“In the tumultuous time that we’re going through as a country, we’re also seeing that affect our church workers in very tangible, financial ways,” said the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, who is overseeing the Soldiers of the Cross response. “Soldiers of the Cross is a way that we can help our church workers who are going through financial hardship.”

**SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS** provides emergency financial support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers who are experiencing a financial crisis unrelated to COVID-19. Demand for such help is greater than many people realize, and the number of requests for assistance exceed the funds available each year.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT** so that church workers in need can receive this critical assistance. Soldiers of the Cross depends totally on donor-designated contributions. By God’s grace, caring people in the LCMS continue to respond with compassion and generosity, even though the identity and privacy of those helped is protected.

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), Lutheran Church Extension Fund, the 35 districts of the LCMS, and other entities are providing an opportunity for concerned, caring people to help those serving full- or part-time in LCMS congregations, schools, universities, Recognized Service Organizations and other organizations who have been confronted with ministry-disrupting personal crises.

Unlike traditional Soldiers grants, lay workers who are not on the Synod’s roster of professional church workers — such as church and school secretaries, bookkeepers and janitors — are eligible for these “amplified” grants.

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“It is a tremendous blessing that we did not fall behind on our mortgage or have to rack up credit card debt trying to both eat and pay the bills. Thank you so much and God bless you!”

— A worker who received a Soldiers of the Cross—Amplified grant