



Panama City Hurricane Michael Relief Update

February 25, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Volunteer Center has a full camp of Lutheran volunteers scheduled through March 23. We have reserved March 24—30 to “break down” camp and return Trinity's campus to “church” status and remove modifications that enabled us to create the volunteer center.

The Chainsaw Ministry will be in full swing through March 23. Among our March volunteers will be 5 college teams who chose to take their Spring Break doing relief work. We also have 4 church teams signed up for March. Lutheran Church Charities will also be making their 3rd mission trip to Panama City. Camp Trinity will be operating ABOVE capacity for March.

Team Rubicon is pulling out of Panama City at the end of February. Samaritan's Purse is pulling out April 20. Both agencies have begun funneling their chainsaw work requests to Shepherd's Heart and the LERT volunteers. We have removed trees from over 125 homes, we now have 39 active jobs (not counting Mexico Beach that Pastor Giesekeing is leading), and 16 waiting to be assessed. In my 13 years of doing disaster response Hurricane Michael brought the worst tree damage devastation that I have seen. When the Camp closes after 6 continuous months of operation, Panama City's tree damage will still be far from recovered.

The Food Bank closed January 29. Trinity Lutheran Church has opted to continue a Food Pantry which will be a scaled down version of the Food Bank and no longer associated with the Disaster Response effort. Tammy Wilson will be running the Food Pantry and Kathy Roberts has transitioned her responsibilities to assisting me with running the camp. *Kathy is no longer associated with the Food Pantry and all questions should be directed to Tammy Wilson at 850-774-7286.*

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"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith." (Philippians 3:8-9)

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