

Lutheran Church Charities will provide **LCMS L.E.R.T.** (Lutheran Early Response Team) **Basic trainings:**

Date: **Saturday, February 25**

Date: **Saturday, April 22**

Location:

Immanuel Lutheran Church

200 N Plum Grove Rd.

Palatine, IL 60067

Location:

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

40W605 IL-38

Elburn, IL 60119

In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or to respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing: **MERCY!** Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following:

- Christian Care In Times of Disaster
- A Ministry of Presence
- The LERT Program and How It Works with Other Responders
- Introduction to Disaster Response
- LCC/NID Disaster Response & Deployment Protocol
- Service Opportunities after a Disaster & Safety Protocol

LERT training is also now offered to youth, ages 14 – 17, so they can also assist in general disaster response safely and under the guidance of their own youth leadership. LCMS Disaster Response has developed new guidelines for youth participation. A parent must be present and sign form for participation.

If you know someone who would be a good addition to your LERT Team, encourage them to register and attend. **The registration cost for new LERT volunteers will be \$35.00.** The registration fee can be paid online with a credit card or at the event when you check-in by cash, check or credit card.

Registration: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Training: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Register at: www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/dr-training

*****Also, please complete the LCMS LERT registration, by selecting the LCMS link provided at the end. On this LCMS form you will select your t-shirt size the LCMS will send for you and allows LCC to get the necessary amount of training material.***

When you complete your registration and receive your confirmation number, you will also be requested to fill out an online Liability & Medical Form for 2023. This form only needs to be completed once a year for adults.

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Walk in registrations will be accepted the day of the training, but prefer advance registration to assist host church and LCC staff in planning.

Any questions, contact **Kathy O'Day**, LCC Dir. of Disaster Response at 847-287-1801.