



What had been a partnership for a shady picnic, a stately tree and a picnic table in Roberts Park on N. 25th St., became a shattered monument to the storm's fury. The

park was apparently directly in the path of at least one of the four reported funnels that hit the city. — Photo by Joe Arterburn.



Children whose homes were damaged by the storm stand at the back of a Salvation Army emergency truck along Avenue D near 30th Street a few days after the storm. Several neighborhoods were without power for several days after. Photo by Steve Glowacki.

the space, the Red Cross had called the Rev. Howard Fitzgerald at St. Peter's Catholic Church to reserve space if needed.

"They were going to be in the social hall, but they have not yet come," he said at about 10:15 p.m.

Despite the near-citywide blackout, the church's rectory was lit, as were the street lights on an adjacent road. Fitzgerald said the power outage seemed to be sporadic. "You have to live right, I guess. Bluff Street must be the right path."

It may have been the right path for light, but not so for lightning. The church's steeple had been hit by lightning, and Fitzgerald said the damage looked pretty extensive.