

# JUST LOVE

## 2023 Quilt Challenge

**Quilters of all abilities are invited to create a quilt responding to two things: one side interprets the Just Love theme of the 2023 Gathering and the reverse side interprets your response to the coronavirus pandemic. The challenge comes not only in interpreting these two things, but also in working within the following rules.**

1. The quilt must interpret the gathering theme Just Love on one side and interpret the quilter's personal response to the coronavirus pandemic on the other side.
2. The quilt must incorporate the red color in the gathering's logo. Other colors may be used as the quilter desires.
3. The finished perimeter of the quilt must be within the range of 60 to 100 inches. Any shape can be used as long as the perimeter is within 60 to 100 inches.
4. Traditional or original patterns may be used. Credit must be given when using the pattern or design of another.
5. Quilts may be pieced or appliqued or a combination. They may include surface embellishment techniques (e.g., dyeing, trapunto, stenciling, whole cloth, embroidery, painting, embossing, etc.).
6. Quilts must be quilted, not tied. Either machine quilting or hand quilting is acceptable.
7. No fabric identification label is required. Quilters are asked to sign their quilt, however.
8. No sleeve for hanging is required.
9. The challenge is open to all women who are members of ELCA congregations. Quilts must be the work of a single individual. No group or two-person quilts will be accepted. Quilts must be constructed and quilted by the person named on the entry blank. The quilter need not be planning to attend the 2023 Gathering in order to participate in the quilt challenge.
10. There is a limit of two entries per person. The entry fee is \$10, which includes return shipping. Details for on-site pickup at the close of the Gathering will be provided closer to the event.
11. All quilts must be received in the churchwide office by August 4, 2023, along with a completed entry form and accompanying entry fee. Mail quilts to Women of the ELCA, Quilt Challenge, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631-4101.
12. Entries will be judged by members of the Arizona Quilters Guild. Winners will be selected for originality, adherence to selected themes, workmanship, creative use of materials and overall design execution.
13. Winners and qualifying entries will be on display at the 2023 Gathering, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona.

## Entry Form

One form per submitted quilt.

**Name of quilt**

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**Describe how the quilt interprets the gathering theme and your response to the coronavirus pandemic.**

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**Your name**

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**Your address**

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**City**

**State**

**Zip**

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**E-mail address**

**Phone number**

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- I have read and agree to the rules of the Quilt Challenge. I understand that by entering this quilt in the challenge I agree that 1) this entry is original, it has not won previous prizes and it does not infringe on any third-party rights, and 2) my name, picture, likeness and city and state of residence may be used by Women of the ELCA in educational, informational and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

**Signature**

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**Date**

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Ship your quilt so it is received in the churchwide office by August 4, 2023, along with this completed entry form and a \$10 check (entry fee) made payable to Women of the ELCA, to:

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