

2026 FALL INGATHERING SEASON ILLINOIS | CHICAGO AREA

We are so grateful for our Quilters and Kit Makers! Your compassionate service is at the very heart of Lutheran World Relief.

In 2025, your love stitched more than **315,000 quilts**, bundled nearly **490,000 kits**, and embraced countless families in **15 countries**, including the United States.

You brought comfort and hope to families who lost everything from natural disasters in the **U.S.**, hygiene and dignity to the elderly in war-torn **Ukraine**, and ensured a lack of school supplies didn't keep children in **Liberia** from their education.

You are a **beacon of hope** to our **most vulnerable neighbors**, shining **God's light** in a world of increasing need. **THANK YOU!**

UPCOMING INGATHERINGS NEAR YOU

With the Fall Ingathering season approaching quickly, here is some important logistical information:

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



925 5th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104



Sat, Oct 3, 9am-noon & Sun, Oct 4, noon-3pm



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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sat, Oct 3, 9am-noon & Sun, Oct 4, noon-3pm



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INGATHERING MAP

You can also check the **INGATHERING MAP** at ingathering.lwr.org for the closest location. No Ingathering or drop site near you? No problem! You can drop or ship your items to our warehouse:

Lutheran World Relief
398 East Richmond Street,
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651.457.9009

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits. For **general assembly** instructions, go to lwr.org/quilts or lwr.org/kits.

PACKING NOTES

Pack your items **TIGHTLY** in medium-size strong boxes secured with packing tape. This ensures boxes do not collapse during transit. **Each box cannot exceed 40 lbs.** Pack completed quilts and kits **SEPARATELY** in boxes.

Create your own label OR write on your boxes in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** with LWR, church information, type and number of contents.

TRACKING YOUR BOXES

Meet Lydia: your new quilt and kit tracking tool! This quick, simple, stress-free online system lets you pre-register your boxes and follow them all the way to their final destination.

If you can use a computer, tablet or smartphone, you're ready to go!

Get started today at lwr.org/tracker.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Quilt & Kit Ministry team at quiltsandkits@lwr.org.



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