

## ***Disaster Response Training – February 29 at TLC***

On Saturday, February 29, 9:00 am.--3:00 pm, Trinity is hosting an event for the Minnesota North District. Responding to a disaster is a vital part of who we are as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Responding to a disaster allows a congregation to confess Christ to their community, region and world in ways they may have never considered before.

Together, we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters as members of the LCMS. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare congregations and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and to help them know how to respond within their congregations, and in word and deed, within the greater communities.

The event trainer is Rev. Michael Meyer from the national office of LCMS Disaster Response in St Louis, MO. The three main sections of the training are: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) Congregational Preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams (L.E.R.T.) There will be lots of free materials available for you to take home. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the training. However, only LCMS members who are 18 years or older, receive certification as LCMS volunteers. Participants will receive a training manual and LCMS Volunteer vest.

Congregations are encouraged to send a group of people to this training so that when they return home there is a basis for a L.E.R.T. (team) to continue developing disaster response preparedness in their congregation.

**Pre-registration by Monday, February 10 is required.** Please register through the church office: [office@trinitysr.org](mailto:office@trinitysr.org) or (320) 252-3670. Provide your name, address, phone and email.

**The cost is \$15 per person** (all materials and lunch; pay at the door; make checks (\$15/ person) payable: “Trinity Lutheran Church—DR Training”

**Any questions**, contact Pastor Beck. He is one of two MNN District Disaster Response Coordinators.

To learn more about LCMS Disaster Response, go to:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response/resources>