



New Jersey District LWML
Human Care
Summer 2008

NJ District Convention
May 2nd & 3rd 2008
"Great Cloud of Witnesses"



Taken from Hebrews 12:1; **Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

Servant Events

It was a great convention and what a great response to the Servant Events that were held Friday morning. A total of 40 women gathered to bag snack packs, sew breast cancer pillows, and roll bandages.

In the end 150 snack packs were assembled and went to the senior class at Concordia College, Bronxville, NY. There were 32 breast cancer pillows that traveled to the South Jersey office of the American Cancer Society for distribution. Plus the ladies rolled and rolled through the convention to make 319 bandages for Global Health Ministries.

A special thank you to all the Human Care helpers who used their hands and hearts to help those in need.

Gifts of the Heart

The "Gift of the Heart" for the convention was gift cards for LCMS Seminary Students. "Praise the Lord" for the response to this in-gathering, 109 gift cards were donated for a total amount of \$1805.00. These gift cards were gratefully received by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The cards will be distributed to those students who have the greatest need first and then to all other students. They extended their thanks and blessings to the women of the New Jersey LWML.

Prayer Chapel

There was also a prayer chapel set up for continuous devotion throughout the convention. Here you could submit a prayer request or fill out a card of thanks for military personal.

The Prayer request clouds suspended on the wall were visible reminders that we should all join together in prayer for our sisters and brothers in need.

Let us all continue to be “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” today and everyday as we reach out to help others.

The following are Human Care suggestion that could be used for your zone or society gatherings.



MIDWEST FLOODING

Everyone has heard about the many floods that have devastated the Midwest and most of you probably have already rolled up your sleeves to help in some way. The next sections have ideas and suggestions on what you could further do to help out.

Remember pray for those in need first and then let the Lord lead the way for your hands to go about His work.

Please remember that Thrivent is matching the funds that are donated.

Disaster Response

Surely no one lays a hand on a broken man where he cries for help in his distress. (Job 30:24)

Both Natural and man made disasters come without warning and take their toll in the loss of life, home, and suffering. Disasters may take place in our home town, the neighboring state or halfway around the world. When a disaster strikes we need to be prepared to respond.

- **Pray for the victims of disasters and the relief workers ministering to them.**
- **Contact local social service agency for their needs.**
- **Involve the congregation in Lutheran World Relief parish projects (quilts, school kits, health kits, sewing kits, or layettes).**
- **Contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross and speak to someone about volunteering with Disaster Services; take the Introduction to Disaster Services training course to learn more about giving your time and skills.**
- **Monitor needs in disaster area or through Lutheran Disaster Response and recruit help; personal involvement in clean-up, repair and a myriad of tasks may be needed months or even years after the disaster strikes.**
- **Connect with Lutheran Disaster Response as they coordinate volunteers who clean up, rebuild and even provide food, medicine, drinking water and other needed supplies.**
- **Donate blood.**

Resources

**LCMS World Relief
Lutheran World Relief
Lutheran Disaster Response**

NATIONAL LWML WEB SITE

LWML women are among the first to ask how they can help. We know natural disasters come without warning and take their toll in the loss of life, home, business and suffering. Our Web site is disaster response ready. You can make monetary donations directly on the Web site for disaster relief. Click on the [Giving](#) link on the left side of this page and follow the instructions. After completing the form when you get to Donation Type scroll down to Disaster Relief Fund and click—your donation is on its way to helping the flood victims.

Pray for the victims of the floods and the relief workers ministering to them. We the LWML, through our donations, are opening doors for sharing the Gospel and giving people hope. John Maxwell says "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Following the example set by the master caregiver, Jesus, we reach out with care and compassion to our sisters and brothers who are hurting and suffering in Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and other states affected by the flood waters. Plan to follow through with help for these folks as they cope with the future. LWML, as we did at the time of hurricane Katrina, will be able to provide assistance in the coming weeks. We will work to meet their needs in this crisis.



[I Want to Donate...](#)

The most urgent need at this time is for monetary donations. Donations made to Lutheran Disaster Response that are designated for Flood Response will be used in full -- 100% -- for this response, and donations can be made by mail, by phone, or on the Web. For more information about donating in response to this disaster, [click here](#). Also, [Thrivent Financial for Lutherans](#) will be matching gifts by members (\$1 for every \$2 given by Thrivent members). For information on giving through this program, please contact your local chapter representative.

In most cases, material donations are less of a need following disaster because they can be difficult to transport, difficult to store, and difficult to distribute. However, if you would like to make an in-kind donation of materials, such as water, canned food, or clothing, please [click here](#) to reach the Aidmatrix Network.

[I Want to Volunteer...](#)

The impact of this flooding is widespread, and the need for volunteers will be long-term. As volunteer opportunities become available, we will be listing them on the [Volunteer](#) section of our Web site. Need for volunteers is limited at this point to people in the general vicinity who can drive in and out for the day, and you must contact someone in the area before traveling. **DO NOT SHOW UP UNANNOUNCED... YOU WILL ONLY BE A BURDEN TO THE RECOVERY!** Please continue to monitor the site for information.



Midwest flood and storm relief 2008

Project Scrub Bucket

In response to recent flooding across multiple states in the Midwest, Orphan Grain Train announced "Project Scrub Bucket" to assemble as many scrub buckets as possible between June 23 and July 11.

Each scrub bucket holds \$36 worth of cleaning supplies (including broom and mop) and cash donations of all sizes are requested to help fill the buckets.

Donations may be made through our secure online giving page [or](#) by check payable to "Orphan Grain Train Flood and Storm Relief" PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702-1466, at checkout in participating Affiliated Foods stores.

We thank Mike Chittenden of the First Presbyterian Church in Norfolk and radio stations www.kexl.com and KNEN-FM for helping launch Nebraska's part in Project Scrub Bucket.

Each scrub bucket will include:

- **Comet™ or other cleansing powder**
- **Top Job™ or other liquid cleaner**
- **Bleach (1-gal. size)**
- **Windex™ or other glass cleaner**
- **Scrub brush**
- **Rubber gloves**
- **Sponge(s)**
- **Roll of paper towels**
- **Broom and/or mop**

