



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 13

Thursday, August 14

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16



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Are you wondering what impact your gifts to this project have made over the years?

First, a quick review of what happens to the school kits we create ...

After all of the sewing and stringing and knotting and collecting/counting/organizing the supplies, we will have our pack-a-sack in September to put the kits together. After filling the backpacks, we package them securely in cartons and then volunteers from the congregation will deliver the cartons to the synod-wide Ingathering, where they are loaded on a trailer. Kits of all kinds as well as quilts donated by Messiah and other participating churches in the synod are all taken to this location. *(This is also where the blankets we collect for Blanket Sunday go.)*

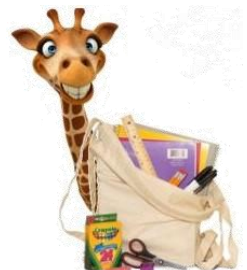
From the Ingathering, the kits are trucked to one of two warehouses. Lutheran World Relief has a warehouse in South St. Paul, Minnesota and a warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. Our kits go to the **Maryland location**. The cartons are then opened and each kit is checked before re-packing them into large shipping containers which are filled with what the field country has requested. Thousands of School Kits are shipped out in one container at a time. Once they clear customs and arrive at their destination, LWR partners on the ground transport the shipment to a local warehouse. Then the material goods are distributed to our neighbors in need through an approved program or center. ***Kits are not handed out randomly. The recipients have verifiable need.***

LWR reports back to donors in many ways: through their website (LWR.org), blogs, Facebook page, God's Love in Action magazine, Faith in Action flyer, congregational visits, videos, and end of year distribution reports. *(See inside for some video links.)*

So ... Where do they go? Do any of them stay in the United States? Yes! Some of them do stay in the U.S. if an area requests them. Over the past year, 136,848 quilts and kits (**9,214 school kits**) from the Maryland warehouse were sent to three locations in the U.S that had experienced disasters – **Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee**. Other countries receiving school kits from the Maryland warehouse following the 2024 collection include Angola and Honduras.

You can view the Distribution Map on our display in the narthex or download it here: https://lwr.org/ai_file_subscribe/file/7867

See inside for a current progress report on our collection as well as more information about where our backpacks go.



August 10, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Georgette Copp; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman
Acolyte: Brennen Hess; **Altar Guild:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
Greeters/Presenters: Mary Schultz, Ron Yeagle; **Cantor:** Virginia Amme
Flower Delivery: Paul Weaver

Sunday, August 3, 2025: Attendance: *In Church: 72; Online: 10*; Offering: **\$8,974.27**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Munro and Gladys Webb Munro on the anniversary of their wedding, August 15, 1941, by their nephews, Nelson, John, Gary, Andy and their families.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, August 10: *Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40*
Monday, August 11: *Psalm 89:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-17; Hebrews 11:1-7*
Tuesday, August 12: *Psalm 89:1-18; 2 Chronicles 34:22-33; Hebrews 11:17-28*
Wednesday, August 13: *Psalm 89:1-18; Jeremiah 33:14-26; Luke 12:41-48*
Thursday, August 14: *Psalm 82; Joshua 7:1, 10-26; Hebrews 10:26-31*
Friday, August 15: *Psalm 82; 1 Samuel 5:1-12; Hebrews 10:32-39*
Saturday, August 16: *Psalm 82; 1 Samuel 6:1-16; Matthew 24:15-27*



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Reminder: *Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.*

(continued from cover) In 2024, nearly 690,000 Quilts and Kits were distributed in 17 countries. 140,117 of those were School Kits. Watch for the [current distribution map](#) to be displayed in the narthex soon. The 2025 distribution map will be available in January 2026.

Read about the response in Florida and North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: <https://lwr.org/blog/2025/hurricane-update-response-continues-north-carolina-and-florida>

[This video](#) shows how LWR is helping with the Texas floods right now. Or you can read about it here: <https://lwr.org/blog/2025/texas-floods-how-your-compassion-helping-right-now>

[This video](#) shows the importance of School Kits, especially in places like Tanzania. The children can't go to school unless they bring their own supplies. Parents often can't afford supplies. Because of your love, LWR can help.

<https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=40720&k=7203909f0b> **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children - **Maybe God is like that too** - When a young boy wonders where to find God in his city, his grandma reminds him that he just needs to know where to look. It turns out God's spirit is at work all around him. Found in the Children's section.

FAMILY - **Can I have the Keys to the Car?** - Whether it's the keys to the car or the keys to life, parents and teens need to find ways to talk to each other about tough issues, such as: safe driving, alcohol and drugs, sex, study habits and grades. Honesty, schedules and curfews, family chores, self-discipline. These issues often tear families apart. But talking about them doesn't have to be destructive or boring. This book is reassuring and practical that helps teens and parents talk together about life's tough issues. Book found in our Youth themed section.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Update!

The response to our collection this year has once again been overwhelmingly heartwarming. The Spirit is truly at work in you! ***God is great ... all the time!***

So what exactly is the count? Materials have come in so quickly that we are still organizing and double-checking the count. But we ***can*** tell you that we are ***very close to filling 500 backpacks***.

What is still needed?

- ♥ 70-page spiral notebooks ♥ 24-pack Crayons (basic colors)
- ♥ UN-sharpened pencils. ♥ pens – stick, NOT click (NO gel ink)

Please note: We have enough erasers. If you have already purchased some of these, please bring them in. We can use them this year if we exceed our goal or save them for next year.

Most Needed: Monetary Donations – As we near the end, monetary donations are especially helpful to aid us buying supplies to even out the piles. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope marked LWR School Kits.

Two weeks left to shop!

After that, we will be hitting the stores for the very last of the deals before they are sold out.

Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex from now through August 17.

The School Kits we make will be sent to children around the world who are in need. For many of these children, ***these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.***

[This video](#) is a general overview of the mission and ministry of Lutheran World Relief that is only made possible because of people like you who are putting their faith in God into action and loving our neighbors. <https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=45025&k=bfc8c482ad>

Questions? Call Sally at (570) 547-6193 or call/text Kathy at (570) 651-2802
To all who have donated or volunteered, thank you for heeding the call!