



FROM THE BISHOP

Your Church Is There For You

When disasters strike in our state, nation or around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is there for you.



Locally, LDR is aiding the flood victims near LaCrosse.

Nationally, LDR is still aiding Hurricane Katrina victims in the American Southeast.

LDR is often the first relief agency upon the scene.
LDR is often the last relief agency to leave the scene.
Your dollars are used wisely and get to those in need ASAP!

Check out the web site of LDR at www.ldr.com to see what ministries are being cared for in your name.

MISSION STATEMENT OF LDR:

To demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors.

Write a check to support this vital work. You can designate any LDR project, near or far, to receive your gift.

Remember, when there is a need, those in need count on Lutherans to lend a hand.

Thanks be to God!

LDR, a part of your church, IS there for you!



NEWS FOR THE PEWS

DISASTER AID GIVEN TO MIDWEST FLOOD VICTIMS BY EAST CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

On August 18, a series of severe storms caused widespread and destructive flooding in our area. The La Crosse Area Synod reported churches, pastors and many, many parishioners were affected by these floods. Five people drowned. Hundreds had their homes and possessions damaged and destroyed.

Four of the ten counties in the La Crosse Area Synod were declared federal disaster areas. The South Eastern Minnesota Synod was also greatly affected by these storms and the flooding that ensued. Lutheran Disaster Response is aiding in these areas.

At our recent Synod Council meeting, we voted to give **\$7,500** to the La Crosse Area Synod and **\$7,500** to the South Eastern Minnesota Synod from synod reserves to help them meet the needs of this on-going disaster.

In the recent past we have also been able to help the synods that were most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Thanks to wise investing of resources and favorable interest rates, we are able to draw upon Synod reserves to help meet these needs. We thank God that the people and congregations of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin are able to put their faith into action in this way.

*Please share this story
with the members of your congregation,
and keep the people directly affected in your prayers.*