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Trivia Night!

OGT Houston

Servant Center & Warehouse

Saturday

February 28, 2026

5 pm

Join us for a casual, adult, evening of exciting trivia competition and reflection on how God's goodness has blessed the OGT ministry. Scan the QR code below or [click here](#) to sign up individually or as a team of up to six. Your participation will support the ministry outreach of OGT Houston.

Trivia Night will be Saturday, February 28 starting at 5:00 pm with social time, fajita dinner, and trivia in the OGT Servant Center & Warehouse.

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Trivia Night QR Code

**Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Gives Grant
Check to Orphan Grain Train**



Tom Watson, Orphan Grain Train donor relation specialist, accepts a Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) grant for Orphan Grain Train from Anne Hartman, LWML National Vice-President of Gospel Outreach. The grant check is in the amount of \$100,000. This event took place in Phoenix at the Best Practices Ministry Conference on February 12-14. Thank

you, Lutheran Women in Mission! We watch with respect all that you do in the name of Christ.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV

Saint Peter's LWML - Forestville, WI and St.

Mark's - Wausau, WI Donate and Deliver to OGT

Wisconsin



Saint Peter's Lutheran Church Lutheran Women in Mission /
LWML in Forestville, WI packed 60 Baby Layettes and
delivered them to the packing crew at St. Mark's Lutheran
Church in Wausau, WI. Volunteers from St. Mark's in Wausau
will deliver the kits to the Orphan Grain Train branch in
Westfield, WI. **Thank you, ladies for your many
years of putting these kits together and**

making sure they arrive in the OGT branch in Westfield to be shared with new mothers around the world.

St. John's Lutheran Church Youth Make Kits for Others



Middle and high school students from St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, NE had a "lock in" recently and one

of their "lock in" activities was to make hygiene kits. Deanna Anderson, the youth group leader, organized this event and delivered the finished kits along with throw blankets. All of these items will be packed into OGT boxes, inventoried and quickly picked for a domestic or international load. Thank you, Deanna for organizing this event. **Thank you, St. John's youth group volunteers for the energy you put into making the kits and the added blankets.**

OGT Norfolk



Action for Progress in Lilongwe, Malawi celebrated the arrival of a container of food from Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. These are photos taken during the distribution of the Mercy Meals. 213, 840 rice meals and 42,768 rice and beans meals were sent in the shipment that arrived in the fall of 2025. We are so grateful for the many groups that gather to produce these fortified meals.

"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and
plants for people to cultivate-bringing
forth food from the earth."

Psalm 104:14 NIV

OGT Phoenix







Orphan Grain Train Phoenix volunteers attended Best Practices Ministry conference February 12-14, 2026. This is a conference hosted by Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. This is a completely free conference to remind professional and lay church workers that they are loved, they are not alone and that they matter. Over 2,000 people from all over

the United States, attended this event. The Phoenix Branch set up their weaving loom and wove six sleeping mats, made from recycled plastic bags. This activity drew many attendees to their exhibit table where they shared what OGT is all about. At the Phoenix location, the sleeping mats are given to local homeless organizations and a food bank. These are in high demand all year long.

Photographs, top to bottom:

Attendees helping weave a mat.

One of the sleeping mats with a cross design.

Jean Weber, branch volunteer coordinator, Gayle Roberts, branch volunteer, Susan Thomas, branch secretary and Tom Watson, OGT Donor Relation Specialist.

OGT Lincoln





Orphan Grain Train Lincoln, Nebraska had a beautiful day, Thursday, February 26, 2026 to pack their first container for South Sudan. The group loaded 86,184 Mercy Meals, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, Bibles, shoes, quilts and sewing machines and fabric for a total of 1,811 boxes with a weight of 44,727 pounds. Thank you, volunteers

and Brian Nelson from Diamond DR Trucking.

"The Lord gives strength to His people; the
Lord blesses His people with peace."

Psalm 29:11 NIV

**St. Mark's Methodist Church Packs Mercy Meals
for OGT Lincoln Shipment to South Sudan**



On Sunday, February 15, 2026, St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE packed 77,854 Mercy Meals at a MM packing event at their church from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Over 350 volunteers packed the fortified meals for an Orphan Grain Train Lincoln shipment to South Sudan set to load next week. Thank you, St. Mark's volunteers for your tremendous turnout of people and what they

accomplished in four in half hours!

