

St. John's Lutheran Church supports Ukrainian Refugees

The local congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church recently hosted a collection of much needed items for refugees from Ukraine. The effort was coordinated by St. John's Missions Committee Chairperson, Ellen Ware, in connection with the "Orphan Grain Train" out of Sebewaing, Michigan. Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries, including the USA. This effort was for immediate aid for Ukrainian victims, especially women & children, through organizations in Romania, Moldova and Poland.



Individuals at St. John's were asked to purchase and donate personal items, including

diapers, baby wipes, powdered baby formula, quilts and towels, powdered laundry soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, and new socks and underwear for



women & children. While financial support may seem easier, the quantity of supplies in the neighboring cities was not sufficient to accommodate the influx of thousands of refugees,

so they asked for physical resources. The plea was met with overwhelming



Members of St. John's Lutheran Church deliver 4 truckloads of supplies to the OGT in Sebewaing, MI. From left: Suzanne Booth, Kirk Ware, Ellen Ware, Bruce Siebert.

support and in just 5 short days, St. John's collected 4 truckloads of supplies. Ellen & her husband Kirk Ware, along with Suzanne Booth and Bruce Siebert made the drive from Midland out to the OGT office in Sebewaing to deliver the supplies. Items collected from several locations were being boxed at OGT for an immediate drop shipment to neighboring European

countries which are currently accommodating Ukrainian refugees.

The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. The need remains ongoing and your financial gift will help purchase needed items and help with air-freight and shipping costs. For more information about Orphan Grain Train, visit their website at <https://www.ogt.org/>



The warehouse at the Orphan Grain Train in Sebewaing, MI collected items from several locations and prepared to ship overseas.

In addition to this recent supplies drive, St. John's has also provided a large financial gift to the Ukrainian effort through their "Community Ministry" group. And of course, the "Prayer Ministry" group continues to keep all the people of Ukraine in

their daily prayers. For more information about St. John's Lutheran Church, visit their website at www.sjlmidland.org

