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OGT-Lincoln Shares with Capital City

OGT - Lincoln Collection Center shared needed items to 20 different agencies or churches in the Lincoln area last month. Clothing, medical supplies, household items, linens, bicycles, Bibles and hymnals, hygiene and school supplies and crib mattresses were some of the requested items that were given away. Thank you, to all the donors and volunteers who shared items and time to care for people in need.

Photos are of just a few of the agencies that received items.





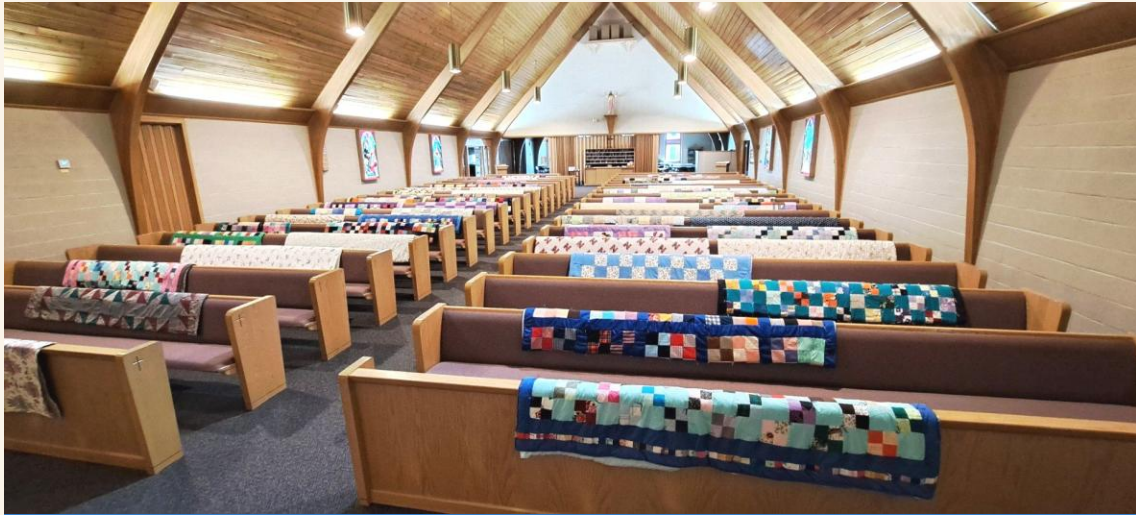


Steadfast Crew of Volunteers

OGT - Indiana has a steadfast crew of volunteers that show up every week to sort, pack and do whatever else that needs to be done to complete the mission. The first two photos show the Thursday regular volunteers John, Sandy, Melba, Carol, Elaine (BR), Nellie (FR), Annis, Norma and Gene. Mary, Elinor, Jane and Irene with Harold and Larry in the back. The Wednesday crew are Greg, Jan, Cathy and Mary. Together, they have accumulated over 193 years serving at Orphan Grain Train - Indiana. We thank you for all you do at the Jonesville branch. Praise God!



Osmond Congregation Blesses
OGT with 57 Handmade Quilts



Fifty-seven beautiful quilts brightened the church on Sunday morning at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond, Nebraska. The quilters of these treasures shared them with the congregation that morning in a lovely display that added color and beauty to the worship service. The quilts were then folded and boxed and brought to Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska to be distributed domestically or internationally. Thank you!

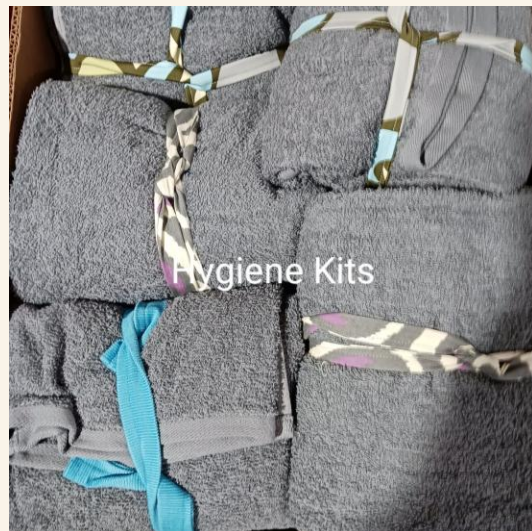


LWML Iowa West Ladies Bless Many Through Service Project

Twenty-seven women from LWML Iowa West District, Mapleton Zone volunteered at the Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove last Wednesday morning. The many hands that came to do the work accomplished a great

deal of sorting and packing while they were there. Thank you ladies, for volunteering at Orphan Grain Train – Iowa West and making this your service project. You are a blessing to many!

OGT Wisconsin Sends Aid to Peru



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Wisconsin sent a container loaded with 71,280 Kids Against Hunger/Food for Kidz meals, 4,352 lbs. of non-perishable food, clothing, bedding, diapers and medical equipment.

The ODP Jesuitas del Peru will be receiving this shipment to share in the Callao and Lima area.

Thank you Wisconsin volunteers for carefully packing each box and including bikes and school kits in the load as well.

Annual Volunteer Tradition



Six women from Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska made their annual visit to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Monday morning. They volunteered three hours sorting and packing clothes. Thank you, Joyce, Joan, Jean, Karen, Joyce and Mary for making this a regular event that you do together!

School is happening and Macy, Kadie, Jacob and Tiffany Prothman were at Orphan Grain Train Servant Center Norfolk on Monday making school kits. They each purchased with their own money the items needed to fill the backpacks and then came to the warehouse to put them together and donate the finished bags. **Thank you Prothman family for**

making school kits for the new school year so that they can be shared with students who need them.



Additional News

OGT Maryland

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

Our warehouse is currently overflowing with boxes of Bomba socks and clothing donations. We have scheduled an extra day for volunteers to come sort and pack up these items. The warehouse will be open on the following day: **Saturday, August 16th, 2025 9:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. noon** We can certainly use your help! Please e-mail Elfie Eberle at elfieeberle@gmail.com to let her know if you are coming or if you have any questions. **Feel free to bring a friend or two. Hope to see you there! Thank you, in advance, for supporting our mission!**

Weekly Devotion

By Paul Leckband

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When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars

representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said: we will obey.” Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Exodus 24:3-8

“Everything the Lord has said we will do.”

Some years ago, I heard a startling statistic. After confirmation, half of the confirmands cease going to church. By their early twenties, another half stop attending church. That means that 75% of all confirmands—who have professed their faith publicly—are no longer active in Word and Sacrament and worship before they even turn 30!

Before we get too judgmental, let’s remember that even though we may confess, “Everything the Lord has said we will do,” we still live in a world filled with temptation: constant assaults by the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. It’s all too easy to lapse in our commitment to the Lord. The children of Israel avowed, “Everything the Lord has said we will do.” Sadly, we know how that worked out for them. Sometimes that’s how it works for us, too.

On our own, we cannot hope to know the true God and follow His will for our lives. But just as “Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws,” and just as Moses “took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people,” we, too, are given the opportunity to abide in God’s Word.

We do this through our own personal devotions, Bible reading, prayer, and regular worship. God's grace is promised to us, and He gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to Him.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever . . . to the One who remembered us in our low estate, His love endures forever; And freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever . . . Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.” Amen.

Psalms 136:1, 23-24, 26



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