

QUILT MINISTRY PROCEDURES

May 2026

Quilts that we make go to Lutheran World Relief who sends them to places in need throughout the USA and the world. <https://lwr.org/quilts>

Purchasing Materials:

- as of September 2025, Quilt Ministry has \$171.36 available; check with the church office for updates on the balance
- if purchasing supplies from a local store, get a letter from the church saying that the items are for church ministry. This makes the purchase tax free.

Batting

- Use Thrivent dollars, which is \$250 for each card received. The following people have Thrivent accounts:
 - Lisa Burke
 - Sue Dreisbach
 - Jim Cuvillo
 - Harry Granfors
 - Joyce Harper
 - Ed Hourihan
 - Chris Kulina
 - Sheri Perkins
 - Bob Quinn
 - John Schwarzmenn
 - Pastor Barry Scott
 - Dennis Yates

There could be others in the congregation. Ask around!

- Cost – as of fall 2025 it cost \$121.55 for one roll of 60" wide batting that is 55 yards long (60" Econo-Batt CL-002)
- Supplier – OKLEE Quilting Supply, Inc., 205 Main Street, Oklee, MN 56742
phone – 218-796-5151 email – okleequilting@hotmail.com
- 1 roll of 55 yds makes 25 quilts

2 Thrivent Cards equal \$500. 2 rolls of batting were about \$389. The remaining \$111 can be used to purchase twin sheets for backing.

OKLEE QUILTING SUPPLY INC

205 Main St

Oklee, MN 56742 USA

218-796-5151

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Sales Receipt

BILL TO

Gloria Brosious

Lord of Life Lutheran Tabernacle NJ

91 Warwick Way

Southampton, NJ 08088

SHIP TO

Gloria Brosious

Lord of Life Lutheran Tabernacle NJ

91 Warwick Way

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SALES #

7105

DATE

09/15/2025

SHIP DATE

09/16/2025

TRACKING NO.

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PMT METHOD

Credit Card

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
09/12/2025	Econo-Batt-1	60" Econo-Batt CL-002	2	121.55	243.10
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SUBTOTAL					243.10
TAX					0.00
SHIPPING					145.80
TOTAL					388.90
BALANCE DUE					\$0.00

OKLEE QUILTING SUPPLY
128 S MAIN ST
OKLEE MN 56742
218-796-5151

09/15/2025

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Sale

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AMOUNT:

\$138.96

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This is what a roll of batting looks like. They are stored in Fellowship Hall in back of the dividers until they are cut to size.



Backing

- Buy twin flat sheets, cotton blend. Walmart has them for about \$10. Resale shops are a cheaper possibility, but check for stains. And asking the congregation for sheet donations is another option.
- Twin sheets are the best backing as only one end needs to be trimmed. They are a little long.
- Large pieces of cotton-blend material can be used if they are at least 64" by 84". It is okay to sew two pieces together for a backing.



Material for quilt tops

To date, donations have been sufficient. If material runs out and needs to be bought, options to:

1. use quilting funds and search for deals (sales, Walmart, resale shops)
2. ask the congregation for donations of material or funds

Tools

Presently, we seem well supplied with sewing machines, scissors, cutting mats, rulers, iron and ironing board. Thread and quilting pins are items that quilters seem to purchase for themselves. Although it is good to keep a stock of pins in the sewing box.

Cutting material

Batting



- Put two, 30" wide, long tables together as a working surface. Tables can be raised with "leg extenders" from the quilting shelf or by raising the legs to the highest notch.
- Cut with rotary scissors and long ruler to 60" by 80".
- Batting is 60" wide and needs to be cut into 80" long pieces; the 55 yards of batting yields about 25 pieces
- Fold them and store them in bins in Fellowship Hall closet; there is a large black plastic trash can and a variety of lidded plastic bins

Material for quilt tops

- Use woven cotton material (not too heavy or light); do not use obvious Christmas or Halloween patterns
- Using rotary scissors, cutting mat and ruler cut into 11" by 11" squares. Here are a couple of videos that give tips:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psAkS9i9RF0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tA0bATu3wsM>

Backing

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- Large pieces of cotton-blend material can be used if they are at least 64" by 84". It is okay to sew two pieces together for a backing.

