Summer camp is a time for learning, fun — and service! Partnering with LWR’s Quilt & Kit Ministry your camp will engage your campers in service on a global scale!

CONNECT WITH THE CHURCH!
LWR Quilts and Kits have been a hallmark of Lutheran service — and treasured ministry in many congregations — for decades. Connect with surrounding Lutheran congregations by bringing these important gifts to your camp!

CONNECT WITH GLOBAL MISSION!
Assembling Quilts and Kits teaches young people to plan, execute and complete a project. Quilts and Kits are tangible symbols of God’s love that make a real impact in the lives of people in need around the world. Your campers will learn the joy and satisfaction of service after helping make LWR Quilts and Kits!

CONNECT WITH FAMILIES AND CONGREGATIONS!
Parents will be thrilled to learn about the skills their campers bring home. Congregational quilting groups will love campers’ summer stories as well. And with LWR’s Quilt & Kit Tracker, campers can stay in touch long after camp ends with updates on how their service is touching lives.

For assembly instructions for all LWR Quilt & Kit projects go to lwr.org/camp. Please consult these instructions before beginning your project as these guidelines make these gifts incredibly valuable for those in need around the world. You’ll also find instructions on how to share your campers’ creations with LWR. THANK YOU!

STAY UP TO DATE!
lwr.org/camp is your one stop destination for up to date resources and information for your LWR Summer Camp Quilt & Kit project. LWR will update this page with prayers, stories and other resources for your staff to use to educate their campers about the awesome gifts they are preparing. Tag your Facebook and Twitter posts with #CampLWR. We love to share what you are doing!
WHAT’S RIGHT FOR MY CAMP?
Here is some information to help you decide which LWR service project is right for your camp.

FLEECE TIE BLANKETS AND MISSION QUILTS
LWR Blankets and Quilts provide warmth and comfort to those coping with disaster and poverty. Around the world Lutherans are known for providing these quality, handmade signs of God’s love!

Mission Quilts provide a great opportunity for teamwork and creative expression amongst campers. This project is best for camps that have staff or volunteers with experience in sewing and using a sewing machine.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD
Tuesdays are “Choose Your Own Adventure” days at Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham, Washington. Kids young and old got to choose between water activities, land activities and service – by making LWR Fleece Tied Blankets.

Camp director Bethany Dietrich says campers of all ages chose to spend their Tuesday afternoons tying blankets. “The older kids got really excited about it, which made the younger kids get excited too.”

Counselors also helped build excitement by talking up the project, including giving age-appropriate information to campers about who and how they are helping.

Bethany says this was a good project for kids of all ages and recommends it for other camps. She also shares a few tips. “Ask your local craft store to cut the fleece into the sizes LWR specifies so that you don’t have to. Also, get all the camp staff talking about the service project,” she says. “It’s a great way to show kids they have gifts to give to the world.”

LUTHERHILL MINISTRIES
Lutherhill Ministries in La Grange, Texas, is a place where youth go to connect with God, creation and one another. In 2014, the sleep-away camp decided to offer youth the opportunity to help make LWR Quilts as a service project for youth to put their faith in to action. And they decided that it would be fun to use the LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker so they could tell campers where their gifts were going.

The camp’s Quilts ended up going to Haiti, where Lutheran World Relief works with Lutheran World Federation to support communities affected by frequent disasters, such as the devastating 2010 earthquake.

Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director at Lutherhill, says both the experience of making Quilts and finding out where they went were invaluable lessons. “Many times camp is described as a ‘mountaintop experience.’ Through this service project, our kids learned a lot about the actual world – and we got to show them who they actually helped.”
PERSONAL CARE KITS
LWR Personal Care Kits contain basic sanitation and hygiene items that help families stay healthy and preserve their dignity following a disaster or emergency.

Personal Care Kits are the most inexpensive Quilt and Kit option, assembled from items that are easy to source year-round.

