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WHEN IS THE SYNOD HURRICANE LAURA WORK DAY?

The Synod Work Day will be Saturday, September 19.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE? WHERE WILL WE BE?

There will be one launch site for the Saturday Work Day:

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
945 W. Roundbunch Rd.
Bridge City, TX 77611

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

On Saturday, clean-up crews will be heading out to do primarily debris clean-up in and around the greater Lake Charles area. Other teams, called compassion care teams, will be delivering grocery bags of food or care kits, and helping do brief assessments. During registration, you may choose which crew you would like to serve on.

WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN- CAN THEY PARTICIPATE?

The Gulf Coast Synod believes it is important for children to learn how to love and serve their vulnerable neighbors. The Synod also believe safety is of the utmost importance. The following are the age requirements for the Synod Work Day:

- For clean-up crews, participants must be 18 years old or older.
- For youth 16 to 17 years old, they may participate on a clean-up crew ONLY if a parent or legal guardian is present with them the entire time.



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- For children 13 to 16, they may participate on a compassion care crew ONLY if a parent or legal guardian is present with them the entire time.
- Households with children of all ages may participate on the Friday Prep Day.

****Please note that this is not an event for youth groups. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the entire event. No exceptions.***

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Dress for outdoor work with clothes that don't matter to you. Long pants are best. Sturdy shoes. Wear your yellow "God's Work Our Hands" shirt if you have one. Be aware it will most likely be both hot and muggy.

For sure, bring the following:

- A sack lunch
- Water bottles. (Drink lots of water!)
- Your mask
- Handi-wipes and/or hand sanitizer

Consider bringing the following:

- A towel or hand towels
- A change of clothes
- First aid supplies
- Sturdy gloves
- Bug repellent
- A hat
- Sunscreen

As we get closer to the Work Day, we may invite volunteers to bring other items; for example extra shovels, tools, etc.

If you do not have a yellow "God's Work Our Hands" shirt, you may be able to purchase one for \$5 during registration. You'll pay during check-in (credit/debit cards only). Adult sizes only.

WHAT ABOUT THE COVID PANDEMIC?

Please note that choosing to serve in this way may expose you to risks, including the possibility of COVID-19. Most of the areas our work crews will be working in do not have running water or electricity. You will be working on and in homes where household members may have been exposed to COVID-19. You'll be expected to wear your mask while working.

Those who have been recently exposed to COVID-19 should not participate. Those who do not feel well should not participate. Those in vulnerable populations for COVID-19 should not participate.

Screenings will be provided the day of the Work Day.



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I'D LIKE TO HELP BUT CANNOT PARTICIPATE THAT WEEKEND. WHAT CAN I DO?

You can purchase food items (for Louisiana) or “care” kit items (for Houston). You can make a donation to the Work Day through our Synod’s online donation page. You can pray for our volunteers and those who are still recovering from the hurricane.

WHO IS SPONSORING THIS WORK DAY?

This Synod Work Day is sponsored by the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod, in partnership with Upbring’s Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response, Inspiritus Disaster Response (formerly Lutheran Social Services of Georgia), and ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please email disaster@gulfcoastsynod.org or call the Synod Office at 281-873-5665.