



EPHATHA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

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*Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society
exists to bring the gifts of Christ to the Deaf community.*

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Football Camp

We had an amazing summer Football Camp. The kids learned so much, and had a great time.



Tutoring Program

This past summer Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society started

a tutoring center for children in the Deaf community that will give them an opportunity for one on one teaching in American Sign Language throughout the year. So far there are 4 children and two lead teachers, one Deaf Education Certified teacher and one ASL Teacher who is part of the Deaf community herself.

It is our hope to build this program and spread it further into the Detroit area in order to assist the Detroit public school system currently serving the Deaf community. Our tutoring center is located inside Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School 800 S Military St, Dearborn, MI.

Please look at our website at elms-deaf.org and see if you can contribute to the education of children in the Deaf community or have a child in mind that could benefit from these tutoring service.

Vacation Bible School

This year, Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) had its first Vacation Bible School! The curriculum was developed by Jennifer Ceyane for Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, an organization that specializes in materials and workshops that connect Deaf community to their Lord and Savior through American Sign Language. We had 7 children there for three days. They learned of the Light of Christ through activities, crafts and lessons all in American Sign Language.

Deaconess-Intern Diana Rice was the lead teacher. She is part of the Deaf community herself and set-up the entire event. This was a rare event, because not many Deaf VBS opportunities are available. It was enough of a success that we will be hosting another 3 day Deaf VBS towards the end of the summer. It is our hope that we will get even more children and that it will spread into the local Deaf community. Keep us in your prayers as we work to reach out to this community. If you would like to learn more about what ELMS is doing for the Deaf community, visit our website at ELMS-deaf.org.

Hartland Lake Service

Throughout the summer months (June—Aug 2nd & 4th Sundays) Our Savior and Christ the King deaf members and visitors meet at Salem Lutheran Church's Whalen lake Property in Hartland for service at 11:00 followed by fellowship. We range from 30-33 members and guests who come out to enjoy the beautiful property and chapel by the lake.

Macau Hurricane

Recently in America many people have lost cars and homes as a result of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Shortly before these occurred, a hurricane hit Hong Kong and Macau. People who live there said they had seen nothing like this in their life times. Our mission society has been supporting Deaf Mission work in Macau for 14 years.

Though the mission to God's children has gone back nearly 6 decades. Local Lutheran staff members and missionaries have stayed in an apartment that is owned by Concordia School in Macau. This has been a blessing to many, as those who stay there do not need to pay for an expensive hotels. Currently we are in need of some renovations for this apartment. There is water damage and need for some renovations and simple furniture replacement. Any donations to this project would be welcomed with thanksgiving.

[>>See our website for photos](#)

He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" Mark 7:34

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Deaf meet at Our Savior Lutheran Church Hartland

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland, Michigan has been serving God's Deaf people with the Word of God for almost 3 decades.

Like many hearing congregations that have a Deaf ministry, Our Savior's began when a deaf child was born to one of its families. When the child was young, her mother would interpret for her in church while sitting next to



her. Later however, more Deaf people in the community discovered that Our Savior provided access to God's Word in worship through American Sign Language. It soon became clear that having regular interpreted worship and Deaf Bible study would be necessary.

Currently Our Savior holds weekly Catechism Study and interpreted Lutheran Worship on Wednesday evenings. Pictured are Pastor Thomas Dunseth who is fluent in American Sign Language, and 7 of the 9 members of the Deaf group, among whom are several Lutherans, a few who are studying to become Lutheran, and some new friends.

For more information visit: oslcd.org

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