



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS 2021

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an organization that began following World War II and continues until today, providing help to families and individuals around the world. LWR works with multiple agencies and provides Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and School Kits and Quilts to people displaced due to war, natural disaster etc. The Social Ministry team of First Lutheran Church will soon be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief kits and working with the Cover Girls. Unfortunately, the LWR warehouses in Maryland and Minnesota are nearly empty and they cannot keep up with the demand. Because of COVID-19, contributions of kits in 2020 were less than usual, and at the same time the need was greater. As we have done for decades, we will soon be collecting items and assembling these essential kits. All of these will be sent to an LWR warehouse along with the quilts that are assembled and sewn each year by our Cover Girls.

- Please check out the sample kits displayed on the table under the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.

In **March and April** we will be collecting items for **Personal Care Kits**. These are especially important now to help protect vulnerable families from COVID-19. We are asking you to contribute:

light-weight towels (*must be no larger than 52 x 27, dark color recommended*)

bath size bars of soap (*4-5 oz. bars*)

sturdy wide tooth combs

larger size metal nail clippers

Toothbrushes

It is important that we stick to these specific guidelines in order that LWR retain its shipping rates and that kits are uniform. Please leave your contributions in the marked box outside the church office. Kits will then be assembled and boxed for shipping by our middle school and high school youth groups.

In **May and June** we will be collecting items for **Baby Care Kits**. These kits provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby as she hopes to, for both comfort and good health. Clothing should be for 6 month to 24 months; no new born sizes, please. We are asking you to contribute:

lightweight cotton t-shirts (*6 to 24 months*)

long-sleeved or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (*without feet*)

medium-weight cotton or flannel receiving blankets (*no larger than 52" square*)

cloth diapers (*flat-fold preferred*)

jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts (*with a hood or matching cap*)

socks (*infant to 18 month sizes*)

hand towels (*dark color preferred*)

bath size bars of soap (*4-5 oz. bars*)

large safety pins

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In **August and September** we will be collecting items for **School Kits**. These kits provide the supplies that school-aged children need for school, and are often more than families can afford. We are asking you to contribute:

70-sheet spiral notebooks no loose paper

Please Note: Each kit requires four of the 70-sheet notebooks.

30 cm rulers (*most rulers have 30 cm and 12 inch markings*)

small pencil sharpeners

blunt scissors

#2 unsharpened pencils

black or blue ballpoint pens (*no gel ink*)

Crayola crayons (*16 or 24 count only*)

2½ inch erasers

Please notice the guidelines and place your contributions in the marked box outside the church office. Our Faithtime Kids will be assembling school kits in special backpacks for shipping.

The Cover Girls meet at church on Wednesday mornings to work on quilts for LWR. They also do a lot of cutting fabric and sewing in their homes. We can support their efforts year-round by donating fabric, thread, etc. Please contact Carol Hagberg or Carol Boyd if you would like to join the group or wish to contribute supplies.

“For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever”

Psalm 9:18

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!