



You might ask: Who are the “Cheerful Comforters”?

- 1. Who are the Cheerful Comforters?** They are quilters. They are 6 - 9 women of Grace Lutheran Church who love to work with fabric and make quilts. The quilters are an extension of LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League). They make approximately 100 quilts a year to send to Lutheran World Relief. They also donate to the local schools for their fundraising efforts. They have donated to other local organizations as well. They also make receiving blankets and small quilts for Randall Children’s Hospital in Portland.
- 2. Where do they get their fabric, thread, backs and batting?** They go to fabric stores and garage/estate sales. Some people donate their fabric when they understand this is a mission project and where the quilts go all over the world. They order the batting from different places. They collect new and slightly used flat sheets for the backs of the quilts. If need be, they dye the white sheets and white fabrics. They accept any cotton fabrics, including curtains and tablecloths. At that point, it is just fabric. They can cut it into the right sized squares to be used for squares.
- 3. What happens to the quilts after they are sewn together?** They get boxed up by the quilters twice a year, May & October, and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- 4. How do the quilt boxes get to Lutheran World Relief?** They have a member who drives the boxes to a central gathering place in Beaverton. Then they go on a train to Minnesota where they are repacked and sent all over the world.
- 5. How do they know where their quilts go?** This is the first year that they have a tracking number to put on their boxes to show where in the world their quilts actually go. Check out the chart in the Fellowship Hall above the purple LWML table to see where quilts and other LWR gatherings are shipped.
- 6. How does Grace Lutheran Church help in this mission field?** The church members donate fabrics and threads to be used. The church collects donated money to send the boxed quilts to LWR.
- 7. How can I help?** You can help by donating unwanted cotton fabrics and/or new or slightly used flat sheets. You can come and see how this process works and how you can fit in. The youngest “girl” is 10 years old. If you know how to tie a square knot, cut with scissors or even use a sewing machine, there is a place for you! The Cheerful Comforters meet every Wednesday at the church from 9am – 12pm. Sometimes they show up for an hour or the whole time. They have a lot of fun. They come up with some really nice looking and some wild looking quilts, but they seem to work out for a nice quilt for someone less fortunate who needs it.

Many Hands Make Light Work, come join the fun! Wednesdays 9-12, rain or shine!