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care."

Psalm 95: 6-7 NIV

OGT Phoenix



On February 7, 2026, a group of nineteen women from the Superstition Sunrise Resort, in Apache Junction, AZ, made 25 girl and 25 boy layette kits. This event was led by Carol

Wrede, an Arizona winter resident from Norfolk, NE. Carol's husband, Bernie Wrede, is on the National Orphan Grain Train Board of Directors. Carol used a Thrivent Action Fund Card to help pay for the supplies needed. The OGT Phoenix Branch is grateful for these Layette kits. Besides the layette kits, Bernie and Carol collected clothing and other items for OGT Phoenix. **Thank you, to everyone who participated in this event with such enthusiasm. Orphan Grain Train is grateful to Thrivent and for their Thrivent Action Cards that allow members to build kits to share with others.**

OGT Wisconsin



Republic of Benin, Africa - OGT Wisconsin is the first branch to ship to this country! On February 11, 2026, a crew of willing volunteers loaded a container with 47,520 Kids Against Hunger/Food for Kidz fortified meals, almost 9,000 lbs. of non-perishable food, clothing and blankets and linens. In addition, there are hygiene kits, supplies and medical equipment packed into this load. The Mission d'Évangélisation Jésus-Revient (M.E.J.R.) is the recipient of this generous load of items. May the Lord greatly bless this container as it makes it way to the continent of Africa and into the hands of this new recipient in the

country of the Republic of Benin.

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives up power, love and self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

OGT Norfolk



Orphan Grain Train Norfolk loaded 22 used church pews for a shipment to Liberia. Also, loaded on the container are 14,256 Mercy Meals, clothing for men, women and children, 70 boxes of women's footwear, 35 hygiene kits, and 105 boxes of bedding. Thank you, once again to all the volunteers who played a vital part in filling this container with valuable items (Thank you, Christ Lutheran School for the wonderful Valentine's notes ❤️) Lutheran AID Ministries (LAM) in Harbel, Liberia is the recipient of this load.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 NIV

Lincoln Business Volunteers



Core Wealth Management of Lincoln, Nebraska volunteered at Orphan Grain Train Lincoln on Friday, February 20. They packed 4,752 rice and veggie meals in 1.5 hours. The fortified Mercy Meals can be shared with people in the United States and around the world. Thank you, Core Wealth Management for being a part of the packing of meals for people needing nutritional food.

"He replied, "You give them something to eat."

Luke 9:13 NIV

OGT Norfolk







Thank You to Our Medical Supply Volunteers!

Our very first Monthly Medical Supply Sorting & Packing Night was an inspiring success. Thanks to the wonderful leadership of Karen Mangels and the dedication of our volunteers, we packed 48 international boxes and 20 domestic boxes, and sorted an impressive amount of donated medical supplies. These items will be heading to medical clinics in Ghana later this month, where they will support lifesaving work.

Thank you to Karen Mangels - for organizing and guiding the evening, our medical professionals who generously shared their time and expertise, and our faithful donors - whose gifts make this ministry possible. Your service brings hope and healing to people you may never meet,

and that is a beautiful thing.

Our next Medical Supply Sorting & Packing Night will be held on March 12. We look forward to another meaningful evening of fellowship and service.

Generosity Blesses Others



Gina Roth and colleagues at Premier Hair Studio organized a hygiene and sock drive at their business during the months of February and March to support Orphan Grain Train Lincoln's Ministry. Thank you, Gina and Premier Hair Studio for making

OGT Lincoln the recipient of items that can be shared with others!

Thank you, Premier Hair Studio clients for participating in this hygiene and sock drive!

OGT Milbank, SD



This is a sampling of the 296 toddler quilts made by Gina - a generous woman, for Orphan Grain Train Milbank, SD Collection Center this week. Thank you, Gina for these wonderful quilts!

