

Warm Quilts ... Warm Hearts ...

The quilting process strengthens relationships and warms the hands and hearts of those who make them, as well as of those who receive them. Lutheran Women in Mission develop new relationships as they share their creations and the warmth of God's love with others.



Quilting Mentors

What started out as a casual conversation between the pastor's wife and the Sunday school superintendent about getting children interested in sewing, turned into a heart-warming project that benefited many. Over a five-week period, LWML members from **Holy Trinity, Terryville, Connecticut**, spent Sunday afternoons mentoring Sunday school students who created baby quilts for the local **Crisis Pregnancy Center**. One boy exclaimed, "This is so fun! I've never sewed before!"



Quilts Used as Outreach

The **Peacemakers** at **Peace Lutheran in Galloway Township, New Jersey**, meet twice a year to tie quilts that are sent to **Lutheran World Relief**. They also make layettes and health kits that are donated to local charities.

Quilts for the Military

Nearly 2,000 "Camo Quilts" have been made by women in the **South Wisconsin District LWML**. The quilts are given to those serving in the military. Made from camouflage material, they are light-weight for use in hot climates.



Nearly 3,000 Quilts

In the last 15 years, **Trinity Quilters** (an auxiliary of **Trinity LWML, Madison, Nebraska**) of all ages have made over 2,889 quilts with materials donated from the community as well as from other states. Their finished creations are donated to **Orphan Grain Train** and local care agencies.

800 Quilts and Counting ...

Sewing approximately 100 quilts a year for **Orphan Grain Train** and **Lutheran World Relief** during the last eight years keeps 85-year-old **LaVerta Schultze** very busy. Working from her home in **Nebraska**, she has also sewn 500 Care Bears and articles of clothing, plus bibs and robes for a convalescent home. LaVerta belongs to the **LWML at Trinity Lutheran in Auburn**.

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Prayer Quilts

Quilts created by LWML members at **Calvary, San Lorenzo, California**, are given to those in need of prayer. Each tie on the quilt represents a prayer said for that individual's needs; ties hold the quilt stable just as prayer holds lives together. A card with the church's contact information and an explanation about the prayer is attached, as many quilts are given to those who may not know Jesus as Savior.



Quilts Show Caring

Storm victims in Haiti, residents of youth homes, community residents, and newly-baptized babies at **Our Redeemer in Augusta, Georgia**, have been the recipients of 166 quilts made by **LWML** women. Many in the group also make prayer shawls and lap robes. Seventy-four were distributed last year.



Quilts for Orphan Grain Train

The **Bethlehem Lutheran Church LWML** women in **Altamont, Illinois**, make quilts for **Orphan Grain Train**. Many Lutheran Women in Mission have personally witnessed the use of beautiful quilts as they participate in short-term mission trips around the world.



Sharing God's Love with Quilts

Keenly aware that all glory goes to God, LWML women at **Our Redeemer in Fort Smith, Arkansas**, make and distribute quilts locally, as well as globally via **Lutheran World Relief**. Some of the lap quilts they create are donated to a local hospice facility.



1931 Signature Quilt

A signature quilt made by members of the women's group at **Immanuel Lutheran in Netawaka, Kansas**, in 1931 was displayed recently when they celebrated their 86th anniversary of serving the Lord. At the same time, **Hulda Atwater** [front row, center] was honored for her 69 years of dedicated service.