



# NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2026

*Those who sleep under a quilt,  
sleep under a blanket of love.*

**MARCH 21, 2026, IS NATIONAL QUILTING DAY**, and we at Lutheran World Relief have a LOT to celebrate!

For more than 80 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts — **over 28 MILLION QUILTS!** These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. **THANK YOU.**

Host your own National Quilting Day (NQD) event to lift up the hard work of your dedicated quilters. We've pulled together some tips to ensure your quilting celebration is a success!

First step? Energize your teams about NQD with our inspiring video on its past, present, and future! Watch at [lwr.org/nqd](http://lwr.org/nqd).

## PLAN AHEAD

- Check with the church office to make sure the Fellowship Hall or other appropriate space is available for the event and get it on the church calendar. Save the date on the calendars of your quilting group members, too!
- Do you have Thrivent members in your congregation or group? Have one of them apply for a **Thrivent Action Team** grant to help cover some of the costs of hosting the event. Visit [lwr.org/thrivent-action-teams](http://lwr.org/thrivent-action-teams) to learn more.
- Order copies of the **Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide** from [lwr.org/qkguide](http://lwr.org/qkguide) to share with newcomers interested in starting their own Mission Quilts.



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## CHOOSE YOUR EVENT FORMAT

Do you want to have a quilting demonstration? Invite non-quilters to learn how to make Mission Quilts or learn more about LWR's quilting ministry? Share best quilting practices with others in your area? Decide what you want the focus to be and narrow the focus of your event for ease of planning.

## ENGAGE YOUR CONGREGATION

Ask others in your church family to help out with pieces of the day — taking pictures or posting updates to social media or managing the table of treats and coffee. This is a great way to include those who want to support your ministry without quilting themselves.

Browse the resources and quilting videos at [lwr.org/nqd](http://lwr.org/nqd) and choose one to download or stream at your event to introduce LWR's quilting ministry to newcomers. Look through the blessings linked on the page and choose one to use to wrap up your event.

## INVITE YOUR COMMUNITY

- A month before the event, put information about your celebration in your church's communications — church bulletins, newsletters and announcement slides. Request they appear weekly until the event.
- If your congregation has a Facebook page, ask the page administrator to set up an event on the page to share with everyone who follows the page — and allow folks to share the event with their own networks.
- Contact congregations in your area (Lutheran and non-Lutheran!) and invite them to join in the celebration. You can call, send individual invitations, or ask your pastor to reach out to their colleagues at other churches.
- Reach out to your local synod and district offices and ask to include an invitation about the event in those communications.
- Post your event on the LWR Quilters and Kit Makers Community Facebook page at [lwr.org/facebook](http://lwr.org/facebook).

## SHARE!

Share your stories, photos, and fun tips via social media that weekend, and tag [Lutheran World Relief](#) (@[LuthWorldRelief](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)).

Use the hashtag [#NQD2026](#) to join the wider conversation! You can also send your pictures and stories to [quiltsandkits@lwr.org](mailto:quiltsandkits@lwr.org)!



*As you look to grow your quilting group, remember — if you can cut, combine colors, pin, stitch or tie — you can quilt!*

## CELEBRATE!

Set up your space and day around your chosen event format. Use or adapt the suggested outline of the day found below, or create your own.

## SAMPLE EVENT OUTLINE

**8:30 a.m.** — Set out treats, start the coffee, and finish any last-minute set-up of your event space. If you applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant, set out that sign-up sheet in a prominent place along with nametags and a marker. Make sure all your members have nametags on, too!

**9:00 a.m.** — Welcome your guests! Get started with your demonstrations or inviting new folks to help with various tasks. The conversation will start to flow — go with it! Don't forget to take pictures and post some of them to social media to join in the national celebration.

**9:30 a.m.** — Pause and formally welcome everyone to the event. Open with a prayer of thanksgiving. Share briefly about Lutheran World Relief and your quilting ministry, and explain the structure of the day. Point out the sign-in sheet, nametags, resources — and of course the treats and coffee! Share a video about LWR's quilting ministry, and then get back to quilting and fellowship.

**11:45 a.m.** — Pause again and thank everyone for coming. Invite all present to join in a [prayer of blessing](#) or a [litany for the quilts](#) completed and started during your event. These can be found at [lwr.org/nqd](http://lwr.org/nqd).



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