

SAMARITAS
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OUTREACH OF THE MONTH

In the summer of 2016, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan became Samaritas. Samaritas is a ministry of being Christ to people who are in need of assistance and love. The ministry began in 1934 in Michigan to support and care for the elderly. Throughout the years this ministry has expanded to include foster care for young adults, homes for the elderly, adoption, and support for newly-arrived immigrants.

There are two very local examples of what Samaritas does in the name of Christ. One example is Alison House located on the west side of Lansing, near the Lansing Mall. This ministry is for physically challenged people to live independently in an apartment. It is named after Pastor Alan and Sue Kamen's daughter, Alison.

The other is Michigan Refugee Hope, a house of young adults on the property of Faith Lutheran Church, in Okemos. Financially supporting Samaritas is one way we live out the challenge of "being Jesus Christ to our neighbor." As we are going to learn again this summer, Our Neighbor is anyone who needs us. If you wish to give to this outreach, you can do so on our website or checks can be made out to ULC with "Samaritas" on the memo line.