

Jesus loves the People of Maui!

*“In this world you **will have trouble.**
But take heart! I **have** overcome the world.”*

John 16:23

Perhaps you saw the disheartening news. Ninety-nine (99) people are confirmed dead in the Lahaina fire with only 25% of the area searched.

What message do we bring to those so much in need of care and love?

*You have a God who is Emmanuel, (God with us)! **He is with you and for you!*** We are the body of Christ, walking, loving, living, and sharing with those in need.

Pray for the leaders and members of Emmanuel Lutheran, Kahului, Maui. They function as God’s hands and feet to the people of Maui. They are Christ’s ambassadors and bear the presence of the Savior. Pray for their strength and care as they walk beside many in great need, assisting them, and pointing them towards *Hope*, found only in Jesus.

What is happening?

- The people of Emmanuel are providing immediate response, sharing needed goods and services, and assisting school families who are housing displaced people.
- Two staff from Lutheran Church Charities are deployed to Maui. They will help to organize a response effort able to be sustained by Emmanuel and supported by the CNH and greater LCMS.
- Infusions of relief dollars from your CNH Disaster Fund, LCMS Disaster Relief, local congregations, individual donors, Orphan Grain Train, and LCEF are enabling a growing response.

- We hope to deploy crisis counseling personnel to assist in ministering to survivors and caretakers, sponsored by LCMS Disaster Relief and the CNH.

Your partnership:

- Pray for those so horrifically affected, those mourning, and strength for caregivers.
- Encourage those you may know on Maui with texts, cards, and emails. Let them know you are remembering them and praying for them.
- Share a gift to support relief work and recovery.

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LCMS Disaster Response
<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>

CNH District Disaster Relief Fund
<https://www.cnh-lcms.org>

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