**CENTRAL ILLINOIS 2023 INGATHERING for**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

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**Projects Needed\***

Mission Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits,

**\***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.

**Packing Tips**

* **40# Maximum Weight/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.
* Put the name and address of your church on each box. You can use return address mailing labels.
* Do not pack any quilts or kits in plastic bags.
* Use sturdy **moving or** **packing tape** (no masking tape) to securely close boxes.
* Use wide black markers to label each box clearly **on at least two sides** with this information:
	+ “LWR”
	+ Quantity and type of gift inside
* **The tracking system with bar codes will not be used until further notice per LWR.**

**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. Last year, our two Ingathering sites sent almost $20,000 to LWR to help with shipping and transport!

**Reminders for 2023:**

* Personal Care Kits and School Kits are always in great demand along with the Mission Quilts.
* Do not include anything other than items listed for each kit.
* LWR is no longer accepting fleece blankets. This is to help preserve fragile ecosystems and water supplies.
* Bulk bar soap is no longer needed.
* Be sure to check **local collection point hours** closely, as follows: (*Loading schedule is in the letter.*)

**Friday, October 27 Friday, October 27 Saturday, October 28**

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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! 2024 INGATHERING WILL BE OCTOBER 25 & 26, 2024**