Organizing quilt squares

- It is helpful to sort colors and material patterns and stack piles with the number of squares taped to the top (masking tape)



Assembling quilt top kits

- Pick coordinating colors and patterns
- One kit needs 48 squares, 8 rows with 6 squares in each row
- Lay out the squares to make a quilt top pattern



- Make a pile of each row and label them from 1 to 8. Masking tape works well. Pin each row together with a quilting safety pin. Make one pile of all the rows.



- Place the kit in a plastic newspaper bag or tie with yarn.
- Put the kit on the quilting shelf or table in the entry next to pastor's office



Sewing quilt top



- Machine stitch the squares together using half inch seams. Make eight rows with six squares in each row.
- Iron all seams
- Sew the rows together. It works well to sew rows 1 to 2, 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 7 to 8. Next sew rows 1 & 2 to 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 to 7 & 8. Lastly, sew the two big pieces together by pinning rows 4 and 5 together.
- Iron all seams
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- Before assembling, iron backing and quilt top as it makes quilting much easier.



Assembling the quilt



- Use the two long tables in Fellowship Hall, pushed side-by-side and legs elevated.
- Make a “sandwich”. Backing is on the bottom with the “good side” facing down, on the table. Secondly, place the batting on the backing making sure there is an even amount of backing sticking out all around the batting edges. The quilt top goes on top with the “good side” facing up. Make sure the quilt top is even with the batting. Trim where necessary.
- If you use a single, flat sheet for the backing, 3 of the sides should be the correct length. Trim the fourth, long side to 3”
OR trim all four sides to 3”
- Using quilting safety pins, pin together the center of the quilt making sure to go through all layers. Use plenty of pins so that the layers cannot shift as you work on assembling them.

Finishing the edges



- Turn over 1" of the edge and then another 1". This should cover the edge of the quilt top and batting.
- Pin all edges
- Sew around the edge, making sure to stitch through all layers. Some people use a zig-zag stitch or 2 rows of straight stitching to make it stronger.
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Hand tying the quilt together

- Use a large needle with a big eye
- Use embroidery floss or crochet thread



- Use double threads in the needle to make it extra strong



- While sewing, start from the top and go down through all layers, come back up to the top and tie a knot several times.
- Ties are needed at every corner and in the center of each square, but not along the edging. There are 5" cardboard squares to help find the center of each quilt square.



- Trim the thread to about one inch



Last step

- Remove all quilting safety pins and it is finished!

Storing Quilts

- Finished quilts can be placed at the quilting table beside Pastor's office

Boxing quilts

- We use egg boxes (what egg cartons are shipped in) from Shop Rite. You can get them by visiting the Customer Service Counter and requesting them. Or Bob Brosious says he hangs around the employee entrance nearest the eggs and waits for someone to come out. They are more than happy to give them out as they are trashed otherwise.
- Boxes are free. We try to get 10 to 15 at a time.
- Three quilts fit into one box.

Storing boxes

- Currently they are stored in a closet in the FDC. It is the closet on the left that is just past Room 205.

Before delivering quilts

- Talk to pastor and arrange a Sunday for blessings the quilts. They are arranged over the back of the pews during Saturday and Sunday services.
- In the past, we have done this on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. After Sunday's service, everyone is asked to help carry quilts to Fellowship Hall, fold them and put them in boxes.

Annual intake of quilts

- Information about annual event is at this site: <https://lwr.org/blog/2015/how-ship-lwr-quilts-kits-through-ingatherings>
- Most years we deliver quilts to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2384 E Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361 in mid September
- Redeemer contact information: Wed 10 a.m. - noon; by appt. Thu 10 a.m. - noon; by appt.
- Organizers:
- **Arlene Cherwien** Phone: [856-691-3737](tel:856-691-3737) Email: danc1917@hotmail.com
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