

*A Letter from Rev. Michael W. Newman,
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*“And he who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said,
“Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and
true.” (Revelation 21:5)*

Dear fellow servants of Jesus,

On this eve of the Ascension of our Lord, we hold to the promise of our returning Savior who will make all things new. We groan in the wake of the devastating loss in Uvalde, Texas, and we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Your prayers have been and continue to be of the utmost importance as we draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, finding mercy and grace to help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16). The people of Uvalde are being blessed and sustained by your prayers.

How else can you help?

Financial donations are key. Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde has indicated that this is the best way to help at this time. 100% of every gift will go to help with the many needs families and victims are experiencing. Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde is partnering

with the Texas District to receive and distribute these donations. You can find a donation link and information at txlcms.org/help-for-ualde/.

What about other needs?

A member of Trinity in Uvalde is a lead school counselor. She is actively coordinating family care and indicates that an abundance of mental health professionals are on site. No additional counselors are needed at this time. If a change takes place, we will send an update.

As of today, 2500 people were standing in line to donate blood in Uvalde. The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is booked with a full appointment schedule through Saturday. The generosity and thoughtfulness are blessings.

Lutheran Church Charities has dispatched a team of comfort dogs and their handlers to Uvalde. These gentle servants are bringing consolation to the grieving and traumatized. We praise God for our Texas churches and churches around the nation that stand ready with this wonderful ministry to help in times of need.

Concordia Publishing House Gospel Outreach is providing free grief support resources to Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde to be distributed to community and congregation members in need.

Texas District Emergency Management Director, Julie Tucker, has been working with agencies to provide needs for first responders and community residents. Trinity Lutheran in Uvalde has already housed four Salvation Army workers as they provide food for first responders.

As you can see, the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde, Pastor Mark Tews, the Texas District family, and ministries of the LCMS are joining together to shine Jesus' light during this dark and difficult time. Your donations and ongoing prayers will bring great

blessings. I will be sure to share updates on emerging needs via our social media platforms and through other district communication streams.

Thank you for your compassionate hearts and kind action to bless the hurting in Jesus' name.

Walking in faith and prayer with you,

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