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Now is the moment for the saints who know so clearly that all they have for time and eternity is a gift, to sacrifice for those who are in need. Right now, LCMS Lutherans are rescuing, caring for and binding up the wounds of their friends, families and non-Lutheran neighbors. It's time to help them in the name and for the sake of Christ. I know you can. I know you will. "Let us love one another" (1 John 4:7).

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