

**A brief update on Postville
June 20, 2008**

We have received over \$8000.00 in donations to the Postville Food Pantry. My wife Susan and I went shopping yesterday and spent nearly \$1000 to fill the pantry shelves with needed items. I will also be purchasing gift certificates from the local grocery store that will be given to families through St. Bridget's Catholic Church so that they may purchase perishables like milk, fruit, and vegetables.

Pastor Jim Klosterboer shared this in an e-mail to me: "I dropped off some groceries at St. Paul today for the food shelf up there. They were donated by a woman in Elkader who had some extra food stamps left and wanted to give them to the people up there!" We have so many incredible stories of people who are helping the children and families who have been affected by this crisis.

I made an online donation through the Lutheran Disaster Response website. Online donations can be made by clicking this link <http://archive.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/Giving/featuredgiving.asp?pageid=2> After the page loads, donors simply need to go to the dropdown box under "Designate a specific disaster" and select "Postville Disaster." Then they simply need to click the "Give" box above the dropdown menu to move on to the next step of the process.

It is humbling to see the Church living out the mission of God in response to the many disasters we have experienced recently in Iowa.

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