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Now, as large portions of the Gulf Coast region begin the clean-up process again, three more storms are forming in the Atlantic, lined up like airplanes awaiting clearance for landing, and it seems that the worst might be yet to come. Hanna. Ike. Josephine. With nearly three months remaining in the season, these storms and any that

will follow have the entire country watching, poised on the edge of yet another major disaster.

But even as we wait and watch, we know that the ELCA is a church of great abundance and generosity. Through Lutheran Disaster Response, the ELCA is already helping tend to the needs of evacuees, through spiritual care and hardship grants. We are committed to providing holistic care to those affected by disaster, knowing too well that those who were already marginalized and vulnerable will face even greater hardships after these storms have passed.

Thank you for your gifts designated to **Hurricane Response** that will be used—100%—to accompany disaster survivors in their recovery journey. For those affected, this generous support is an uplifting sign of help and hope.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

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