

***“Mighty Moses/Car Mat”***

‘Mighty Moses’ is for young boys in crisis or need. Moses is a monkey who protects and watches over his “home” that comes in the form of a car mat which features a church with doors that open and says “Jesus Loves You” (cars are included). The car mat and cuddle blanket are each handmade.



***“Building Blocks for Mighty Moses”***



‘Mighty Moses’ also loves to build. Building blocks made by “Chips Off the Old Block” come in many shapes, sizes and colors of wood. Our hope is that little boys in need or crisis can feel the satisfaction of creating something with their own hands and having some control over their special creations.

***“Baptismal Cloths for Haiti”***

Through IOWAY (Individual Outreach With Adults and Youth), our mission of love reaches all the way to Haiti! We lovingly embroider and hand-hem baptismal cloths that are sent to Haiti by IOWAY. What a sweet blessing to be a part of baptisms in Haiti!

***“Start’em Young Quilters”***

Sewing with the youth of our church is a special time that adults and youth work together. Our youth sew prayer pillows, pillowcases, teddy bears, and quilts to give to others. It is such fun to see their excitement when a project is completed! Every item is prayed over and then given to someone that ‘they feel is in need’.



***“Happy Hands”***

Those who enjoy knitting and crocheting also contribute to our mission by making hats, scarves, slippers and afghans. These items are distributed with the help of the Kossuth County CARE Team.

***“CARE Team”***

The Kossuth County CARE Team helps us reach out to both children and adults in our community and surrounding area. Our prayer is that they will feel the love that goes into the creation of each item they receive.



***“Chips off the Old Block”***

Kids are special, especially those in need. This Algona woodworking group helps us with this need and has made beautiful trucks and blocks, sanded and hand-rubbed to perfection, to help provide comfort. Jesus was a carpenter and knew the "impact of wood transformed." Countless hearts have forever been touched...thank you Chips!

***“Kossuth County Cancer Support Foundation”***

Cancer robs... We help the foundation give back by way of quilts, Friendship Faith, Mighty Moses and teddy bears. Comfort is found in "giving" and we do that "together!"

***“Bible Camp Quilt Auction”***

Camp Okoboji, the Missouri Synod Lutheran Bible Camp, raises funds for summer Bible Camp with a quilt auction. Quilts are donated to support all youth who attend camp.

***“Lutheran Family Services”***

In 2015 ‘Friendship Faith’, ‘Baby Faith’ and ‘Mighty Moses’ began helping the counselors from Lutheran Family Services all across Iowa work with children in need of counseling. We pray that these monkeys and dolls will help each of these young people in the healing process.

***“Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, N.D.”***

Christmas is hard for those who have no home to go to....that is the case for one third of the kids at the Ranch. God has commissioned us to "comfort" at this special time with Christmas quilts and teddy bears. God’s love is felt in such a special way....what a gift to both of us!

***“Orphan Grain Train”***

These quilts have been sewn by the TLC Quilters for many years and are created to help support and uplift those here in the United States as well as around the world who are in need or have been struck by disaster.



**Meeting Times:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:30 – 9:30pm (Sept –May)  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 3:00pm (year round)

Start’em Young (age 8+)  
Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 am (Summer)

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*It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than all the seeds that are upon the earth, yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbs, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof. Mark 4:31-32*

The seed that was planted began with a sermon in the spring of 2011 about the importance of adults connecting with our youth and helping them grow in their faith. That sermon inspired our members to create a quilt with special meaning to give to each of our new confirmands.

***“The Journey of Faith Quilt”***

Each Confirmand receives a quilt created especially to uplift them. The color palette is inspired by the water of baptism (blue), the Holy Spirit (gold), and the blood shed for them by Jesus (red). The blue and red hold



the gold (the Holy Spirit) “within”, just like it is “within” the Confirmands. The gold blocks are “tied” to show that the Confirmands are a “light to the world”. The three colors represent the Trinity and also represent our Church Family, Trinity Lutheran. The quilts are “bound by hand” in the color blue, which represents Heaven or Eternity, and the quilts are lovingly called their “Journey of Faith” quilts.

Our ‘*mustard seed*’ continues to grow and put out branches beyond our community. Little did the quilters know that God had greater plans to share His love through us. The “Journey of Faith Quilt” was also the beginning of a “Journey of Faith” for each of the quilters as we have seen our mission expand.

**“Baptismal Quilts”**

These quilts are given to each child at their baptism. Their quilt is a reminder that not only does God love them, but their church family does as well.



**“Joseph’s Coats of Many Colors”**

These quilts are created for our adopted families at Christmas. We make use of our scrap fabrics, which make a bright, colorful quilt. We pray that the recipient will enjoy all the colors and patterns it contains.



