

## Free stewardship videos are available

For several years the ELCA has made short videos, about 15 minutes in length, on stewardship. Experts in the field make simple and informative presentations on topics such as:

- Proven approaches to growing mission support
- How technology can engage congregation members in ministry
- Electronic Giving (both Vanco and Tithe.ly)
- ... and many more

Now these videos are cataloged in one spreadsheet and available from one link. The videos are all available at no cost, and permission is granted to use the clips appropriately. For quick access, please visit [www.ne-iasynod.org/ministries/generosity](http://www.ne-iasynod.org/ministries/generosity).



— *Pastor Mark A. Anderson*  
Assistant to the Bishop

## Opportunities to Help Derecho Victims

Donations and volunteers from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are making a difference in the lives of Iowans affected by the violent derecho storm on Aug. 10.

Members of Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly and Lord of Life in Dubuque are among the volunteers who have responded to help with clean-up efforts in the Cedar Rapids area. The groups have made repeat trips in August and September to cut up trees and brush for several families, working in partnership with First Lutheran of Cedar Rapids.

“There are still a lot of families who have a lot of clean up to do,” says Pastor Corey Smith of Redeemer. “If you haven’t seen the destruction there, you can’t fathom what it has meant to some of these places. It’s remarkable that trees 50 to 60 years old are just snapped off.”

Smith says that Redeemer plans to send a group to help one weekend a month. People wanting to join them can contact Smith at Redeemer or make plans directly with Pastor Craig Brown of First Lutheran.

“So often we go to help at a place for a week or two and then forget about

it, but the need for help down there is not going away soon,” Smith says.

### GIFTS TO LDR RESPONSE FUND ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED

Thanks to generous donations, the Lutheran Disaster Response Fund of Iowa has given \$10,000 to the Southeastern Iowa Synod to help families recover from the widespread destruction caused by the derecho. This fund is a partnership among Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The LDR-Iowa funds have been combined with donations received from other sources and are being distributed by the Southeastern Iowa Synod to various organizations in communities affected by the derecho, including:

- Churches United of the Quad City Area
- Meals to go in Newton
- Police departments in Marshalltown and Cedar Rapids to



Volunteers from Redeemer, Waverly; Lord of Life, Dubuque; and First Lutheran, Cedar Rapids clean up downed trees and brush from the derecho storm that hit Cedar Rapids in August.

distribute gift cards to families

- Partnership with Catholic Charities
- Four food banks serving heavily impacted communities
- Team Rubicon clean-up efforts
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

Learn how to donate to this fund at [www.neiasynod.org/disaster-response](http://www.neiasynod.org/disaster-response).