

LCMS Basic Lutheran Emergency Response Team (LERT)

Training—Calvary LC, Oroville

Registration Closes Today

August 26, 9AM-2PM

LCMS-LERT.org

The way to sign up for training & also to volunteer

This is your DDRC, Rev (em) Phil Zabell.



In order to allow enough time for LCMS Disaster Response in St Louis to gather and ship class materials, 8/15 (today) is the deadline for event registration on lcms-lert.org. If you are reading this too late to accomplish the registration, please call/text me at 530-520-1458. I will see what I can do to include you in the class roster.

Anyone wishing to be an instrument of God's mercy to the survivors of a disaster and wanting to do so as part of a LERT team must take the Basic LERT training. One such training is being offered just shy of two weeks from now as noted above.

At the center of LERT Volunteer training is one thing: MERCY! God'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 or if you wish to help in another community. The training can also be useful for serving during the ordinary days of congregational life. 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*
- *Service Opportunities after a Disaster*
- *Safety Protocols*
- *LERT teams in ordinary congregational life*
- *Thought starters for LERT team specialization*

A team of trained volunteers helps the survivors address the needs created by the disaster. No matter whether it's an earthquake, lava flow, wildfire, storm or flooding, based on the capacity of those who have been trained, God can use us to show the love demonstrated by our LORD, Jesus, the Christ.

Getting the necessary training and also deploying in response to an event can be accomplished by going to <https://www.lcms-lert.org/>. In order to register for the training one must first register for the use of this site. Even if you are not ready to be trained or deploy, this site can provide you with information concerning



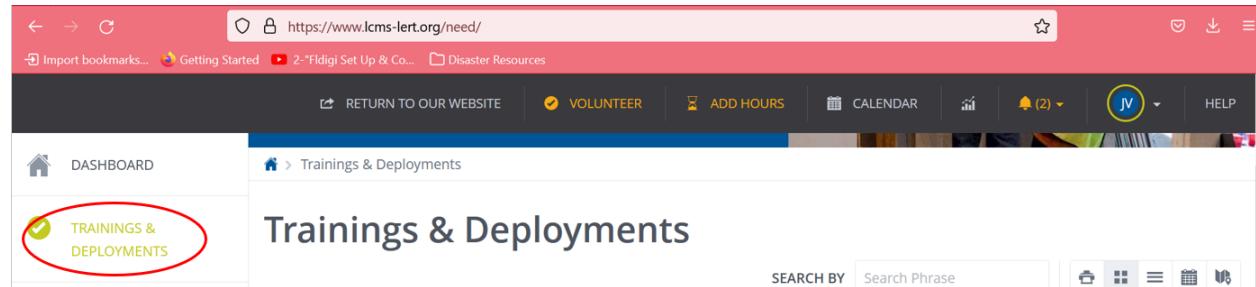
disasters impacting Districts throughout the Synod providing you with information of things to include in your personal prayer life.

How to Register

Go to <https://www.lcms-lert.org/> and click on **SIGN UP** at the upper right of the page. This will enter you into a six step menu through which you can create your account so you will have full access to the site's capabilities. There will also be questions creating a profile of what skills and interests you have so a positive match can be made for using you to help in the best way possible when a disaster deployment occurs. There is also a way for you to become a District "fan" so you will be notified of incidents and the needs those incidents generate. To be deployed requires that you receive LERT training.

