

Thank you for contacting Lutheran Disaster Response. We are excited to hear about your interest in coming to assist with the flood recovery efforts in Minot, North Dakota. There is still a lot of work to be done, so we appreciate your willingness to lend a hand!

Currently we are finishing the “muck & gut” of homes and the “button-up” phases in preparation for the breath-taking North Dakota winter. The remaining sanitizing jobs will be continued in the spring. We are now transitioning into the “rebuild” phase, that is, assessing the work to be done to bring the homes back to a safe, sanitary and secure environment for the essential living space in preparation for the rebuild phase. This phase has a great need of skilled volunteers (i.e., persons with experience in construction, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, etc.). If you would not consider yourself “skilled”, we may put you to work in other areas or pair you up with a more skilled person.

Please note that all electrical and plumbing work must be done either by the homeowner or someone licensed and bonded in the state of North Dakota.

When you know the dates you can come, contact us so we can reserve room in the free housing available at local churches. At each housing location, you will be provided with an air mattress so please bring your own bedding. We also have free showering options, but please bring a towel. While these arrangements may not be 5-Star accommodations, after a hard day’s work, it hopefully will seem adequate. These housing locations are in Minot and the surrounding areas, so be prepared to make a short drive each morning. On Monday – Saturday, the housing locations will provide breakfast and we will provide a sack lunch for the noon meal and offer a free meal in the evening.

Sincerely,

Becky Wynia, Volunteer Coordinator