**CENTRAL ILLINOIS 2025**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING**

**Greetings LWR Friends!**

I hope this letter finds you well. And I hope this year’s Ingathering will be another successful one.

Julie Wilson, JoAnn Ehmen and I will once again be helping coordinate collection efforts on

October 25. Please read through these materials to find the regional collection locations, and

final drop off times in Thomasboro/Flatville and Bloomington.

2024 marked another great year for our region!

Thank you for your continued dedication.

**2024 TOTALS:**

**Flatville:** $5,023.75 donated, 2,622 quilts, 2,367 care kits, 1,977 school kits, 207 baby care kits, 54 fabric kits

**Bloomington**: $16,001 donated, 5,663 quilts, 4,503 care kits, 3,810 school kits, 539 baby care kits, 157 fabric kits

Please read through this entire document to

find times for the local collection points at Carthage, Shelbyville, and Springfield,

as well as the final collection times in Thomasboro and Bloomington.

We welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. We will continue to try to use

email whenever possible to save on postage and to get things to you quickly. **If we do not have**

**your email, we will mail this letter**. If you did not receive this electronically and would like to in

the future, please email me. If you have corrections/updates, please include that on your inventory

sheets. You are also welcome to send that information to me via email or call me at 309-838-3386.

Thank you for your time and talents!

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**Please only donate the following:**

Mission Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits, and money for shipping.

For copies of LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide or other information helpful in preparing quilts and kits,

contact LWR at 800-597-5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

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**Packing Tips**

• **40 pounds maximum weight per box – Please! If heavier than this, it is hard for some of our volunteer crew to** **handle. Use sturdy boxes**. **We can’t emphasize this enough.**

• **Fill boxes completely**. Boxes with space are easily crushed when stacked.

• Pack each type of gift in separate boxes.

• Do not pack any quilts or kits in plastic bags.

• Use sturdy **moving or** **packing tape** to securely close boxes. Please do not use masking tape.

• Do not include anything other than items listed for each kit.

**Use wide black markers to label each box clearly on at least two sides with this information:**

**Name and address of your church on two sides of each box. You can use return address mailing labels. LWR and quantity and type of gift inside.**

**Shipping Costs**

Each congregation is asked to give a donation of $25 (or more, if possible) to help with the cost of shipping, postage, and other expenses incurred for this Ingathering.

**Please bring your gifts to a collection point together with the** **completed Inventory Sheet**.

**Cash or checks made payable to “Central Illinois LWR Ingathering” are welcome**. All funds received in excess of local expenses are forwarded to LWR for its shipping fund. Each year, we send almost $20,000 to LWR!

**LOCAL collection point hours**:

**Friday, October 24 Friday, October 24 Saturday, October 25**

9:00-11:00 a.m. **9:00-10:00 AM** 9:00-11:00 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church **(ONE HOUR ONLY!)** St. John Lutheran Church

921 N County Rd 1900 Holy Cross Lutheran Church 2477 W. Washington

Carthage (217.357.3601) 1201 N. Chestnut Springfield (217.793.3933) Shelbyville (217.774.2952)

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**INGATHERING LOCATIONS Saturday, October 25, 2025**/Final Drop-Off Sites:

• **Immanuel Lutheran Church St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**

• ***9:00 AM – NOON\* 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM***

• ***\*Please note the Noon closing time!*** 1617 East Emerson Street

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**2026 INGATHERING WILL BE OCTOBER 31, 2026**