Saint John Lutheran Church, Cedar

Rapids, NE Donates 5000 Quilts



5000 Quilts Sent to Mission Work!

The Tuesday Morning Quilters achieved their goal of 5000 quilts being sent to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk for distribution worldwide last week! Tuesday Morning Quilters began in 2013 as

the St. John Lutheran Quilters. As the group grew, and included more ladies from around the area, the name was changed to Tuesday Morning Quilters. Four women began the effort as a way to clean out their closets of unused blankets, sheets, and material “stashes” that were piling up. These ladies were Mary Morgan (deceased), Opal Mogensen and Bernice Hunt (now in the nursing home), and Kay Swerczek (who still heads up the group).

The Tuesday Morning Quilters meets in the St. John Lutheran Church basement weekly on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. They gather to cut, sew, tie, layer, and more. The group enjoys fellowship during their Tuesday morning sewing and feel they are making a difference for the world by sending warmth, love and support through a simple quilt.

As the word spread throughout the surrounding area about their mission work efforts, donations started appearing on their worktables in the church basement. People from all over Boone and Nance Counties, and beyond, seem to leave them material, sheets, light blankets, and more to keep their group going. Many times, they have started getting low on these supplies, only to

show up the next week and find that someone has left them another large pile to work with! God does provide for them!

The Tuesday Morning Quilters uses Thrivent Action Team applications to receive \$250 to buy items such as: batting, material, thread, scissors, bags for transporting quilts and any other supplies needed. The Orphan Grain Train always sends them a thank you card after each delivery to tell them where their handywork is being sent in the world. Some stay stateside, especially during disasters, but most have been sent to the Ukraine in recent years.

The group also gives a nice baby quilt to all new babies in the community as a local outreach project. The group has grown in members over the years, and we have lost a few as they age. Not all members come every week, and some just cut blocks or sew at home and bring items to the church. Sometimes other family needs come first, but all attend when they can to keep the mission work going.

We are so thankful for all who lend a helping hand. Present and

past helpers are: Mary Morgan (deceased), Opal Mogensen, Bernice Hunt, Kay Swerczek, Liz Keehn, Judy Hunt, Renee Ostrander, Judy Imus, Noreen Moseman, Maria Moseman, Veronica Pfeifer, Diane Buettner, Pat Kolm, Shelley Towey, Bonnie McPhillips and Sue McIntyre.

The quilting group hopes to continue its sewing efforts for years to come and welcome anyone who wants to help out. It's a come as you are able group. If you have any donations you would like to give, you may leave them at St. John Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids or contact any of the above members to arrange a pickup option. We will keep spreading God's love and warmth – one quilt at a time! Thank you, Tuesday Morning Quilters!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people
live together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1 NIV

Joy in Sewing and Sharing!





This quilt top was pieced by Deb Geisler from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska and finished by Suzie Ziegler from Syracuse/St John's Tecumseh. The pocket cross was made by Roger Potratz in Seward, Nebraska and donated to local veterans by the David Staenberg Family Foundation of Lincoln, Nebraska. This is a great example of the Body of

