

Mission Moment



LUAD
LUTHERANS UNITED ASSISTING AFTER DISASTERS

Lutherans United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD) remains committed to our Vision of being a spiritual partner in assisting disaster survivors in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA through the initial stages of disaster recovery. Our Mission is to help disaster survivors bridge the gap between the emergency of disaster and long-term recovery by rendering the necessary services, donated items, supplies, assistance, and the social, emotional, and spiritual support to help them return as quickly as possible to a state where they can again safely carry out 'the business of family/individuals'.

Although our Synod area was blessed to not experience any natural disasters, the COVID19 pandemic created a different type of disaster for which LUAD could be of help. The LUAD Council elected to use our "disaster fund" to provide grants for applicants needing assistance with their food pantries and related services. We coordinated our efforts through the synod office and provided nearly \$12,000 in grant funds for those churches/missions with the greatest need. LUAD considers it a great blessing to offer this financial relief for the pandemic disaster throughout our Synod. Our LUAD Council offers sincere thanks to all the Synod churches that donated to our mission in 2020.

The LUAD team continues to work hard in recruiting Council representation from each of the 12 SCSW-ELCA Conferences. We still have work to do with representation from just over half of these conferences. Recruiting conference representation remains critical for the conferences of East Madison, South Jefferson/Walworth, Southeast Dane, Iowa/Richland/Grant, and W Green/Grant/Lafayette. LUAD is also looking for more women to bring their unique gifts who are willing to volunteer.

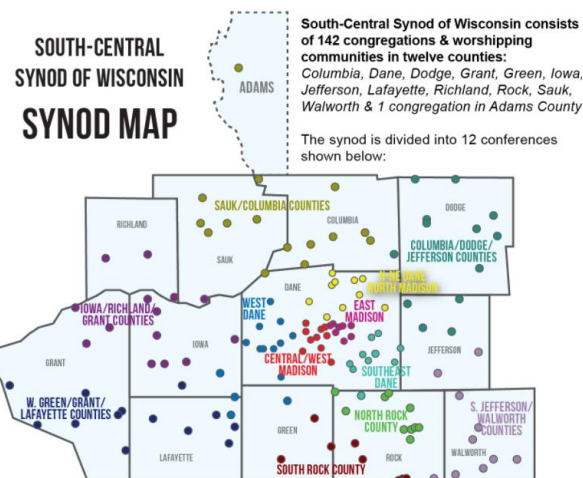
LUAD also initiated a quarterly newsletter to build awareness and inform our Synod area of our mission, efforts, and activities. More information about LUAD can also be found at www.LUAD.org.

Please contact us at info@luad.org for more information on how to become a part of this wonderful ministry or to schedule a team visit/videochat with your church. Our response number is 888-237-0433.

God's Peace,

Rob Malewicki
2020 LUAD President

Tom Irwin
2021 President-Elect & Past Treasurer



To learn more about LUAD: Check out the website, facebook page and watch this 2-minute Mission Moment [Video](#)

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