**“Power of Touch”**

These quilts are created to help calm those with Alzheimer’s or Autism as well as those in Hospice care. It is a small 36” x 36” quilt made with 18 fabrics with different textures.

**“Fidget Quilts”**

Life is hard sometimes. The fidget quilt was made for those times. We pray alzheimer patients or children suffering from various anxieties can find comfort and feel the peace and love within these quilts.



**“Quilts for Children”**

These quilts are created for children in need within our county. Our quilters have sew much fun creating special quilts for these children and helping them select ‘their’ special quilt at Christmas. We plan for 100 children each year and each child also receives a Christmas Nativity book that explains Jesus’ birth.

**“Quilts for Adults”**

We made quilts for adults in need in our community for the first time in 2014. A brunch was provided before each person selected his or her quilt. We plan for 75 adults each year.



**Eye-Spy Quilts for Kids”**

Eye spy with my little eye! Wonderful comforting quilts for the little ones for fun, for play, or for times they need to occupy their precious little minds. God’s love and our prayers will be felt in a new and different way.....blessings abound!

**“Veterans Quilt and Holy Land Palm Cross”**

Veterans have given much....sew we want to give back. We do that by way of quilts made out of love and prayers and also by giving each veteran an olive wood palm cross from Jerusalem. It is our prayer they feel the love of God and are "comforted" as they cover themselves with their



quilt and hold onto their cross....God bless them for all they have done for all of us. (Please note we have two different quilts available. Red, white and blue and also heavy denim quilts for those suffering with PTSD, both come with palm crosses.)

**“Quilts for Homeless Veterans”**

The Quilts for Homeless Veterans are created with polyester fabrics because of the durability and ease of washing. We pray that those receiving these quilts will feel the appreciation that we have for all that they have done for our country. Many of these quilts are distributed through “Stand Down” in Des Moines, Iowa.

**“The Giving Chair and Bibles”**

“Comfort, comfort ye my people” Isaiah 40:1 is the verse is embroidered on the back of each quilt placed on the “Giving Chair”. This quilt can be taken by any member of our church family to be given to someone they feel is in need. One does not need to ask, nor tell where it goes. Our hope is that those who receive this quilt feel the blessings of our love and prayers. (The Giving Chair was placed in loving memory of Karen Smith).



A mission could never be complete without God's Word! It is the reason the TLC Quilters do what we do! Bibles are available near the Giving Chair and are given in the same way as the giving chair quilts.



**“Friendship Faith”**

‘Friendship Faith’ began as a mission for young girls in crisis situations. Each doll is given along with a complete wardrobe that has been sewn by our quilters. ‘Faith’ is given to girls by way of our Pastors, the CARE Team, or the Crisis Center.

**“Friendship Baby Faith”**

‘Baby Faith’ is a baby doll that is given to “little ones” in crisis or need. Baby Faith is given to little ones by way of our Pastors, the CARE Team, or the Crisis Center. Baby Faith comes in what we call the “Moses Basket” along with a complete wardrobe, afghan and baby blanket that have been handmade.



**“Kids Komfort Pillows”**

What child does not like having a big pillow to curl up with? These pillows are body size pillows that are especially created to “komfort kids” in need. These pillows are distributed to children through the Kossuth County CARE Team.



**“Cuddle Blankets & Doll Quilts”**

Cuddle Blankets are made out of soft colorful fleece to give to little ones that need a little extra TLC or may be in a crisis situation. Doll quilts are created to comfort little girls in the same way. Our hope is that in ‘nurturing’ their doll, they will also feel ‘comforted’ and ‘loved’.



**“Noah & Rebekah Bears”**

In the Bible, Noah means “comfort”. Rebekah means “Servant of God”, but she was also a comfort to Isaac. Isaiah 40:1 says “Comfort, comfort, ye my people”. It is our prayer that Noah & Rebekah will not only be a comfort to you, but you will feel all the love and prayers within just for you!



**“Christmas Nativity Book”**

This book is lovingly given to the kids that come to our Christmas give-aways. We feel they need to know the real reason why they’re there....not just to receive, but to know "why" they’re receiving. Jesus is the reason. We honor Him that night as we give every child their own hardcover book that explains Jesus’ birth. What a blessing for us to share this Christmas miracle!



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As the TLC Quilters travel on this “Journey of Faith”, we are witnessing branches reaching out not only to the children in our community but also to people across the country who participate in our mission by sewing, knitting, and crocheting items for us. God is also working through us to share this mission with other churches who are now beginning similar missions in their communities. We are witnessing firsthand the power and love that God has for us.