

## Stretch Your Hearts and Hands to Help People in Need: Build Lutheran World Relief Kits of Care!

For many years, the “hearts and hands” of Ascension have enthusiastically and generously provided LWR Kits and Quilts. However, because of construction on our campus this fall, the Global Ministries Team will not be able to sponsor its third annual congregation-wide LWR School Kits project.\* Therefore, we invite you to work within a congregational fellowship — or a family or community group of your choice — to build Kits of Care!

\*Note: Quilting will move to the Dugout. Check the newsletter for further information.

### *Who may set up a Kits of Care project?*

- Bible Study and Christ Care groups
- Ascension Lutheran School, Confirmation, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School classes
- Women’s, Men’s, and Youth groups
- Boy/Girl Scouts and other community-based organizations, for example, your book club
- Families and Reunion groups.
- If you are not able to participate in a group or if you want to support this ministry as an individual, detailed information will be available from the Global Ministries Team at the end of summer.



**When?** Complete kits by October 1. Information on the LWR Ingathering in Camarillo will be forthcoming.

### *What Kits of Care could a group build?*

1. **School Kits:** Eight educational tools in a backpack-style cloth bag help poor children learn in spite of serious obstacles.
2. **Personal Care Kits:** Four hygiene items tied in a bath towel contribute to self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to maintain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.
3. **Baby Care Kits:** Approximately seven basic baby clothing and hygiene items, wrapped in a receiving blanket, will enable a mother living in poverty to keep her infant healthy, clean, and comfortable.
4. **Fleece Tied Blankets:** Just 2 pieces of fleece and 5 easy steps will construct a fleece tied blanket to give warmth and comfort to the most vulnerable: orphans, elderly, homeless, disabled, and displaced people.
5. **Fabric Kits:** Two spools of thread and two pieces of fabric wrapped and tied with yarn are useful tools to develop sewing — and vocational — skills.
6. **Bath Soap:** Collect and ship 18 pounds of soap to help people keep hands clean and germs at bay, enabling them to present themselves with dignity.

### *How does my group get started?*

1. Contact the church office (805 495 0406) for a Lutheran World Relief “How to” booklet or go to <https://lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care> .
2. At your next meeting or gathering, discuss the idea and review the LWR materials
3. Invite a GMT member to help, that is, to explain, to answer questions, to advise (for example, about applying for a Thrivent Action Team Grant).
4. Focus on serving others, building your kits, and “fellowship” fun!



Personal Care Kit



Baby Care Kit



School Kit

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Kits give families around the world some of life’s essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone.

From chronic poverty to conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase.

**Your Kits of Care are urgently needed!**

