



Camrose quilters mark beginning of Advent

Parishioners arriving for the first Sunday in Advent services at Messiah Lutheran, Camrose, Alberta, found their sanctuary adorned with dozens of quilts and afghans, all made by the congregation's Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) quilters group. The quilts and afghans served as a visual backdrop for a service that celebrated the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). The service incorporated segments of the CLWR video *One Good Thing* and during the prayer of blessing, worshippers were invited to lay their hands on the quilts that draped over the back of the pews. At the close of the service, representatives of the quilting group followed the pastors out of the sanctuary carrying quilts and We Care kits.

Since September, the Messiah ELW has completed 95 quilts and afghans that will be forwarded to CLWR and the Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP). To learn more about CLWR's We Care quilts and kits program of CLWR, please visit www.clwr.org/what-we-do/.



Messiah Lutheran, Camrose, Alberta sanctuary decorated with quilts for CLWR Sunday. Photo: N. Blacklock

We Care success is piling up

To see evidence of the extent to which Lutherans in Canada have embraced Canadian Lutheran World Relief's We Care program, all one need do is visit our King Edward Street warehouse in Winnipeg. Over the past two months, approximately 3,000 kits have arrived and the warehouse, which looked semi-barren in early October after a shipment to Malawi was loaded, is beginning to fill up again.



We Care kits waiting to be inspected and repacked at CLWR's Winnipeg warehouse. Photo: CLWR

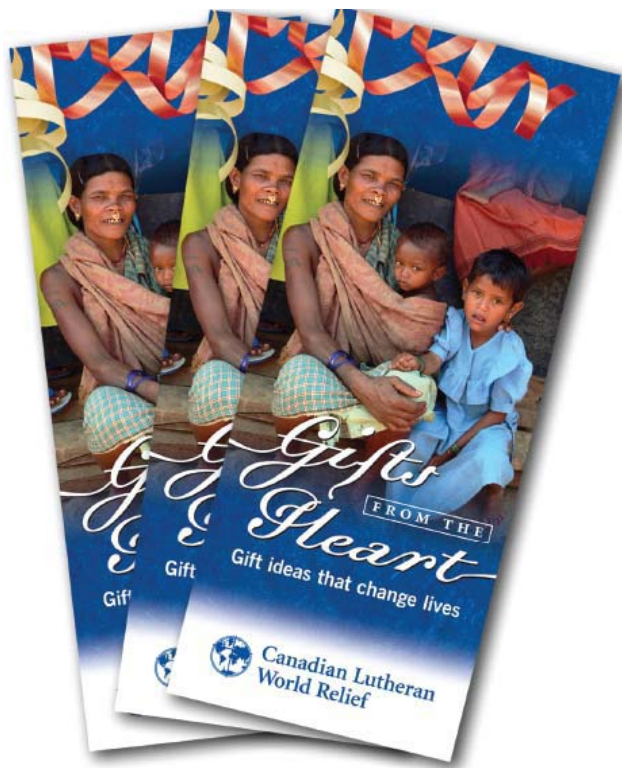
All those kits mean lots of work for our warehouse crew and, if you live in the Winnipeg area, they could really use your help in preparing for our next overseas shipment. Every kit must be inspected to verify that the contents match what will be declared to customs officials at the port of entry. If random checks by such officials uncover any discrepancies, the entire shipment could be rejected.

CLWR supporters in the Winnipeg area who have a little extra time on their hands are invited to call Patrick Stewart to arrange a time to come in and help out with the kits. Groups of

volunteers (e.g., confirmation classes, youth groups) are also welcome and arrangements can be made for volunteering during evening and weekend hours. Please call ahead at 631.0112 or 1.800.661.2597.

Christmas hours at CLWR

The head office of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, its Winnipeg warehouse and Four Corners Alternative Trade store will close for Christmas at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, December 23. The warehouse and the store will remain closed until January 4. The head office, however, will be open on December 29, 30 and 31 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time. Winnipeg area supporters wishing to make a year-end donation may visit our office in Portage Place Mall or call 694.5602. Others are invited to call our toll-free line at 1.800.661.2597. Donations may also be made online at www.clwr.org.



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