SCHOOL KITS
Many families in developing countries live on less than $2 a day. Public school is usually free, but with so few resources, lack of supplies can be a barrier to education. LWR School Kits can mean the difference between getting an education or not.

The impact of School Kits is easy for campers to understand and the Kits are simple for kids of many different ages to assemble.

SEQUANOTA
For campers at Sequanota, in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania, every day presented an opportunity to serve others. During community time – which came after meal times – each bunk was assigned various tasks throughout the week to serve the camp, the local community, and their global neighbors by making LWR School Kits.

In total about 185 youth participated in the project and camp staff report that everyone got into it, even the smallest campers. “It was inspiring how excited and engaged young kids can get when they want to help others in need,” says Kayla Crist, the summer Program Director at Sequanota.

All in all, youth made an impressive 250 Personal Care Kits over the summer, which will help families around the world stay healthy in times of emergency or great need. The camp also created barcodes for their Kits using the LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker, so they will be able to tell campers where their gifts will go.

“Children can make a big difference if you give them the chance,” Crist says. “We are all blessed to be able to help others.”

KIRCHENWALD
For more than 30 years Kirchenwald, a Lutheran camping center in Colebrook, Pa., has offered young people the opportunity to connect with one another and God’s creation through weekly camp programs.

This year the camp engaged its approximately 500 campers in making LWR School Kits. “I think it’s a great activity for camp,” says camp director Zach Weiss. “We tried to make it experiential so that the kids were involved in all the steps — from purchasing the items to assembling the final Kits.”

The camp sent notices to campers ahead of time asking them to bring donations of School Kit items. During the camp week, youth brought their items to the mid-week service as their offering and counselors organized groups to assemble Kits. Staff at Kirchenwald used their camp grant to cover the cost of the drawstring book bags in which all other Kit items were enclosed.

Over the course of their summer program, campers at Kirchenwald assembled 138 Kits. Weiss plans to keep campers and their families updated by using the LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker to send updates on where the Kits will go.

“I like the fact that I can send this information to campers after they leave,” says Weiss. “What you do at camp shouldn’t just stay at camp!”
CAMP LUTHERWOOD
Chesire, Oregon
Both sleepaway and day-campers got in on the fun of Lutherwood’s summer quilting, which was done as a part of the camp’s summer Daily Bread service project. “It was a no-brainer for us to do this,” says Matt Kindsvatter, Lutherhill’s Executive Director. “Our campers learned a lot about the world.”

OX LAKE
Amery, Wisconsin
Campers especially enjoyed decorating quilt squares with messages of love and support. “I hope the people who get the quilts know they are not alone in the world,” says Ellie, a camper and, now, quilter!

LUTHERLYN
Butler, Pennsylvania
Tuesday afternoons were service time for campers, who teamed up with the nearby Woodland Quilters group and made 18 LWR Mission Quilts!

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE
Spring Valley, Minnesota
Campers were young, but mighty! This collection of third to fifth graders decorated drawstring backpacks to include in LWR School Kits, helping to complete 232 Kits in five weeks!

AGAPE KURE BEACH MINISTRIES
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
“An active, hands-on way to discuss gifts and the Holy Spirit,” says Alex Linn, of Agape, of the camp’s summer service project that engaged campers from 60 congregations to make 160 LWR School Kits!
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

Choosing the right project is the first step to success! Using LWR’s guidelines, you can do everything from assembling a few Personal Care Kits a week to every cabin group assembling a Quilt each week. Use the following guide to help you pick the right project at the right level for your context.

PERSONAL CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS

SMALL SCALE:
Ask campers and congregations to bring specific supplies for your Kits when they come to camp. They’ll feel a greater sense of investment in the project and will learn how we use the gifts God gives us to help others.

MEDIUM SCALE:
Coordinate with local congregations to supply campers with the items they need to assemble Personal Care and School Kits. Working with local congregations is a great way to build strong ministry relationships.

