



150 YEARS OF LOVE

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Please join us for our **150th Anniversary Celebration Banquet**
June 15, 2023



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Help Us Celebrate!

As LSEM celebrates its incredible 150 years of ministry service, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a special 150th Anniversary donation to ensure God's children continue to receive love and support for the next 150 years.

There are several ways your special donation can help the children we serve. You can designate your gift towards our three ministry fundraising pillars as described below. You can also set up an automatic recurring gift and make a gift pledge. All these donations go towards improving the educational and spiritual lives of children who have learning needs.

Friends like you have supported us over the past 150 years. Let's come together now to honor the past as we look ahead to the future God has planned for us!

As we look back to our past, we remember how God has sustained us to impact the lives of children with learning needs. As we embrace the future, we walk in faithful confidence that our God will continue to care for His children through Lutheran Special Education Ministries. To God be the glory!



150th Anniversary Fundraising Pillars

Endowment | A gift to the LSEM endowment means you are investing in the lives of God's children for generations to come. Our functioning endowment has greatly benefited the ministry over the years and has seen us through turmoil, fiscally unstable times, and most recently through the chaos of COVID-19. Your gift would help grow that endowment, which would benefit the ministry both now and in the years to come. If you're interested in making your special gift last, this is a wonderful donation opportunity.

Resources | The core of our ministry lies in providing the tools, materials, and resources that enable children with special learning needs to be successful in their studies. We continue to reach out to serve more kids. This has resulted in explosive growth: 50% program growth and serving 60% more kids in this past year alone. A gift toward Resources would help ensure that every child has the best individual and specific resources they need.

Expansion | As we continue to reach out to serve more children, we need to expand our ministry's capacity. Our mission as a Christian ministry is to serve schools, churches, and families in order to advance the success of children who have learning needs. Our vision as a ministry is to reach out to provide the opportunity for every child to receive specialized learning services. As an LCMS recognized expert in special education, a gift toward Expansion would enable us to serve more children learning with Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism, and other special needs.



A message from
Stacy McGhee,
President/CEO of LSEM

A LEGACY OF LOVE

150 years of ministry service. That is incredible! We are in awe of the way that God has used this ministry through the years to benefit the lives of His children. It is truly a Legacy of Love.

It can be a bit difficult to put 150 years into perspective. This ministry has been around through two world wars, witnessed 28 Presidents of the United States, served others through the Great Depression, saw the first car being built, the first computer, and the dawn of the Internet. We have hired hundreds of teachers over the years and impacted the lives of tens of thousands of children.

Many things have changed since 1873, but one thing has not: our mission to serve God's children who have special needs. We are now serving more kids than we ever have before in our history. And it's because of friends like you that we have seen this growth and can continue to reach out a helping hand to these children and their families. What started in Detroit in 1873 as an orphanage serving a local few, has now become a ministry with national and world-wide reach, teaching children with all kinds of needs.

In this first special anniversary newsletter, we honor the past and praise God for the work that He has done through us and through the support of people like you. THANK YOU! We look forward to 150 more years of loving and serving the children that He has placed around us.

Let's join together in celebrating God's love and ensuring that we can help His children for generations to come.

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Our Presidents

Our organization has a history of dedication and commitment from our presidents. We are thankful for these leaders and honor the work they have done in serving God's children. Often starting as teachers and administrators, and growing into leadership, we commemorate their years of service to our ministry.



1873
Rev. J.A. Huegli, Founder



1873-1879
Rev. G. Speckhart, First Director



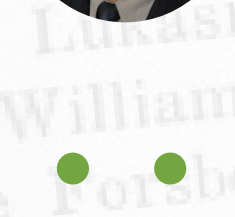
1875-1905
Rev. H. D. Uhlig



1900-1902
Rev. H. A. Bentrup



1903-1933
Rev. William Gielow



1933-1962
Dr. John A. Klein, LLD

1962-1974
Walter Bellhorn

1974-1986
Rev Rodney R Rynearson, Executive Director

1987-2010
Roger DeMeyere, President/CEO

2010-2014
James Krone, President/CEO

2015-Present
Stacy McGhee (Hoeft), President/CEO



1873 2023

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Founded by Rev. J.A. Huegli, on March 31st the articles of incorporation were signed for "The German Evangelical Lutheran Orphan's Assistance Society" This began our ministry of serving God's children in need.

1874-1875
Started a ministry focused on deaf children (1874)

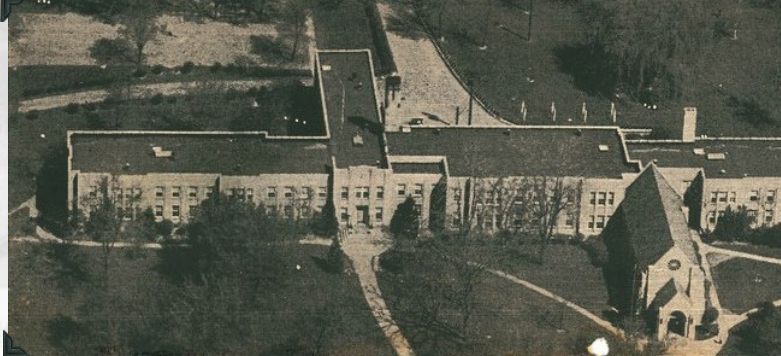
1874-1875
Constructed our first building and became the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute (1875)



1930
The first Advocate issue was published (Winter 1930)

1936-1938
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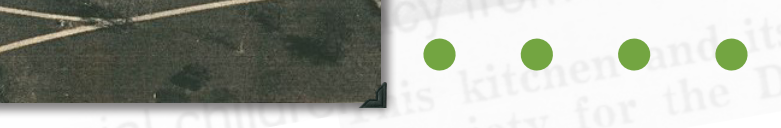


1957
Became the Lutheran School for the Deaf

1973
Our centennial celebration: 100 years of ministry service!

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Our History

As you explore our history, you may notice that God's plan for our ministry has been an inspiring road of faith and transition. Throughout these times of growth and change, our mission remains the same: serving children with special needs.



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We are currently serving more children in more schools around the world than ever before in our long history. (2022)

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