 July 25, 2023

**Greetings LWR Friends!**

 It’s hard to believe that it’s almost time once again for Ingathering! I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Vickie Robertson. I’ve been the Ingathering coordinator at St. John’s Lutheran in Bloomington for many years now. I originally started helping with LWR when my Mother-In-Law was in charge about 10 years ago. I’m sorry to report that we lost Robyn Camp to cancer this past Spring. She was regional coordinator for the past two years. We were humbled by her strength and loyalty to the program. I’m taking over the communication part of the job. And Julie Wilson at Immanuel Lutheran in Thomasboro will be your on-site contact there on Ingathering Day. Thank you to Julie and to Joanne Ehmen who does all the post-event accounting.

We are blessed to do this work. And last year, you came through once again with fantastic numbers!

**2022 Totals:**

Flatville: 2,719 Quilts, 1,818 Personal Care Kits, 1,700 School Kits, 291 Baby Care Kits,

 45 Fabric Kits. Total of 953 boxes! $4,850 donated!

Bloomington: 5,818 Quilts, 3,720 Personal Care Kits, 3,706 School Kits, 578 Baby Care Kits,

 100 Fabric Kits. Total of 1,844 Boxes! $14,786 donated!

 Martha Piedrasanta is the new Senior Manager, Quilts and Kits at LWR. She has been very helpful and so enthusiastic about our operations. St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bloomington and Immanuel Lutheran Church (Flatville) in rural Thomasboro will be loading trucks all on one day again – **Saturday, October 28**. Please see below for loading times that day. The times for the local collection points at Carthage, Shelbyville, and Springfield can be found on the info sheet included.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

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

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Please keep in touch. We always 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 have not received this electronically and would like to in the future, please email me at the address listed above. 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.

 Best wishes and thank you for your time and talents!

Vickie Robertson