



OCTOBER 2015 DEVOTION

Disaster Response Trailers \$80,000

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

When the weather alert sounds, our ears perk up and we immediately think of the area affected. Has anyone in this group experienced first-hand a natural or man-made disaster? Would you be willing to share your emotions at this time? For some the memories are too difficult to share, and we understand. (Allow time to share if anyone wishes to do so) Thank you for sharing with us. Whereas, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to care for people in their body and soul; and Whereas, natural and man-made disasters seem to be increasing in both number and severity; and Whereas, trained Lutheran Emergency Response volunteers have countless opportunities, before, during, and after disasters, to care for people in their bodies and share the Gospel for their souls; and Whereas, The Lutheran—Missouri Synod's participating congregations/districts will provide matching funds; therefore LWML delegates have selected Disaster Response Trailers as a 2015-2017 Mission Grant.

All: Lord we thank and praise You for Your hand helping us be able to respond to communities during times of disasters.

Leader: LCMS volunteers are trained to respond with Christian care to needs within the church and throughout our communities. These volunteers will be in a better position to speak the comforting truths of the Gospel to the individuals and families affected.

All: Thank You Lord, for all those who volunteer to help in disasters.

Leader: We come to the Lord in prayer: Praise be to You, the God and Father of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles and empowers us to comfort those we encounter. We raise up those that have gone through disasters, we give You thanks for the help You have provided by sending volunteers to show mercy, love, and the Gospel to the children of Our Heavenly Father. Amen!