
Mercy

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HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US

The news these last two weeks has been about the series of storms that are forming and potential impact to the east coast. Response teams are being lined up, stores are stocking supplies, and people are busy gathering the supplies and resources they need to survive the rain and wind. The greater challenge is knowing how to prepare and respond when the information changes with each report.

The opportunity before us is that we can serve family and neighbor by being prepared. We can be agents of hope and Gospel promise in times when it is most needed. To prepare, take a survey of your neighborhood and church family. Know who the vulnerable and most in need of assistance are. As you gather supplies, check with them to see if you can help. Check to see if there are immediate needs such as clearing gutters or outside drains. Have contact information easily available. And offer to pray with and for them.

For a complete list of home readiness steps, check out the resources at **CDC: Preparing for a Hurricane or Tropical Storm.** (<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/before.html>)

Relief efforts begin in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona

According to the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, the "Reporter," the Official Newspaper of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, stated the two mercy or "CARD" centers (Casa de Amparo y Respuesta a Desastre, or House of Refuge and Disaster Response) located in Mayaguez and Ponce were able to respond immediately.

Rev. Kevin D. Robson, LCMS chief mission officer reminds us to keep the Puerto Rico in our prayers.

To read the article in the Reporter

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/relief-efforts-begin-after-hurricane-fiona/>

Hurricane Ian Watch

Florida-Georgia District prepares for the storm

The Florida-Georgia District has added an announcement on the LCMS Disaster Response site.

While at this time, Hurricane Ian has not come ashore in Florida, they are asking that LERT Volunteers be aware that once the storm has passed, if there is a need for assistance, they will post the information on the site.

We continue to keep the people of the Florida-Georgia District in our prayers.

http://www.lcms-lert.org/event/detail/?event_id=87473

LUTHERAN SERVANTS FOR CHRIST (LSC)



Lutheran Servants for Christ:

This new LCMS Recognized Service Organization of the Southeastern District (SED) is positioned to serve the congregations and communities of the SED, especially during times of disaster. With trained and skilled chainsaw workers and early response-trained

teams, LSC will be deployed to assist with tree and debris cleaning, tarping, mucking, and repair.

They are sent to areas who have experienced storm impact. This is coordinated by the District Disaster Response Coordinator in partnership with LCMS Disaster Response.

Currently, LSC is working to purchase and equip a mobile food kitchen. That will add another way to support our communities in need. A \$10,000 grant from LCMS Disaster Response has already been received to help purchase the trailer.

You can follow Lutheran Servants for Christ on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lutheranservantsforchrist>

LERT Training Opportunities (Lutheran Early Response Training)

October 22, 2022:

Basic LERT Training at Our Savior, Laurel MD

Information and registration: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=708403

October 29, 2022:

LERT Team training, CPR/AED for LERT volunteers at Hope Lutheran, Wake Forest

Register here: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=735498

January 21, 2023:

Basic LERT Training at Our Savior, Laurel MD

Information and Registration: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=708408

<http://se.lcms.org/>

