

## GOD'S WORK - OUR HANDS

March 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you safe, healthy, and enjoyed a beautiful summer.

The Spring **Lutheran World Relief Ingathering** is scheduled for **Friday, May 2nd(8am – 4pm)** and **Saturday, May 3rd (9 am-12 noon)**.

**It is very important that you arrive with your boxes by noon on Saturday, May 3rd.** Even if the container has not been removed from the church lot, once the seal is put on, the container cannot be opened. St. Andrew does not have storage space to store boxes until the next Ingathering.

**As a reminder, LWR no longer accepts bulk soap or fleece blankets.** Baby care kits and personal care kits still need soap but soap that is not part of a kit is not needed.

Please pack each box with like items, i.e., do not mix school kits and health kits. It is also important that each box be clearly labeled with its contents and the name/address of the sending church. Small or Medium sturdy boxed from Home Depot, U-Haul or Lowes work perfect for Kits. The large boxes are perfect for packing quilts. If you can sit on the corner of a box full of quilts without falling off, it is probably sturdy enough.

In addition to marking the boxes as specified above, you **also send a tally sheet (attached) with the driver** who brings the load. **NOTE: LWR is updating the bar code system, do not use the bar code system until further notice.**

If you need to deliver your items earlier than the specified ingathering days, send your boxes to St. Andrew at 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton OR 97005. The church office is open 9 am-4 pm, Tuesday-Friday.

We request that donors (if possible) pay their portion of the costs for shipping to Baltimore at the suggested rate of 21 cents per pound. If your church would like to pay for the shipping costs from Baltimore to the country in need the rate is 56 cents per pound. The amount to cover all the shipping costs is 75 cents per pound.

Thank you for all you do for Lutheran World Relief! We look forward to seeing you on May 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd.

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