LARGE SCALE:
Purchase items in bulk to stretch your dollars and have supplies shipped directly to the camp. This saves your staff a great deal of labor and allows your campers to hit the ground running with the project when camp starts!

FLEECE BLANKETS

Fleece Blankets offer an easy option that is achievable for almost any sized group and camp. Even your younger campers can help tie knots on piece of fleece cut by others. Whether you group makes 10 or 100, the impact you are making in the life of the person receiving your gift of love will be immeasurable.

MISSION QUILTS

SMALL SCALE:
Use fabric markers to decorate pre-cut fabric squares and donate them to local quilting groups to assemble into Quilts. Be sure to check LWR’s guidelines for the kinds of decorations that can be included in LWR Quilts. You can also raise money for the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund to help get Quilts into the hands that need them!

MEDIUM SCALE:
Ask campers to collect fabric to bring with them to camp (remind them to ask their congregation!). Using templates and LWR guidelines, cut, arrange and pin the squares into rows for quilt tops. Then pass the fabric rows on to local quilting groups so they can complete the Quilts.

LARGE SCALE:
Coordinate with local quilting groups and your district or synod women’s organizations to find fabric donations for tops and backs, as well as blankets or batting for filler. Invite quilters to volunteer throughout the summer session to guide young quilters.
OUTSIDE FUNDING
Assembling supplies it takes to assemble LWR Quilts, Kits and Fleece Blankets can be a great opportunity to invite other partners into your camper’s summer service. Along with requesting physical donations from surrounding congregations, businesses and campers, there are many great options for seeking out financial support for your project:

- Thrivent Financial is always a great partner for Lutherans who want to make a positive impact in the world. To learn more about Thrivent Action Teams and how they can support your Quilt and Kit project or other ways your camp is making a difference around the world go to lwr.org/camp.

- Coordinate with local Quilting groups at congregations who send their youth to your camp. LWR Quilters are excited to see this important work carried on to other generations and can be a great source for funding your Quilt & Kit project.

- Foundations are always looking to fund innovative projects that expand the world to young people, and your camp engaging campers in creating such important resources for those in need from the Philippines to Nicaragua is just that sort of project. Tell your camp’s story and others are going to want to support world changing work like yours.

QUILT & KIT TRACKER
Want to know where your camp’s Quilts and Kits go? With LWR’s new Quilt & Kit Tracker, you can find out! Connect with campers, families and congregations after the summer to share the exciting news of where your gifts of love are headed.

1. **LOG ON** to the LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker at lwr.org/tracker and find your camp. If your camp is not yet listed in our database please email lwr@lwr.org to set this up.

2. **PRINT** a special barcode to put on your boxes of Quilts and Kits before shipping to the warehouse.

3. **TRACK** your Quilts online as they travel overseas to people in need.

MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL!
The beauty and handmade quality of an LWR Quilt is part of what makes it special. Get creative by integrating your arts and crafts program with Quilt or School Kit bag decorating. Recipients will appreciate the time and care put into these special gifts and your campers can flex their creative muscles! Be sure to check LWR’s guidelines for the kinds of decorations that can be included in LWR Quilts & Kits.

RAISE FUNDS!
Reinforce the value of good stewardship by collecting donations for the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. It only costs $2.25 to deliver an LWR Quilt overseas to a person in need. A great arts and crafts project could be to have campers create and decorate “Quilt squares” out of construction paper to represent all the Quilts & Kits you’ve helped get overseas. What a creative, beautiful reminder of what your campers made happen this summer!
MAKE THE CONNECTION!
Share stories about LWR Quilts and Kits and how they make a lasting impact on the lives of people around the world. Campers will relate to the need for comfort when away from home and the daily need for personal care items and school supplies.

Incorporate the action of making Quilts and Kits into your camp’s Bible Study curriculum for the summer.

Pray for the people who will receive your Quilts and Kits.

