



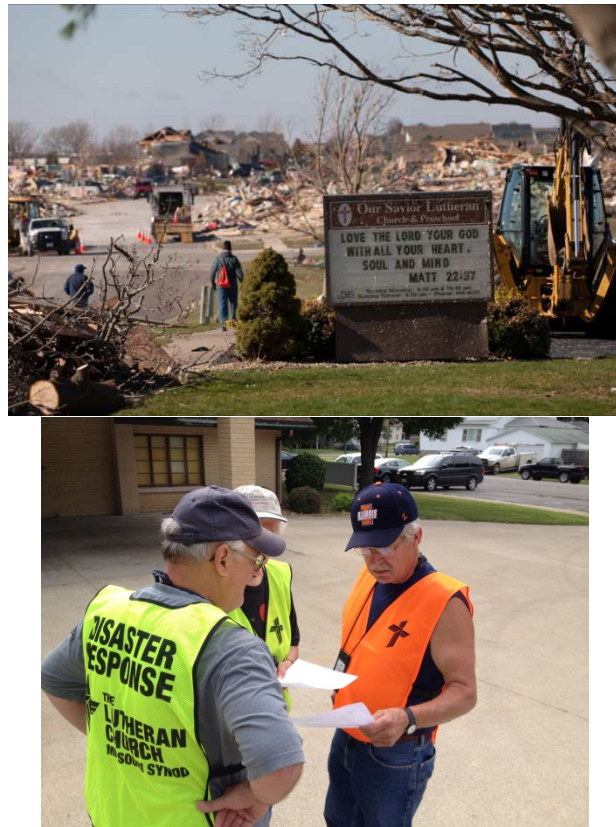
Welcome to the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteer training program provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission. Together we will walk through a simple training program designed to help you serve as a trained Christian volunteer when a disaster strikes.

This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams, under the direction of LCMS Disaster Response. You will receive a certificate of participation and a LERT volunteer credential issued by LCMS Disaster Response.

In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. This training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing—MERCY! Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do.

Showing mercy to everyone connects the hurting and helpless with the gospel of Jesus. Disasters span the globe: no nation, state, community, or person is exempt from disaster. From Taiwan to Texas, from Mexico to Minnesota, from India to Indiana, an unparalleled opportunity stands before us to share Christ by sharing Christian care in times of disaster. Christian care crosses the boundaries of culture, language, social class, skin color, and religion to reach the hearts of hurting men, women, and children.

This 6 hour training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community.



After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following areas:

- 1) Christian Care in Times of Disaster
- 2) A Ministry of Presence
- 3) The LERT Program
- 4) Introduction to Disaster Response
- 5) At the Work Site
  - a. Debris Clean Up
  - b. Tarp and Patch
  - c. Flood and Mud Clean Up
  - d. Chainsaw Safety
  - e. Necessary Paperwork



## ***LERT Volunteer Training Event***

*Led by Randy Wolf, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Coordinator and  
Stephen Born, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Regional Coordinator*

**To be held at:     Redeemer Lutheran Church  
6801 N Allen Rd  
Peoria IL 61614**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
(Open 8:00 am; sessions begin 8:30 am)

The registration fee is \$35 which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Plus, you will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission.

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**For:**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL**

*Please fill out, detach, and send this form with your \$35 registration at least 1 week prior to event  
to: Central Illinois District LCMS, 1850 North. Grand Avenue West, Springfield IL 62702*

### ***Disaster Preparedness Training Event Registration (legible)***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_