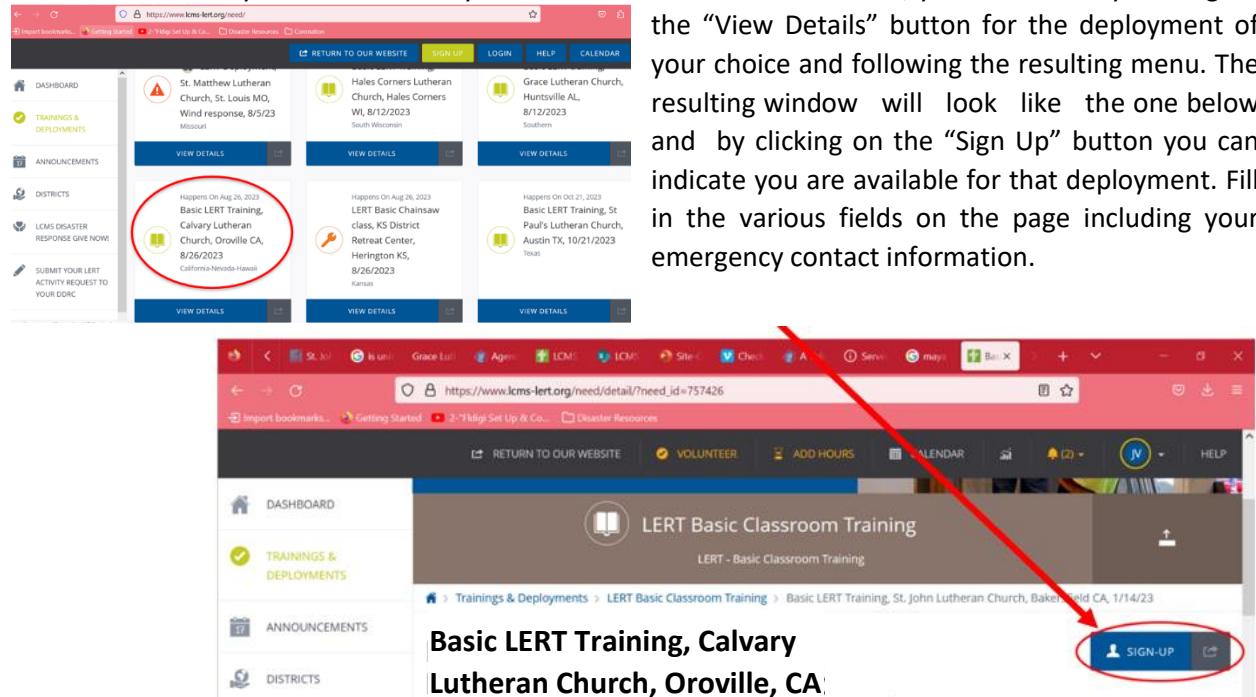
Signing Up for a Training or Deployment

Once logged in, click on "Trainings & Deployments" on the left side of the page:



The screenshot shows the LERT website's main navigation bar at the top with links for 'RETURN TO OUR WEBSITE', 'VOLUNTEER', 'ADD HOURS', 'CALENDAR', 'HELP', and a user profile icon. Below the navigation is a search bar and a toolbar with various icons. The main content area is titled 'Trainings & Deployments'. On the left, a sidebar menu includes 'DASHBOARD', 'TRAININGS & DEPLOYMENTS' (which is circled in red), 'ANNOUNCEMENTS', 'DISTRICTS', 'LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE GIVE NOW!', and 'SUBMIT YOUR LERT ACTIVITY REQUEST TO YOUR DDCIC'. The main content area displays a list of training events with 'VIEW DETAILS' buttons. The first event listed is 'Basic LERT Training, Calvary Lutheran Church, Oroville CA, 8/26/2023 California-Nevada-Hawaii'.

This will bring up a screen similar to the following. Among the events which have been scheduled is the one taking place at Calvary 8/26. This same screen will also indicate any active deployments which have been scheduled. If you wish to make yourself available to another District, you can do so by clicking on the "View Details" button for the deployment of your choice and following the resulting menu. The resulting window will look like the one below and by clicking on the "Sign Up" button you can indicate you are available for that deployment. Fill in the various fields on the page including your emergency contact information.



The screenshot shows a detailed view of a training event. The top navigation bar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'LERT Basic Classroom Training' for 'Basic LERT Training, St. John Lutheran Church, Bakerfield CA, 1/14/23'. The sidebar on the left is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area shows the event details with a 'VIEW DETAILS' button. The bottom right corner of the event details page has a red box around a 'SIGN-UP' button, which is also circled in red. A large red arrow points from the 'TRAININGS & DEPLOYMENTS' link in the sidebar to this 'SIGN-UP' button.

Click on the **SUBMIT TRAINING & DEPLOYMENT RESPONSE** button at the bottom of the page to submit your information. The following pop up will appear and an acknowledgement Email will be sent to the Email box you have registered during the account sign up procedure.

