



**Some of the major disasters that LERT chainsaw teams have responded or deployed to:**

- Woodridge/Naperville, IL Tornado - 2021
- Illinois & Iowa Derecho - 2020
- Nashville/Hermitage, TN Tornado - 2020
- Hurricane Michael, FL - 2018
- Hurricane Irma, FL - 2017
- Hurricane Harvey, TX - 2017
- Ottawa / Naplate, IL Tornado - 2017
- Charleston, SC Hurricane - 2016
- Washington, IL Tornado - 2014
- Moore, OK Tornado - 2014
- Watseka, IL Tornado - 2012
- Hurricane Sandy, NJ - 2012
- Henryville, IN Tornado - 2012

We also respond to communities affected by localized strong storms and microbursts.

**Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

**—GALATIANS 6:2**

**WAYS TO GIVE**

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Lutheran Early Response Team

**CHAINSAW  
TEAM**





## Helping Communities in Times of Disaster

When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches ... everything and everyone can be affected. Working through the local LCMS church in an impacted community, Lutheran Church Charities LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) certified chainsaw operators and draggers respond quickly to serve people affected by a disaster.

Over 350 chainsaw LERT volunteers have been trained by an ISA Certified Arborist and a team of advanced chainsaw team leaders in:

- Safe chainsaw handling, cutting practices, and dragging
- Personal protective OSHA requirement safety equipment
- Precision tree felling operations
- Best practices and use of ropes for pulling trees and directional felling
- Operator usage and maintenance of equipment (chainsaws, wedges, spring poles rigging equipment, safety harnesses, hand tools, misc. power equipment)

**Chainsaw LERT teams can provide storm clean-up work after a small or large disaster, such as:**

- Downed branches or trees
- Trees leaning on a home
- Damaged or hanging tree limbs
- Uprooted trees with root balls
- Stump grinding
- Site Cleanup



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**“The crew was very professional and very knowledgeable of tree cutting and safety procedures. They have all the special equipment to carry out their work as professionals.”**

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**– SELC DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR**



Lutheran Church Charities LERT chainsaw teams have outfitted trailers with tools, rigging, safety equipment, chainsaws, and heavy equipment to use when responding to disasters.

- Light and heavy duty tractors with grapples
- Bobcats with grapples
- Ditch Witch
- Dump trailer
- Stump grinders
- Boom lift

