

March 10, 2010

The Social Ministry Commission of First Lutheran Church, 301 West Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN, will host its Spring Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, May 15, from 7:30am-12 noon.

We – Lutheran churches from Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa - can help LWR meet the current needs in Haiti and Chile and in other continuing emergency relief situations in parts of Asia and East Africa. **LWR WAREHOUSES HAVE BEEN DEPLETED OF QUILTS AND HEALTH KITS – THE NEED IS URGENT!!!!** Layettes, school kits, and sewing kits are needed during the different stages of recovery efforts. Bars of soap can be the difference between good health and disease.

**SPECIFIC ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES** for all projects are available online at: [lwr.org/beinvolved](http://lwr.org/beinvolved) or by requesting a free “Be Involved” project handbook from the LWR resource center at 1.800.LWR.LWR2. The First Lutheran office also has copies.

**REMINDERS:**

- \*Toothpaste cannot be included in the Health Kits.  
Boxes must be labeled: **HEALTH KITS / NO TOOTHPASTE**  
We will open and check any boxes not labeled correctly.
- \*Bath-size bars of soap are preferred.
- \***ONLY LIKE ITEMS** in **SEPARATE, STURDY BOXES**
- \*Use **PACKAGING TAPE** to secure boxes – **NO CORD, DUCT, OR MASKING TAPE.**
- \***LABEL** box **CONTENTS** - include your **PARISH NAME & ADDRESS.**
- \***NO BOXES OVER 40 POUNDS** (consideration for workers!!)

ASSEMBLE some kits. SEW a quilt. COLLECT bars of soap. We hope to FILL our St. Paul LWR warehouse-bound semi-truck trailer with donations. Any monetary donations will be forwarded to LWR for its transportation expenses.

Contact our church office with any questions - by phone: 507-373-6424; or by email: [firstoffice@lcal.org](mailto:firstoffice@lcal.org)

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Church Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilts \_\_\_\_\_ Health Kits \_\_\_\_\_ Layettes \_\_\_\_\_ School Kits \_\_\_\_\_

Soap \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing Kits \_\_\_\_\_ Monetary Donation \_\_\_\_\_