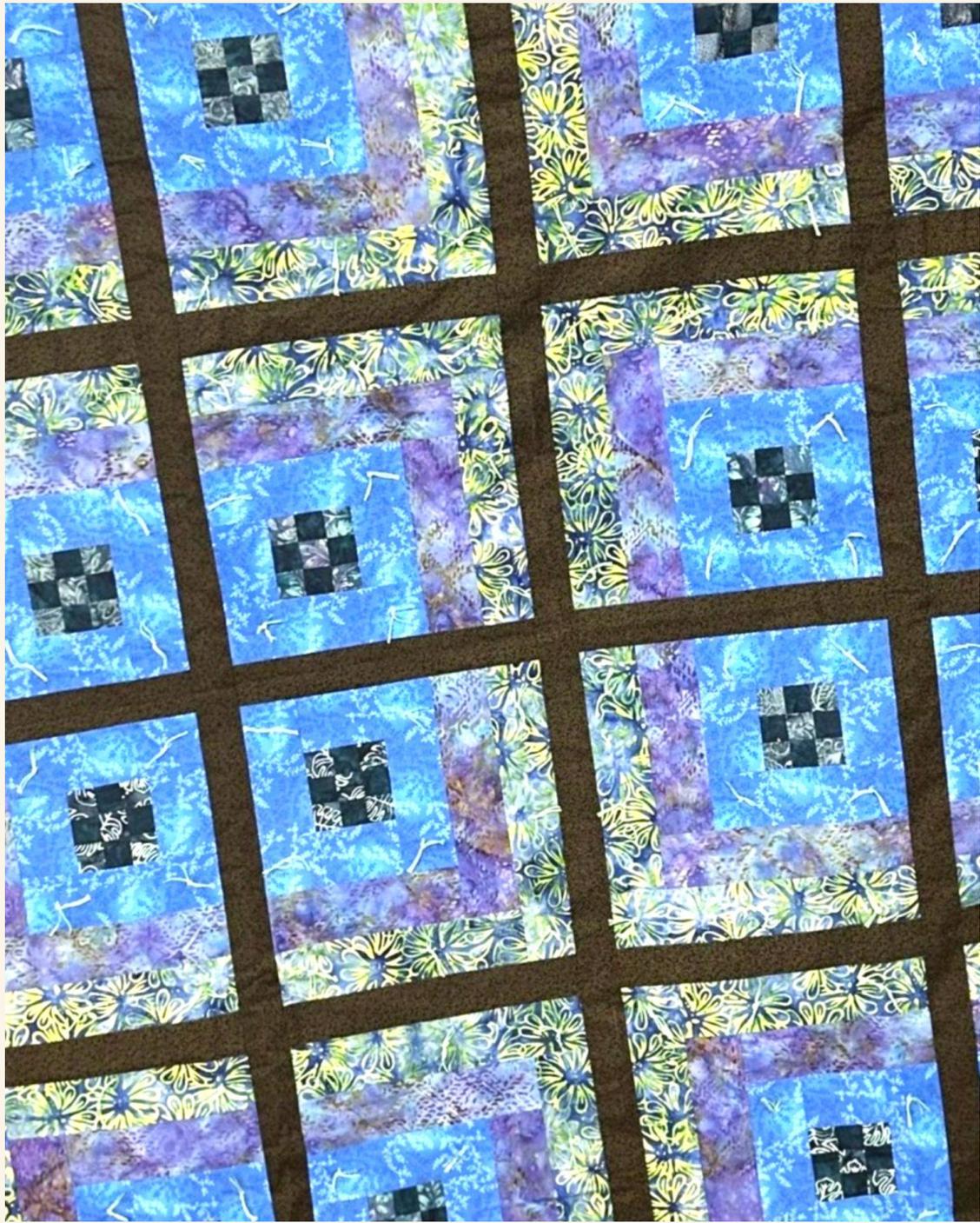
Christ working together to serve the Lord.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:4-5 NIV

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Do you recognize this quilt?

QUILT #14

of Orphan Grain Train. Quilts were included on the first shipments to Latvia and Russia in 1993, and were given to children in orphanages.

Orphan Grain Train accepts quilts and blankets in all sizes, year-round.

All 27 Orphan Grain Train branches and collection centers receive donated quilts which are shipped by OGT to people in need both domestically and internationally.

Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Trees: The first settlers who headed into the Great Plains were in for a shock. Where were the trees? Mostly what they saw were endless miles of tall-grass and short-grass prairies. Well, there were a few trees, mostly cottonwoods growing along creeks. There were so few trees that many of those pioneers had to build their first homes out of sod. And that's why they were called sodbusters!

The Old Testament speaks of “trees” in today’s Scripture. “But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.” And why is he “who trusts in the Lord . . . like a tree planted by the water?” Jeremiah continues: “It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Our faith is like “a tree planted by the water.” The “fruit” is the saving faith that comes to us from the Living Water, Jesus Christ. Will we encounter “heat” and “a year of drought” in our lives? Yes. Even or especially for Christians, we will face some challenging times. Praise God! We can have “confidence in Him” to deliver us from all our calamities.

Dear Father, deliver us from evil. In Your Son’s name we pray. Amen.



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