



DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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DISASTER UPDATES

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JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Missouri District President Ray Mirly writes, *"My simple description of the daunting task faced by the congregation and community residents is equivalent to trying to empty the ocean with a teaspoon. There have been many challenges but God has provided or is providing the needed answers."* President Mirly further reports: "The generosity of LCMS members from throughout the nation is unbelievable. By now thousands have been in Joplin to donate their physical labor. Several Missouri congregations have staffed the volunteer medical clinic virtually on a daily basis. A number of pastors trained in counseling have been on site to minister to the many people emotionally struggling with what they have experienced."

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED!

-Special Project --- Due to the continuous use of Martin Luther school kitchen and the anticipated heavy use where they are serving as many as 700+ meals in one day, the current refrigerator and freezer storage is totally inadequate. With the anticipation of volunteers continuing to come for the next year or more, it is the congregation's intent to continue providing meals. A Lutheran woman, experienced in catering, is in charge of preparing the meals. **A walk in refrigerator and walk in freezer is needed.** This could be a project for a congregation or group of congregations.

-Immediate needs:

- Stump grinders and operators. (Immanuel currently has a back-log of over 150 stumps to grind.)
- Groups (youth or adult) to **assist with the enormous task of converting Martin Luther Lutheran School back from a relief center into a school in time for mid-August opening day.** (Less than 30 days remain to accomplish this) If a group from your congregation would be interested please contact Kimberly Johnson, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Joplin, MO, 417-624-0333. (9 AM – 3 PM) (scrub, paint, wax floors, wash windows, repair, etc.) Be sure to ask what tools, equipment and supplies you need to bring with you.

All volunteers desiring to serve at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Joplin, please register at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org.

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

HELP IS NEEDED NOW with flood recovery efforts. Visit [Our Savior Lutheran Church website](http://OurSaviorLutheranChurch.com) to learn how you can help with Minot, ND flood recovery efforts. You may register your group online.

HAMMOND, MINNESOTA

St. John's, Hammond, MN will return to worship in their previously flood ravaged sanctuary on Sunday, August 14, 2011 with worship at 11:00 AM. Visitors are encouraged to celebrate with the congregation. A re-dedication celebration is pending. Following the flood, St. John's became a flood recovery center for the entire community. Thank you to the many persons who assisted in the flood recovery efforts in Hammond.

