

***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*

As a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church, do you consider yourself prepared for a natural or man-made emergency? What steps has your congregation taken to be prepared?

Specifically, in the event of a wide-spread emergency (hurricane, tornado terrorism, pandemic flu, or other crisis) would you be prepared and able to take care of yourself? Your family? Your fellow worshippers? Your neighbors?

According to an American Red Cross survey, only about 40% of persons living in the United States are prepared for an emergency. Are you one of the 40%. . .or the other 60% who are not prepared?

NOW-*before any emergency*- is a good time to consider taking some basic steps that will enable you to care for yourself, your loved ones, your fellow congregational members, and your neighbors.

Being ready for the unexpected can be simple as gathering supplies such as water, non-perishable food, prescriptions and other medical supplies, flashlights, important documents, and other necessary items that are not readily available or may not be available at all during and after an emergency event.

Look for a listing of supplies for a Home Emergency Supply Kit on the bulletin board in the church \_\_\_\_\_ and begin making a Home Preparedness 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](mailto:disasterhelp@se.lcms.org) or go to [www.se.lcms.org](http://www.se.lcms.org).