

MISSION MOMENT

Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters "LUAD"

By Todd Long, LUAD President

LUAD is a synod ministry supported by your mission support. Thank you! And now, the work of this synod ministry has a time-sensitive need as they respond to recovery efforts for those in our synod impacted by the flooding from recent heavy rains. Please read this letter from LUAD President, Todd Long. Congregations have been asking where to send their special offerings for victims of the flood. At the end of the article, we provide information on where to send your special offerings in support of this important work.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to take a few moments to remind you and your congregation of our efforts. We are LUAD (Lutherans Assisting after Disasters) and are affiliated with the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA.

With all the rain we have had and the resulting flooding, we would like to remind you of our mission to help

disaster survivors bridge the gap between emergency response and long term recovery rendering necessary services, donated items, supplies assistance, and social, emotional and spiritual support.

We become engaged only by a call from a congregation within the Synod. This could be the Pastor or Council President. At the present time we have been called by **St. Martins of Cross Plains**. As water levels rise and more rain is in the forecast, it is a true possibility that other communities will or are being affected. We are ready to serve.



Drone photo courtesy of Robert J. Dorn Jr. show flood damage in Cross Plains following an historic rainfall.

We rely on volunteers from all congregations within our Synod and only ask of them what they are willing to commit in both time and service. There is always work for anyone willing to serve. We like to say, "We are family helping family." There is an orientation meeting before any work is begun dealing with workplace safety and guidelines for service.

We ask that you and your congregation extend your prayers for our work and explain our goals to any of your members so they might know of our needs for service. If there is need within your congregation, please extend a call to LUAD so we might be able to assist and advise you in this time of need.

Sincerely in Christ,

LUAD Executive Committee
Todd Long, President
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Disaster Assistance number
888-237-0433

If you would like to make a donation or take a special offering in your congregation to help LUAD assist flood victims, please send it made payable to the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and put "LUAD" in the memo.

Mail it to: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA
6401 Odana Road, Suite 20
Madison, WI 53719

Thank you for your support of those who have been impacted by flooding in our synod!