

Congregational Projects



Disaster response survival kit

The disaster response survival kit project engages LCMS congregations and districts in an outreach ministry to provide at-risk members with a survival kit as part of a disaster preparedness plan. The project calls for survival kits to be assembled and distributed locally to members and/or nationally to communities.

Although it is wise for everyone to maintain a basic survival kit, it is helpful for the church to assist those who may be homebound or otherwise unable to provide for themselves.

As part of the project, each congregation or affiliate organization fills the empty survival kits with items from a suggested list provided by LCMS Disaster Response (see below). The items

are purchased and donated by the members of the congregation or affiliate organization. Additional survival kits assembled over and above local needs may be stored by the church and shipped to other areas following major disasters.

The cost of items to fill the bags starts at \$10 and goes higher depending on the quality and quantity of items purchased. The cost will increase substantially if the optional items are added. Stores that specialize in survival gear or high-end sporting goods stores tend to be more expensive and generally don't carry items in bulk.

Items purchased at discount stores tend to reduce the overall cost of each kit. Buying multi-pack items, like six waters, six tissues, six food

bars, etc., will reduce the cost as well. It is possible to assemble each survival kit for less than \$10, plus the cost of the bag.

Survival kit project

The suggested disaster response survival kit is assembled in a heavy duty Cordura® nylon bag or backpack made to endure years of abuse. This kit contains practical and useful survival products needed when a disaster strikes. Basic survival kit content includes:

Warmth & shelter:

- 1 emergency Space® blanket
- 1 emergency rain or wind poncho

Heating & light:

- 1 4-inch wax candle
- 1 box of waterproof matches
- 2 instant 12-hour snap lights

Food & water items:

- 12 purified drinking water pouches
- 1 sealed packet of high-energy foods (three people for three days)

Personal hygiene items:

- 2 tissue packs
- 9 wet wipe towelettes
- 1 sanitation refuse bag (red)
- 1 trash bag (white)

Spiritual care items:

- 1 pocket-sized Bible
- 1 “Where is God Now?” devotional booklet
- Assorted spiritual care materials

Miscellaneous:

- 1 Cordura® nylon tote bag or backpack
- 1 survival whistle
- 1 first aid kit
- 1 deluxe AM/FM radio
- 1 flashlight with batteries

