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Stitches of Love

By Luann Dart

Read about KEM Electric Cooperative member Mary Maier in the January local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine. Maier and a group of seven to 10 women of different denominations gather at Peace Lutheran Church every Monday and Tuesday to sew blankets for those in need. “It’s such a rewarding experience, because you always feel like it will go to somebody in need,” says Linda Tschritter.

“I think it’s special to make the quilts out of stuff that was probably going to be thrown away, and you make something that’s going to be a comfort and useful to the people who receive it,” Maier says.

“It’s fun and it’s fellowship,” Tschritter says. “It’s like family.”



Each April, their quilts are displayed on the church pews during a worship service, when the quilts are dedicated before their journey to comfort others across the world.

Keep snow and ice away from meters

KEM Electric Cooperative, Inc. asks our members to inspect their electric meter on a regular basis; especially after heavy snowfalls when drifts can settle on your meter. It is important for you to carefully clear snow and ice away from the meter and surrounding area for these reasons:

- Accumulated snow places stress on your meter and wiring, and may harm the meter or cause an unnecessary power outage.
- The weight of the snow can pull the meter off its mount.
- KEM line crews may need you to clear access to your meter during an outage. This action alone lengthens the response time of an outage.

Meters are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, but we must remain vigilant in protecting them from snow and ice buildup. The next time you bundle up to go outside, take a close look at the electric meter. If there is snow or ice on the meter, gently brush it off with your hands or a broom.

Thank you, members, for your attention to this matter.