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ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CONVENTION 2026

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2026

Relief for Human Need Worldwide ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NORFOLK SERVANT CENTER & MIDTOWN EVENT CENTER NORFOLK, NEBRASKA



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 4:00** Opening of Convention
- Ysleta Mariachi Band from Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas
 - Karla Gonzalez – Interim Executive Director of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso
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- 5:00** Three-Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
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- 5:15** Dinner - Paul's Paellas from San Diego
- Introduction by Paul Dimech
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- 6:15** Bar open
- Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
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- 6:30** A conversation with Rev. Ray S. Wilke
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- 7:30** Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
- Silent Auction Final Bids and Three-Quilt Auction Winners
 - Proceed to Checkout and Pickup your Treasures
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- 8:00** Concordia Seward Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:45** Doors open at Midtown Event Center
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- 8:30** Pastor Brad Birtell
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- 8:50** Toi Carter/Pastor Manning – New Orleans
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- 9:30** North Carolina Disaster Recovery
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- 10:15** Break
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- 10:30** Dr. Pieper or Hyannis Connection/ Jamaica Water Demonstration
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- 11:00** Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine/Kirk and Brian Rosin

12:00 TO FAIR WELL

Finish up speakers/lunch served either as sit-down for conversation or to-go boxes offered



QUILT AUCTION

Orphan Grain Train will once again have a quilt auction. This year, twelve quilts will be juried by three professional quilters and auctioned Friday evening. We are asking that all quilts donated be new, stitched, not tied and of good quality. Since space is limited, only one quilt will be accepted from each donor or organization. There is no set size or quilt style. ALL quilts have to be received at the home office in Norfolk, NE before **August 1, 2026** and clearly marked "For Quilt Auction." If you have any questions, please contact Kamryn at (402) 371-7393



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Please mention that you are with Orphan Grain Train, tax not included with price.



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Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, 2026, is Orphan Grain Train's National Convention. Registration for this event is happening now. Go to www.ogt.org to sign up online or print off the registration form to mail to Norfolk.

Wildfire Disaster Relief / Nebraska









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As rain is making grass grow again in some areas, Orphan Grain Train is assisting in the replacement of fences after the western Nebraska fires that ignited and burned in mid-March of 2026. Volunteers drove to Farnam, Nebraska on May 4, 2026 as a fencing reconnaissance crew. De Wayne Erickson, Walt Rosenbaum, Nick Weber and Ross Nelson trailed a

side-by-side, skid steer loader, hydraulic post auger, hydraulic post pounder, skid steer bucket and forklift forks. So far, they have taken out and put in almost three-quarter mile of fencing through the straight-a-ways and the ravines. They are hoping to return to the area soon. Thank you, Farnam Community Center ladies for providing a warm and delicious noon meal to DeWayne, Ross, Walt and Nick during their time there this past week. Thank you to this crew for agreeing to lead on this mission and to all the donors who have supported the delivery of hay, fencing supplies and the aid to western Nebraska.

For in Him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, "We are His offspring."

Acts 17:28 NIV

Wildfire Disaster Relief / Nebraska





On Thursday April 30, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Lincoln branch manager, Jim Carter and OGT truck driver Danny Pollock, loaded a flat bed of donated disaster relief supplies for western Nebraska ranchers after the wildfires. OGT will continue to bring hay and fencing supplies to the western

Nebraska area in the next few months.

Thank you, to all of the donors who have shared hay, fencing supplies and monetary support for disaster relief in western Nebraska.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

OGT Wisconsin / Ukraine









Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin's container to Ukraine arrived safely in Lutsk. The food, clothing and bicycles were greatly appreciated. Thank you, OGT Wisconsin for another bountiful load of items that can be shared with so many people in the Ukraine area.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

1 Corinthians 5:17

OGT Indiana / Kentucky



Orphan Grain Train Indiana volunteers filled an 18-foot trailer with furniture, preschool chairs, clothing and shoes, 66 boxes of Love the Hungry fortified meals, bikes and blankets. On April 24, Lance, an OGT Indiana volunteer, delivered the trailer to Manna from Heaven in Myra, Kentucky. Thank you, OGT Indiana volunteers for gathering, sorting and filling this trailer with usable items that can be shared with others.

