Disaster Relief Response



Are you prepared to assist your family members or community should a catastrophic event take place nearby? Are you interested in finding out how you can be better positioned to be of assistance should something happen? LERT - Lutheran Early Response Teams are equipped to do just that.

LCMS LERT basic training prepares volunteers for Christian care, safety, and ministry in disaster situations. This 4–6-hour program equips participants with skills to serve in communities, focusing on mercy, ministry of presence, and ultimately, deployment readiness. Attendees receive a certificate, ID card, manual, and vest. Key details about the training include:

Purpose: To train volunteers in safety and ministry for disaster response, focusing on local, congregation-based efforts.

Content: Covers disaster response, deployment protocols, safety, and the role of Lutheran volunteers.

Cost & Duration: Generally, costs around $30–$35, typically held on Saturdays (approx. 9 AM to 3 PM).

Eligibility: Open to anyone, though certification is for adults and youth (14+).

Registration: Find upcoming local trainings on the LCMS LERT website **HERE**.

The training is designed to help teams respond effectively when disasters occur, providing practical and emotional care.

There is an upcoming Basic LERT training session in Plain City, Ohio sponsored by The Ohio District LCMS, on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with an additional hour from 2:00-3:00 PM for anyone interested in being a trainer. Those interested, please contact Rev. John Greig at: greigj@oh.lcms.org or call 586-863-7827 to register for this FREE event.

We will be hosting more training sessions in The Ohio District LCMS in the near future.

The Indiana District is also hosting a Basic LERT Training session on 3/6/2026 @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Tell City, Indiana near Evansville and a Basic Chain Saw Training session on 3/7/2026 also at Emmanuel-Tell City Indiana.

For more information about the Training Sessions or LERT in general, or to host a training event, please contact Rev. John Greig at: **greigj@oh.lcms.org** or call 586-863-7827.

Go to the LCMS website **HERE** for more information about Disaster Response.