

Preparing Our Congregations
in the
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT
for
Emergency Preparedness

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Help Our Congregation Be a Prepared Congregation!

*“Where there is no counsel, the people fall;
but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” Proverbs 11:14*

In the event of an extended emergency, do you have enough **food** and **water** in your home for you and your family to live independently? Where are your important personal **documents**? If your home lost power, do you have a **flashlight** to see and **battery-powered radio** to stay informed? Do you have a **plan** for connecting with your family if you become separated?

According to an American Red Cross survey, only 40% of Americans have assembled the basic supplies needed to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors during an emergency. This lack of preparedness poses a challenge not only to individuals, but also to first responders, congregations, governments and businesses. Taking responsibility for putting together your own Home Emergency Supply Kit will help you play a key role in national preparedness and you can help neighbors and fellow church members if they need assistance.

The Southeastern District is vulnerable to large and small incidents that could require tapping into a Home Emergency Supply Kit. Past examples include: September 11, 2001, Hurricane Isabel in 2003; floods in 2007; tornadoes in 2008; and many storms resulting in extended power losses.

The LCMS Southeastern District Disaster Recovery Task Force encourages each congregation and their members to prepare a Home Emergency Supply Kit to be ready to respond to any hazard at any time. You, your family and congregation must be ready to go to a basement, interior room, public shelter, or other safe area as soon as you are told to do so by local authorities.

Are you Prepared? Do you have a plan?

By gathering supplies such as water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, and first aid kit, as well as other supplies, you can take personal responsibility for your safety, the safety of your family and the safety of your congregation during an emergency or extended crisis. Look for a Home Emergency Supply Kit list in/on the church _____ and plan to make a Kit today!

For more information, please contact Deaconess Liz DeMik, SED Disaster Recovery Assistant at 1-800-637-5723 Ext. 215 or disasterhelp@se.lcms.org, or www.se.lcms.org