I am the One Who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from Me.

Hosea 14:8 NLT

OGT Lincoln / Haiti





On April 27, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Lincoln loaded a container for Haiti with 924 boxes of Mercy Meals and 57 boxes of Mercy Meals rice and beans, along with medical

supplies, feminine kits, shoes, and bedding and quilts. Thank you, to all the volunteers and donors who sewed the kits, donated the items and prepared this load. As this shipment makes its way by land and sea, we pray for its safe arrival and that the name and character of Jesus is shared with its recipients.

Platte River Academy / OGT Castle Rock



In April, nine Platte River Academy student volunteers and two moms packed well over 100 boxes of clothes at Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock. This group did a stellar job and had fun at the same time. Three Castle Rock volunteers assisted this group-Chuck and Jean pictured on the right, and Mike, doubling as the photographer. Thank you Platte River Academy volunteers from Highlands Ranch, Colorado for spending your day at OGT Castle Rock. Thank you, OGT Castle Rock volunteer leaders for showing up and leading the way. Thank you for serving in the name of Christ.

Farm Bureau Credit Union / OGT Norfolk



In April, fourteen Farm Bureau Credit Union employees from all around the Midwest visited Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. The group toured the central office and the Servant Center before going into the packing room to sort and pack three bunkers of bedding, linens and blankets. Thank you, Farm Bureau employees for making OGT one of your stops along the way. We welcome any groups that want to come to the Servant Center and join us in our mission to bring relief to people near and far. There are 27 OGT locations. There may

be one near you. Check out our branch locations

at www.ogt.org

St. John's Lutheran School / OGT Norfolk



A group of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their leader, Pastor Fittje, from St. John's Lutheran School in Columbus spent the day with Orphan Grain Train Norfolk last week. What a fantastic group! Pastor Fittje led this group in their eagerness for folding fitted sheets. 😊 Thank you, for volunteering at OGT Norfolk and for your joyful enthusiasm. We enjoyed the time you spent with us.

OGT Adopt-an-Orphanage Update

EXCITING NEWS! OGT has established an Adopt-an-Orphanage in Ukraine, and we have begun supporting ten institutions. The Kmitiv, Korosten, Nadiya, & Volyn Orphanages are badly in need of help. For more information, email Paul Leckband: pleckband@ogt.org.

OGT Norfolk / May 14, 2026



Norfolk Area Reminder:

Orphan Grain Train Norfolk Servant Center will sort medical items again this coming Thursday, May 14, 2026. Health care professionals and anyone who wants to help are welcome to come anytime between 1 PM and 8 PM. You do not need to stay the entire time but any time you can donate would be very welcome. Hope to see you then.

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #25

Do you recognize these quilts?

Every quilt has a story. **This is a beautiful quilt that was donated to Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock.**

Many beautiful and unique quilts are shared with Orphan Grain Train, but not their story. Quilts are sewn into the history 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



A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.

John 13:34-35

By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. (John 13: 34-35)

The Stakes Are Raised: Almost everyone is probably aware of the Golden Rule. It dates back to the Old Testament. The Lord, speaking through Moses, says, “. . . love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lev. 19:18b) Jesus quoted this as the second greatest commandment in Mark 12:31.

That’s why the disciples may have been perplexed when, in the Upper Room on the night when He was betrayed, Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” You mean it’s not enough to love our neighbor as we love ourselves? We have to love our neighbor as Jesus has loved us? And how did Jesus prove His love? Why, He laid down His life for us! Loving our neighbor as ourselves, loving others, can be a selfish kind of love. We may love others because we seek something in return. Jesus calls for a selfless, sacrificial kind of love, and He is the role model for such love. He loved us

enough to die for all sinners, for all who our undeserving of His love. “If (we) love one another,” as Jesus loves us, we give testimony to others that we are driven by God’s love and not by our own selfish purposes.

Lord Jesus, teach us to love others as You love us. Amen.



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