

While we have not had an opportunity to meet in person in 2020, the LCI women's group and other members of the congregation have continued their ministry of making quilts and other items for donation. We wanted to share with council and the congregation the magnitude of these efforts. In 2020, the women's group and LCI members have donated the following:

- 94 quilts to Empower Yolo¹
- 85 quilts to the Yolo Crisis Nursery²
- 580 face masks to various charities
- 6 quilts to LCI graduating seniors.
- 37 quilts to Lutheran World Relief
- 17 baby receiving blankets and afghans to Lutheran World Relief
- 10 quilts plus 6 team quilts for Stitches of Love³
- 16 quilts to the Linus Project⁴
- 5 comfort quilts for the Sutter Davis Infusion Center

Further, in the last few years, 27 comfort quilts have been gifted to LCI members who experience medical challenges. Quilters purchase the material, batting, and thread and also use fabric donated to LCI. They pay for professional quilting with a long arm machine when used. Additionally, the women's group and friends cover the cost of mailing the donations to Lutheran World Relief.

The quilts to Empower Yolo ranged in size from lap size (54X68) to twin bed (56X84) or larger. Those to Yolo Crisis Nursery included baby quilts (36X45), lap size, or twin bed size. Graduating senior quilts were twin bed size while Lutheran World Relief quilts were at least 60X80. Quilts at retail range from \$35 to \$300 or more depending on size and design. Face masks on Amazon sell for \$10 to \$15 each. In total, these contributions represent a significant savings for the recipients as well as a gift of a unique individually designed item.

We welcome anyone interested in learning more or wishing to join these endeavors.

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1. Empower Yolo: Safe shelter for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault/human trafficking, crisis line, restraining orders, family legal services, therapy, housing referrals, food referrals & distribution, health insurance by appointment, emergency clothing, hygiene products, diapers, case management, and other services as needed.

2. Yolo Crisis Nursery: Our programs promote child safety, positive parenting, education, and mental health, and improve the healthy functioning of families. Through our portfolio of programs, we provide services to over 7,000 children and 4,300 families each year.

3. Thriving Pink, Stitches of Love: An open sewing and knitting groups that makes quilts, face masks, and heart-shaped mastectomy recovery pillows for local breast cancer survivors.

4. Project Linus a nonprofit organization that provides quilts and pillowcases to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Following are photos of a few of the quilts donated this year to illustrate the variety of designs.





