdist.org">missionservice@lwmltxdist.org</a> <a href="mailto:mja.lwmltx@gmail.com">mja.lwmltx@gmail.com</a>		

Have your LWR Ingathering Report complete when you arrive at the site.  
Report any monetary donations that have been sent to LWR on the LWR Ingathering Report (see page 5).

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (ESV)

# THINK LIKE A BUG

THINK LIKE A BUG...if a bug can get in...seal it up...  
that includes all seams on top and bottom.



YES



NO

**NO** FRESH PRODUCE OR FRESH FLOWER BOXES...  
they are too flimsy or have too many openings.



**Not the best**



**COPY/PRINTER PAPER BOXES CAN WORK...**

But must seal the top to the bottom all the way around,  
not just a few pieces over the top.



all the way around – no handle holes exposed – seal the bottom!

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Best way to seal the box is the H-method on TOP and BOTTOM regardless if the bottom is glued or not.
- No exposed seams or holes.
- Handle-holds seem like a good idea, but they are a NO-NO; seal over them.
- Fill to top of box so they won't be crushed when stacked.
- No boxes should weigh over 30 pounds.
- The more uniform the shape and size of the boxes the better.
- **Tape down the label and put it on one side of the box (not on top).**
- **Write LWR and number & type of item in large-block-black letters on the top, bottom and all four sides of the box. Example: LWR 10 QUILTS**
- Correct packaging and taping is the responsibility of the person bringing the boxes to the ingathering.
- Do it right, so no one must repack or add more tape.
- Have your ingathering report ready to give to the site coordinator.
- Help us unload your boxes, please.
- Wait until your ingathering has been cleared for shipment.

# LWML Texas District STAMPOREE PROJECT

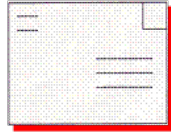
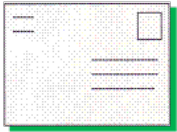
## ***All Proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund***

Anyone can contribute to the Stamporee Project. Ask your congregation, family, neighbors, friends and co-workers to save their stamps. Use commemorative or high value stamps to mail packages and ask the recipient to save the stamps for you! Find an LWML group that can give the collected stamps to a LWML zone president to deliver to the stamp chairman. It is not cost effective to mail the stamps.

When mailing or trimming allow 1/4-inch space on each edge. Questions – please contact Sara via email.

RIGHT:

WRONG:



It's helpful to only

send the stamps, not the whole envelope, but leave plenty of area around the stamp so they can be trimmed appropriately. If you want to trim envelopes, leave at least ¼-inch around stamp. Sorting into categories or weighing is not necessary. **DO NOT SOAK OFF!** Damaged stamps are those that are torn, or the perforations have been destroyed. If in doubt, go ahead and collect and the stamp chairman will assess. The stamp chairman is available to give programs, answer questions and establish training sessions. Contact her at: [saralfrank@yahoo.com](mailto:saralfrank@yahoo.com). That's SARA L FRANK.

**Stamporee Project Chairman - Sara Frank**

[saralfrank@yahoo.com](mailto:saralfrank@yahoo.com)

Please put LWML or LWR in the subject line.

**(DO NOT SEND STAMPS TO PO BOX 1354, KYLE, TX)**

## **THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

Thrivent Action Teams allow you to support the work of Lutheran World Relief while taking part in a meaningful service activity. Thrivent members are eligible to lead a service activity that can be completed within 90 days. Once you are approved to lead a team, Thrivent will send you a Thrivent Action Team Kit and a \$250 VISA card in seed money for your volunteer activity. Go to [thrivent.com/actionteam](http://thrivent.com/actionteam) for more information.

## **Lutheran World Relief QUILT AND KIT SHIPPING FUND**

LWR spends over \$1.3 million to distribute about \$13 million worth of quilts and kits each year. Encourage your contributors to collect monetary contributions to help distribute quilts and kits around the world.

### **LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts and Kits Overseas**

One Quilt or Blanket	\$2.25	
One School Kit	\$1.40	
One Personal Care Kit	\$2.65	Includes the cost of toothpaste to go with the personal care kit
One Baby Care Kit	\$1.30	
One Fabric Kit	\$1.00	

**Do not send Quilt and Kit Shipping donations to the LWML Texas District Financial Secretary. The donations are to be mailed directly to LWR.**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF  
QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND  
PO BOX 17061  
BALTIMORE, MD 21297-1061**

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Report  
 LWML Texas District



Lutheran World Relief  
 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE:**    ELCA    ELDONA    LCMC    LCMS    NALC

**LCMS Churches** – LWML Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LWR ITEM	QUANTITY	# OF BOXES
QUILTS		
BLANKETS – <b>No Fleece</b>		
SCHOOL KITS		
PERSONAL CARE KITS		
BABY CARE KITS		
FABRIC KITS		
QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND (Amount sent directly to LWR)	\$	

**Please complete this form and bring with you to drop-off site. You may also wish to keep a copy for your records.**

**Church:**

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**Address:**

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