As the summer approaches you can find pictures, stories and prayers at lwr.org/camp.

HOLD A QUILT OR KIT BLESSING!
Hold a special Quilt blessing at your end-of-summer celebration. Display the Quilts and Kits campers assembled over the summer and give thanks to God for those who made them and the comfort they’ll bring to those who will receive them.

Ask quilters from local congregations to make a special quilt or two for auction to support the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Find ideas and resources for Quilt or Kit blessings at lwr.org/camp.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Your camp may already use social media to share your summer activities with parents and congregations. If so, you know this is a great way to connect your summer program with the communities you serve! Highlighting your LWR Quilt & Kit project on social media enriches those efforts by showing how you are connecting and expanding your campers’ worlds.

Here’s are some tips for sharing your Quilt & Kit project through social media:

- **HASHTAG**: On any platform you use, tag your Quilt & Kit related posts with #CampLWR.

- **FACEBOOK**: Make sure you like our Facebook page (facebook.com/luthworldrelief) so that you can tag us on updates. For pictures it also helps if, whenever possible, you tag the people who appear in photos. This helps us caption the photo appropriately if we share it.

- **TWITTER**: Be sure to mention @luthworldrelief in your Tweets, so we can retweet them.
Along with providing a safe and fun experience for youth campers, your camp also serves as a place apart for adult guests. Providing them with Fair Trade Coffee or Chocolate is an easy and delicious way to include them in the world changing work you are doing. Through LWR Fair Trade it can be easy.

**SERVING**

Fair Trade Coffee not only returns more money into the hand of small holder farmers and invests in their communities, but it’s also very high quality coffee that will have your guests ready to jump into a great day at camp.

**SELLING**

Your gift shop and canteens can also go Fair Trade with Fair Trade Coffee by the bag for adult guests and bars of delicious Fair Trade Chocolate for youth. And 20 cents of every pound your camp buys goes straight into LWR’s Small Farmer Fund that directly supports poverty fighting projects around the world.

For more information about LWR Fair Trade and your camp go to lwr.org/camp. Our partner, Equal Exchange has great customer service agents ready to help talk you through what your camp’s needs are and set up your account. Call them at (774)776-7340.
GO IN PEACE!

Now that your campers' Quilts and Kits have been assembled, you want to get them on their way to help those in need. There are two options for sending them to LWR's two warehouses:

INGATHERINGS
Each year, dedicated volunteers coordinate LWR Ingatherings — local collections for LWR Quilts and Kits. Groups and congregations pool their donations and share the costs of getting the Quilts and Kits to LWR. Find an Ingathering close to your camp and a Key Leader to connect with at ingathering.lwr.org

SHIPPING OR DELIVERING
Include the name and address of your congregation on each box, label contents and send prepaid to or drop off at the LWR warehouse closest to you:

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
398 East Richmond Street
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651.457.9009

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
601 Main Street
PO Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776
410.635.8795

The warehouses accept items year-round. Call ahead for driving directions and hours of operation if you are personally delivering your donations.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Now that your campers and community are excited about making Quilts and Kits for LWR, here are some ways to keep them engaged:

1. Invite campers, parents and supporters to your end-of-year celebration and blessing. Celebrate the awesome things God has done through your campers and counselors!

2. Keep an eye on your Quilts and Kits through the LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker. Throughout the year, report back to campers, parents, congregations and supporters where your Quilts and Kits go.

3. Now that you have connected with quilters in your area, invite them to camp for a Quilter’s Retreat in the fall or spring. Your place of retreat and relaxation can be a great gathering place for quilters to share ideas and put their faith in action!

4. Take up the challenge of LWR Quilts & Kits again next year, choosing a different item to assemble!

You can find LWR’s complete guidelines and instructions for assembling and shipping Quilts and Kits at lwr.org/camp. Our staff would love to help you think of more ways for your camp to take part in the Quilt & Kit Ministry. Please contact us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org for help!

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