Thank You For Volunteering X

Thanks for responding to this Training & Deployment in our community. Tell your friends about this Training & Deployment so they can help out too!

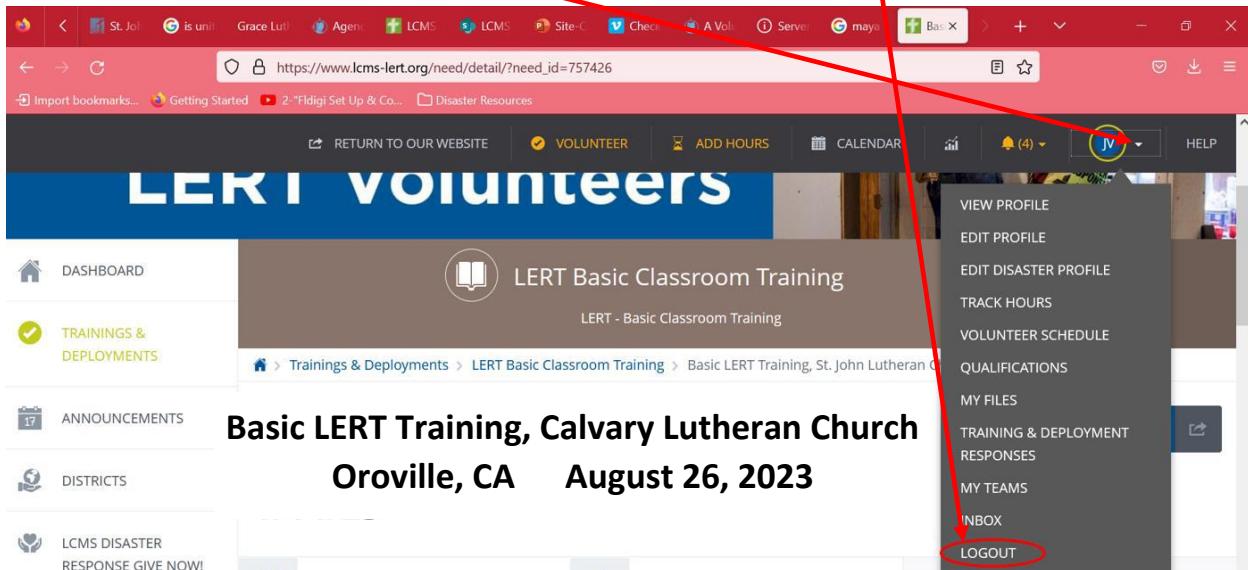
You can also further your community impact by sharing your volunteer activity with your friends and family to inspire them to do the same.

 SHARE

Other Site Features

- Disaster announcements posted by various Districts
- A menu page which will take you to whichever District you choose to learn more about the disaster activity taking place in that area
- A quick link through which to request disaster assistance from your DDRC
- A calendar with active links for you to learn more of what various Districts have schedule on a given day

If you are finished, you can now log out of the system by clicking on "log out" using the drop down menu which appears when you click on the triangle to the right of your initials at the top of the page.



The screenshot shows the LERT Volunteers website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "RETURN TO OUR WEBSITE", "VOLUNTEER", "ADD HOURS", "CALENDAR", "NOTIFICATIONS (4)", and "HELP". To the right of these is a user profile icon with initials "JV". A red arrow points from the text above to this icon. A secondary red arrow points from the text above to the "LOGOUT" option in the dropdown menu that appears when the profile icon is clicked. The main content area displays a "Basic LERT Training, Calvary Lutheran Church Oroville, CA August 26, 2023" event. On the left, there is a sidebar with links for "DASHBOARD", "TRAININGS & DEPLOYMENTS" (which is highlighted in green), "ANNOUNCEMENTS", "DISTRICTS", and "LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE GIVE NOW!". The "TRAININGS & DEPLOYMENTS" link is currently active, as indicated by the green color. The "LOGOUT" option is located at the bottom of the dropdown menu.

If you want to go directly to the CNH page, click on: https://www.lcms-lert.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=119483

If you would like to know more or to schedule a Lutheran Early Response Team training event for the congregations in your area, please contact CNH District Disaster Response Coordinator, KI6SMN [Rev (em) Phil Zabell], pzcard@yahoo.com.

