

FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

In Western Iowa

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As flood waters continue to threaten areas of the Western Iowa Synod, many begin to ask how they might help. In an emergency Zoom this morning with area rostered leaders in areas affected, we heard the following needs:

Prayer

We ask you to hold these communities in your hearts and prayers. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to care for affected communities.

Financial Support:

Having funds readily available to purchase needed items is essential in this time. Giving is the fastest way you can help. Donated funds go to the Lutheran Disaster Response account of the Western Iowa Synod and will be distributed to areas in need.

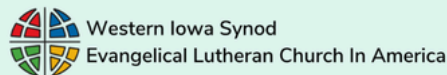
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Flood Buckets

Flood Buckets are a 5 gallon bucket filled with cleaning items. These will be a vital resource in the days ahead. For pdf instructions on how to assemble, see the attached

WHEN FLOOD WATERS RISE, WE RISE UP AS A COMMUNITY.

Let us pray,
Loving God, be with those who endure these floods. Protect those in the path of danger. Open pathways for evacuations. Help loved ones find one another in the chaos. We pray for the people of Rock Rapids, Rock Valley, Inwood, Spencer, Humboldt, the Iowa Lakes, and all others affected. Assist those who need help. Let your love be known through those who work to bring order. Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering and make us bearers of hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.



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BUCKET CONTENTS:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- One scrub brush
- Five dust masks
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes (at least one fairly hefty for washing mold)
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (long heavy-duty, like Playtex® dishwashing gloves, not the thin ones sold for painting etc.)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

All cleaning items must be new — all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened.

Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please Note: Do NOT substitute items, add items, or leave items out of the buckets. If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.

Suggestions from Lutheran Disaster Response: Many items can be purchased at local dollar stores at a substantial savings. The Lysol cleaner can be difficult to find — be sure it is a concentrated formula.

If items are in boxes (like the trash bags), the box can be removed to conserve space in the bucket. Packaging from the dust masks can also be removed and the mask placed in a zip lock bag.