
Our Church in the Community

It's Time to make School Kits and Health Kits for LWR

Fall is the time that the Women's Circles at Zion assemble materials for Health Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This year our Sunday School children and all our members are being asked to contribute items needed for these kits. The Circles will assemble and ship them in early October.

Where do the kits go?

Since 1945, U.S. Lutherans have provided material resources by the ton for people in need around the world. The quilts, kits, soap and clothing travel through a well-coordinated, intercontinental pipeline to get from our parish to the women, children and men who so deeply appreciate these gifts of comfort.

1. U.S. Lutherans make and gather material resources and deliver them to LWR warehouses—our kits go to St. Peter Lutheran Church in Norwalk, then on to LWR.

2. Warehouse staff process, sort into categories and prepare the items for shipment overseas. Kits and soap are packed into boxes; quilts and clothing are compressed into plastic-wrapped bales.

3. LWR partners, local faith- and community-based organizations around the world, identify needs and submit requests for materials. LWR coordinates shipping arrangements and the warehouse staff packs ocean freight containers and sends them to port.

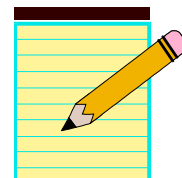
4. Containers are loaded onto an ocean freighter, which sails to the port nearest LWR's partner—arriving 4-6 weeks from the day it was ordered.

5. LWR's partner confirms receipt of the materials and prepares them either for short-term storage or immediate delivery to remote villages, refugee camps, hospitals and disaster sites. Some items are kept in storage, poised for quick distribution in case of a later emergency, such as an earthquake or flood.

6. LWR's partner conducts an orderly distribution, ensuring that those in the greatest need receive the material resources, and reports the results back to LWR.

What items are needed for the kits?

Very specific items are needed for the kits. Only these items should be donated.



Items for one School Kit:

1 blunt scissors; 1 2 ½" eraser;
1 box of 16 or 24 crayons; 1 pencil sharpener;
12 sheets construction paper;
Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 ½ " X 11" totaling 150-200 sheets;
6 unsharpened pencils with erasers;
One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.



Items for one Health Kit:

1 hand towel & washcloth in dark color
1 wide tooth comb
1 nail clipper with metal file
1 new bar of bath size soap
6 bandaids, ½ or ¾ inch
1 adult toothbrush

Note: Due to recent recalls, TOOTHPASTE IS NOT being collected this year.

Where do I put my donation?

A box will be located in the narthex for health and school kit donations. **Sunday School children may bring an item for a kit instead of their Sunday School offering during August and September. Thank you!**