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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Hurricane Florence struck the southeastern coast this past weekend, affecting thousands. The rainfall amount is catastrophic, causing extensive flooding and damaging property, homes and businesses.

In times of need, we are called to help and serve our brothers and sisters, and there are opportunities for you to give through your volunteer efforts, monetary gifts and prayers.

Helping Appalachian Rural People (H.A.R.P.) a RSO of the LCMS, is one of the Ohio District partners coordinating donations, volunteers and spiritual Christian Care for Hurricane Florence response.

Flood buckets, health kits, school kits, Bibles, gift cards and other emergency supplies are being collected by HARP. Hosanna Lutheran Church in Columbia Station, OH is a collection point (see [Ohio District website](#)) or you can deliver or mail your donations to HARP at 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724. Contact Mary Bates at: mary@harpmission.org to coordinate a pickup or call (740) 509-1132 with questions. Items for the kits can be found on the HARP website: www.harpcaldwell.org.

LSS Disaster Services: Lutheran Services Carolinas leads relief and long-term recovery efforts in times of major disasters in North and South Carolina and works with local and national partners to ensure people and communities are able to rebuild. Here are ways you can help:

- Make a Gift to **Lutheran Services Carolinas'** disaster recovery efforts to assist those affected by the storm across the Carolinas. [Give LSC](#)
- **LCMS Disaster Response** will be coordinating with the Southeastern and Florida-Georgia District to develop and sustain relief efforts in the disaster zone. [Give LCMS-DR](#)
- Partner with local churches or other organizations to provide basic resources where needed.
- Do not send material goods (i.e. clothing, food, water, supplies).
- Do not self-deploy. Volunteer with local disaster service agencies where help is needed most.

LSS Network of Hope Contact: John Pyron, Ohio Statewide Director of Disaster Services, jpyron@lssnetworkofhope.org or (937) 540-2507.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to help those who are hurting and need your support. Thank you for your generosity. The Lord bless and keep.

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