



# Deaconesses IN THE LCMS



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- › Visit the sick or homebound
- › Leading women's Bible studies
- › Counseling
- › Children and youth ministry
- › Older adult ministry
- › Teaching parochial school classes
- › Family assistance
- › Assisting people who are deaf or blind
- › Volunteer coordination
- › Chaplaincy
- › Working the poor
- › Assisting pregnancy resource centers

## Serving the Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod trains, calls and commissions deaconesses to serve Christ and His Church through works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the faith. Equipped with God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, deaconesses bring Christ's mercy into the world through diverse congregational, institutional and mission settings. They are witnesses to the living compassion of Christ and representatives of His Church, who cannot help but respond in love after receiving His gifts.

## For more information

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