## E-Newsletter

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## LERT TRAINING, DIVINE SHEPHERD, BLACK HAWK



When a disaster happens, whether it be a natural disaster, like a tornado or a flood, or a human caused disaster like a chemical spill or a building collapse, God's people respond with one question. How do I help? Living in our Baptismal identity we respond to the needs of others with the mercy, compassion, and care Christ has first shown to us.

LERT, Lutheran Early Response Training, equips God's people to understand what a disaster is and how to respond safely and effectively. The natural reaction when there has

been a disaster is to go. Go help. Go clean up. That may not be the most pressing need.

LERT training widens the focus of what needs attention after any disaster. LERT training centers in the Gospel of Jesus for all people. As He has shown us mercy to us, through the cross and His glorious resurrection, we are able to show mercy to others.

LERT training focuses on the needs of the person as well as the property. As God's people, called into action in disaster, our priority is to listen, pray, and help all hurting people find

comfort in the eternal promises of Christ, even in disaster.





LERT training also teaches how to work safely and collaboratively in disaster situations. Removing storm debris, mucking out basements, and cutting damaged trees are just a few of the areas LERT volunteers are trained for.

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Black Hawk hosted LERT training May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Twenty volunteers were certified to bring Christ's mercy to people who are suffering. Please consider hosting a LERT training in your congregation so that we are all better at bringing the hope and promises of

Christ to His hurting people.

For more information on LERT training contact Pastor Adam Welton 307-221-1256 or adwelton@gmail.com. Or find information at lcms-lert.org

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10.

