

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

JULY 17, 2023

Please read the following information and save for future reference.

Dear Friends of Lutheran World Relief,

We hope you have been able to make quilts and gather items for the school kits, health kits, baby care kits, and fabric kits needed by Lutheran World Relief. (LWR no longer accepts bulk soap.)

We have now made arrangements with LWR for an ingathering here at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in October! The ingathering dates are **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Lutheran World Relief will provide a trailer to be here in our church parking lot for us to load on those two days.

PACKING YOUR QUILTS AND KITS:

Please pack completed quilts and kits, like items together, in boxes. Label the contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes. Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, no rubber bands or duct tape. If possible, boxes should not exceed 40 pounds. Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations. If desired, you may also include the name and address of your congregation on each box.

QUILT & KIT TRACKER: We received a notice from LWR that as of May 15, the Quilt & Kit Tracker is officially out of service. The technology behind the Tracker was obsolete, which made the system unreliable and difficult to use. Some of you who have used it in the past have most likely experienced challenges, and LWR apologizes for these frustrations. Plans are currently in motion for a completely new, state-of-the-art system to allow you to follow quilts and kits to their destination. A completion date for the new system has not been set, but progress on the system is underway.

PERSONAL CARE (HEALTH) KIT ITEMS:

- ✓ 1 light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ✓ 2 or 3 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in the original wrapping (total of 8 to 9 oz. of soap)
- ✓ 1 adult size toothbrush in its original wrapping
- ✓ 1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), remove packaging
- ✓ 1 metal nail clipper (attached file), remove packaging

Wrap the items in the towel and tie securely with yarn, string, or ribbon.

SCHOOL KIT ITEMS:

- ✓ Four 70-sheet spiral notebooks of wide or college ruled paper; no loose leaf paper
- ✓ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ✓ One pencil sharpener
- ✓ One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ✓ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ✓ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ✓ One box of 24 crayons
- ✓ One 2½ inch eraser
- ✓ One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

(NOTE: a simple pattern for the backpack bags is available on the LWR website)

If you need more information about the items to include in the various kits, you can visit the Lutheran World Relief web site: www.lwr.org/kits. Also feel free to contact Phyllis at Jerusalem Lutheran Church (by phone 330-336-4770 or email: phyllis-jelc@neo.rr.com) with any questions or concerns about the kits or ingathering.

We are asking each congregation wishing to participate to contribute \$20.00 to cover the cost of shipping and mailing. All money received beyond expenses will be sent to Lutheran World Relief headquarters to assist with their overseas shipping expenses (Project Comfort).

Please make your check payable to NORTHEASTERN OHIO SWO and mail it, along with the slip printed on the next page, to:

Lutheran World Relief Coordinator
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
9282 Acme Road
Seville, Ohio 44273

{Please DO NOT make checks out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church.}

We would like to have checks and slips sent in by **October 7, 2023**, so we do not have to handle these on the ingathering days.

Thank you for your support, concern, and prayers for the many people around the world who receive your gifts of sharing.

2023 LOADING DATES

At Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 9282 Acme Rd.,
Seville, Ohio

Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Please do not arrive before 1:00 p.m.)

If traveling I-76, please keep in mind that you will need to exit on one of the following:

- Rt. 3, north of Seville
- Rt. 57, west of Wadsworth
- Rt. 94, north of Wadsworth

Jerusalem Lutheran Church is south of Rt. 97 (Greenwich Road) - on Acme Road, at the top of the hill in the country. Look for the L.W.R. sign in the parking lot of the church - west side of the road, past the farm field. (If using a GPS system to find the church, we have been told you may need to use a "Rittman" designation.)



† Jerusalem Lutheran Church - 9282 Acme Road, Seville

Please return this slip (fully completed) and a check for \$20.00 (made payable to **NORTHEASTERN OHIO SWO**) by October 7, 2023. Mail the slip and check to **Jerusalem Lutheran Church, c/o LWR Coordinator, 9282 Acme Rd., Seville, Ohio 44273.**

Congregation's Name _____

Congregation's Address _____

Congregation's City & Zip _____

Congregation's ID# (5 digit #) _____

Congregation's email address _____

Congregation's Phone Number _____

Contact Person's Name _____

Contact Person's Phone Number _____

_____ We expect to deliver boxes to the trailer.

_____ We have no boxes to bring (but enclosed is a check to help with shipping costs).

{Please let us know what is the best or preferred way for us to contact you or your congregation about the Ingathering events - personal email, church email, contact person's home address, or church address.}

PLEASE INDICATE on this return slip if you are sending \$20.00 and bringing boxes **OR** if you are simply sending a gift to help with expenses.

When delivering boxes on the loading dates, PLEASE be sure to check in at the table and also tell us if you are delivering boxes for other churches as well.