

BLANKET SUNDAY – LWR COLLECTION 2017

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

We will have four different collection points in the Synod for the items bound for Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor, Maryland again this year. (You may take your items to any of the locations regardless of your conference). Only blankets, quilts, kits, and soap will be accepted. **NO CLOTHING!** This service is open to **ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE ALLEGHENY SYNOD***. Please adhere to the labeling and packaging instructions enclosed. Finally, **PLEASE** complete the "Help Us Report" form that is included.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A SECOND MAILING SO MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE SURE THE INFORMATION GETS TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON IN YOUR CONGREGATION!!!

SOMERSET AREA

NOW THROUGH TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2017

Items will be collected at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 918 Tayman Avenue, Somerset, between the hours of 9AM and 4PM. The phone number for the church is 445-5446. Mark Hemminger has once again generously agreed to transport our items directly to New Windsor. (If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of transportation, please make your check payable to Mark Hemminger and bring it to Trinity with your items).

JOHNSTOWN AREA

THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Items will be collected at **McQuaide Trucking Terminal**, 153 Macridge Avenue, Johnstown from 9AM to 4 PM. Directions to the terminal: Enter through gate off Vo-Tech Drive. Terminal building is the first building on the right after passing through the gate. Mr. McQuaide has once again generously agreed to collect the items and then transport them to the truck in East Freedom the following Monday for transportation to New Windsor.

STATE COLLEGE/CLEARFIELD AREAS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Items will be collected from 2PM – 4PM in the parking lot of **Grace Lutheran Church**, State College. The truck will be loaded at that time and the items will be delivered to East Freedom the next day. This year we do not have the benefit of a donated truck. Each church sending items is asked to contribute \$25 toward the cost of the Penske rental truck and the fuel for the trip. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church (with *Blanket Truck* in the memo line) and can be brought to the church with your items. If you have any questions please notify Carolyn Fishburn (814)238 - 3907 or cx1@psu.edu.

EAST FREEDOM (ALTOONA/BEDFORD/UPPER JUNIATA AREAS)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Items will be collected at the **Miller Funeral Home Parking Lot** (15257 Dunnings Highway, East Freedom) just off Exit 23 of I-99 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Look for the Schneider's trailer (probably orange). John and Elaine Smith will be there to receive the items. (Elaine's cell phone number is 814-937-3397. Please feel free to call her with any questions or problems). Schneider Trucking will provide the truck and driver to get our items to New Windsor. Wal-Mart has generously agreed to pay transportation costs again this year. **Directions to the funeral home** – Take I-99 Exit 23 (Roaring Spring, Portage, East Freedom). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Dunnings Highway (South). Drive about ½ mile to the funeral home parking lot on your right.

***PLEASE NOTE:** We have a lot of extra room on the truck in East Freedom, so if neighboring churches have items to send to New Windsor, bring them along. We can make this an ecumenical collection.

BLANKET SUNDAY AND LWR COLLECTION 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

Blanket Sunday is a ministry that is traditionally held on the first Sunday in October. This year's designated Sunday is October . Persons in every congregation of the Allegheny Synod are invited to give a special offering for the purchase of blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Your contributions buy sturdy blankets which provide shelter, warmth, and security for those in the world facing disaster. Blanket Sunday envelopes are available from the Synod Office. **ALL BLANKET SUNDAY MONEY COLLECTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES SHOULD GO THROUGH YOUR CHURCH TREASURER TO THE SYNOD.**



PARISH PROJECTS, QUILTS, ETC.

Blanket Sunday is also the time when many congregations collect quilts, blankets, kits, and soap to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor, Maryland. Once again this year, the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization has organized this collection. Details for the pick-ups in the various parts of the Synod are included in this mailing. Anything you can do to help promote this project will be greatly appreciated. PLEASE label the outside of your box to indicate the contents. Detailed directions for making and assembling the parish projects are available on the LWR website.

PACKING

Items should be sorted and packed with like items together in a box. Label contents in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** on the outside of the box. Use strong cartons secured with packing tape. Please do not allow boxes to exceed 40 pounds. Please do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations. **Write the name and address of your congregation on each box and label contents. (You may use the labels provided and make as many copies as needed.)**

TRACKING OPTION

You may register your congregation on the LWR website and print out bar codes to put on your boxes. That way you can track where your items go.

MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

LWR asks that you consider making a monetary donation to their Quilt and Kit shipping Fund to help cover the costs for getting the parish projects, quilts, etc. to those in need. **If you would like to make a monetary donation** you may send your checks (made payable to ASWO with "LWR Shipping" on the memo) to the ASWO treasurer *Barbara McAllister, 164 Tussey Sink Road, Centre Hall, PA 16828*. Barb will then send one check to New Windsor. This way our SWO gets credit for the donation. However, you may also send your checks directly to New Windsor at *Lutheran World Relief Warehouse, 601 Main Street, PO Box 188C, New Windsor, MD 21776*. Make checks payable to Lutheran World Relief and designate "Quilt and Kit Shipping". **PLEASE NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND ANY MONEY. You may send just quilts/kits, etc. You may send just money. You may send quilts/kits and money. Do what works for your organization.**