



LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES

2025 Impact Report

Your generosity is behind the GOOD DEEDS of LCC!

Across every LCC ministry, we partner with you to bring the Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. Because of you, thousands experienced the care and comfort of Jesus Christ in 2025. **THANK YOU!**

Disaster Response

Your gifts have supported LCC Disaster Response in training and equipping about 850 active Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) volunteers, including 255 trained this year, to clean up after natural disasters and provide support to Lutheran congregations.

Volunteers bring expertise in heavy equipment, chainsaws, and debris removal, as well as offer emotional and spiritual care.

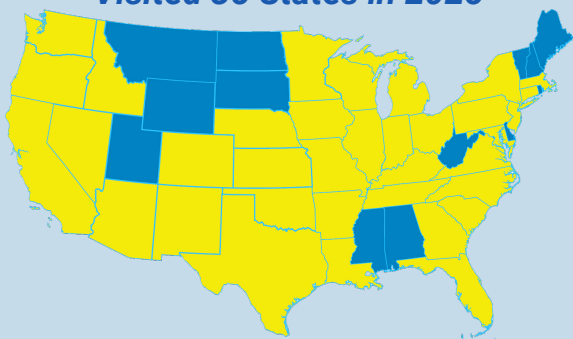
Your support also helped Disaster Response to open a warehouse facility this year!

As one Illinois homeowner put it, *"When our home flooded, LCC volunteers were the first to arrive. They didn't just help clean up – they prayed with us and reminded us we weren't alone."*

Events	Sites	Volunteers
NC - Hurricane Helene	47	78
St. Petersburg, FL - Hurricane Milton	2	20
Northern IL - Tornado/High Winds	41	103
Batesville, AR – Tornado	6	2
Rolla, MO – Tornado	5	1
Valparaiso, IN – High Winds	19	16
Camp Okoboji, IA – Tornado	1	15
St. Louis, MO – Tornado	6	23
Springfield, MO – Tornado	18	10
Kerrville, TX – Flooding	4	-
Community Support & Clean-up	15	123
Totals	164	391

Type of Training	Sessions	Volunteers Trained
Basic LERT Trainings	9	111
Advanced LERT Trainings	17	127
LCMS DR Trainings/ Conferences	3	17
Total	29	255

The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Visited 35 States in 2025



23,405
Total Visits!

3,476
Trauma Visits

K-9 Comfort Dogs

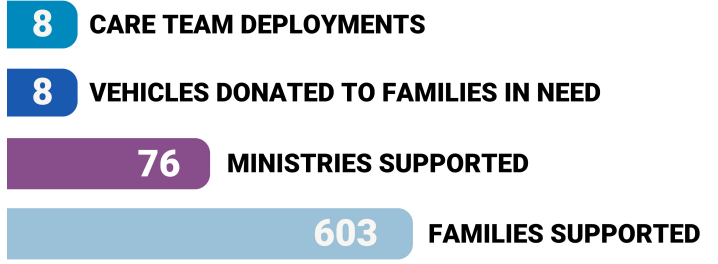
Your gifts have brought peace and comfort to hurting people by enabling the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry to serve in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, government buildings, courtrooms, first responder dispatch stations, and more.

Whether it's on a neighborhood site visit or deploying across state lines for a crisis, these network of more than 100 purebred Golden Retrievers and their handlers serve as a bridge to the ministry of presence and compassion.

"It's important to sit with people in their grief and suffering. They are still reeling and trying to cope. The K-9 Comfort Dogs bring the presence of Christ when there's still so much sorrow." -K9 Volunteer

Cares

When you support the LCC Cares Ministry, you empower LCC to share and respond to appeals in the community – individuals, families, clergy and their loved ones, even entire congregations. Your donations of resources and tangible goods go directly to help people in need. Your help supports soup kitchens, food pantries, clothing closets, refugee centers, and veterans outreaches. In 2025, Care Teams deployed nationally for the first time.



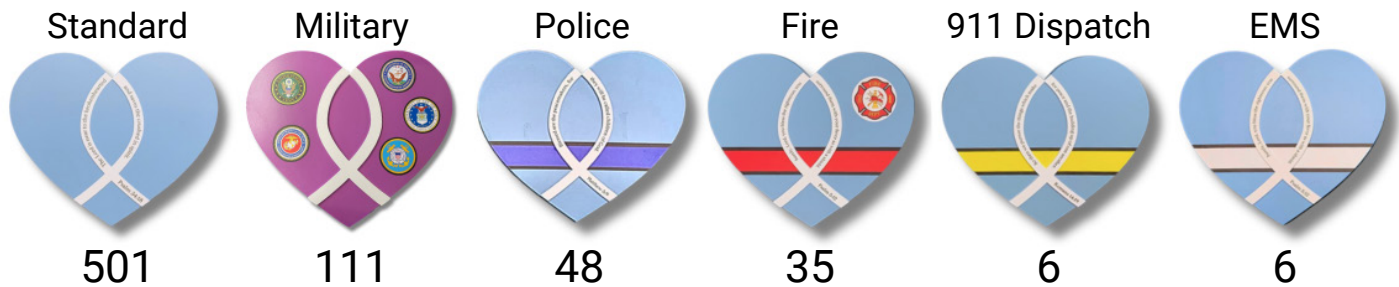
"LCC shows what it looks like to be the hands and feet of Christ in the community." -Cares Volunteer

Hearts of Mercy & Compassion

Your ongoing support allows LCC to bring Hearts of Mercy & Compassion to families who have suffered a loss and help the community to mourn together. HMCs also recognize the service of first responders and express encouragement and love to those who need uplifting.

Given as a gift, each HMC is a physical and spiritual symbol reminding recipients of the hope found in Jesus. This year, your support helped affiliate congregations give out 295 HMCs. This is a **72% increase from 2024** for our affiliate congregations!

Total of 707 Hearts of Mercy & Compassion Given in 2025



Spiritual First Aid™

In 2025, your help allowed LCC to teach and certify more than **2,000 volunteers** in Spiritual First Aid™.

SFA is an 8-session course that teaches peer-to-peer spiritual and emotional care and trauma-informed best practices. LCC volunteers aren't counselors, but thanks to you, they have experience in biblically based crisis training.

Thank you!

As we look to 2026, we know there will be more people to comfort, more communities to serve, and more good deeds to be done. Your support makes it all possible—thank you for standing with us and helping share Christ's mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation with those in need.