

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE  
RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS

MAY 2011

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This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornadoes, rising waters and leveled by destructive winds. Our church is

reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing the needs—working together for as long as it takes.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected by these disasters. **Gifts designated to “U.S. Severe Storms” will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover.** Donations given “Where Needed Most” help to respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery. Thank you!

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