



Sharing the Gospel with Michigan's Deaf Community

Rev. Thomas Dunseth and Deaconess Diana Rice work with a very special student body in Dearborn. St. Martin School for the Deaf shares space with Emmanuel Lutheran School and offers an exceptional Christ-centered Classical Education designed with the needs of deaf students in mind. The curriculum is designed specifically to meet emotional and social needs of deaf and hard of hearing students through classroom instruction in American Sign Language and literacy in English.

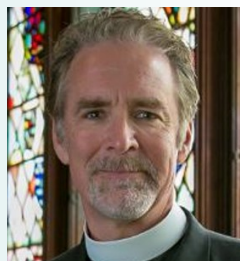


Deaconess Diana Rice majored in Elementary Education at the University of Macau, China and studied American Sign Language and English as a Second Language at Gallaudet University.

She is deaf and has a unique relationship and bond with the students as the head teacher at St. Martin.

Rev. Dunseth graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1993 and first served the LCMS Board for Mission Services as a missionary to St. Paul Lutheran School for the Deaf in the Portuguese colony of Macau. Returning to

the Michigan District in 2001, he served at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf congregation and is presently called as Associate Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flint to continue his support of the deaf community.



Rev. Dunseth and Deaconess Rice will share more stories and information at the **Council's fall meeting on Monday, September 25th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warren.** Parking is available in the rear lot. Please enter through the doors at the rear of the church.

Check-in for the Fall meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. with opening devotions at 9:45 a.m. The business meeting includes the announcement of 2023-2024 scholarship recipients and updates from member inter-congregational organizations. Lunch and the speaker's presentation follow the meeting. Please encourage your congregation to join you in donating ingathering items for our mission partners (see www.clwmichigan.com under Opportunities for Participation tab).

New Officers Elected and Installed at Spring Meeting



New officers (right) L-R: Judy Shepard, Recording Secretary; Laura Thomas, VP of Communication; Gina Davidson, VP of Events installed by CLW Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dan Howard



CLW Fall 2023 Meeting: Registration information

The Spring meeting will be at Holy Cross LC, 30003 Ryan Rd, Warren, MI 48092. Register through Eventbrite link on the CLW website (www.clwmichigan.com) by September 21, 2023 or call Candie Sionkowski at (734) 323-8008 for assistance.

Save the date ~ March 19, 2024

Council of Lutheran Women
Annual Luncheon

We're celebrating 60 years of CLW

Three ongoing CLW-sponsored projects that support metro Detroit

Twice per year, a handful of volunteers gather to assemble layettes at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. Ingatherings, cash donations and knitters provide items needed for CLW's **Operation Layette**. Last spring 20 layettes were given to Image Clear Ultrasound and the Luke Clinic to support mothers who choose life for their babies. The next assembly will be at St. Paul this fall.

Two tenacious ladies in Detroit keep the doors open at **Peace Lutheran Detroit Food Pantry and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Bank**. CLW provides assistance through ingatherings and cash donations that help a combined total of 90 families at both sites.

Pastoral and deaconess **seminarians are eligible for scholarship assistance** as a benefit of their congregations' CLW membership. The Council also sponsors **two memorial scholarships at Concordia University Ann Arbor** for female church work students. Both are funded by proceeds from the Annual Luncheon and cash donations. Notes and pictures from recipients are posted on Facebook and the CLW website throughout the year.

These important programs always need your help and support. The CLW website has information about item donations, cash donations, and volunteer opportunities on the CLW website (www.clwmichigan.com) under the Opportunities for Participation tab and the Support Us tab. Thank you for your generosity in so many ways!

