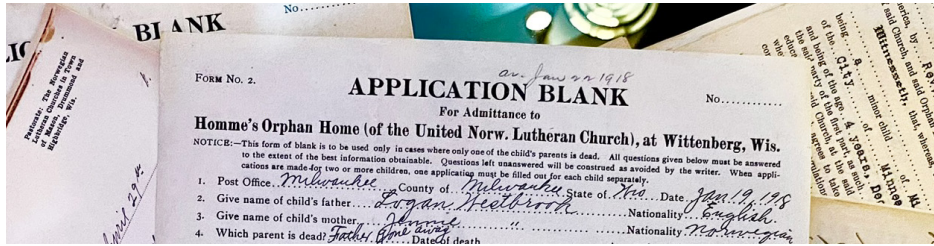


# Many things have changed, yet much remains the same

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS) celebrated 140 years of joint ministry in 2022. As we reflected on many blessings that began with Pastor Homme in 1882 and have grown to include thousands of lives impacted by the generosity of Lutherans and philanthropists through the years, one thing was evident - **Many things have changed since our beginnings, yet many things remain the same.**



We no longer have orphanages, but children are finding forever homes through adoption. We no longer speak of people being “insane” or having “nervous breakdowns” but challenges of mental health and incorporating wellness into our lives continue to hit home today. Instead of sending elderly to an “old folks home” we are helping people to remain independent and lead their own decisions. Saloons are a thing of the past, but there is no end in sight to the price we all pay for addictions to various substances in our communities.

What has remained constant is that LSS and our ministry partners, including those in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, have been there every step of the way. Specific programs may change, yet we remain committed to Strengthening Families, Empowering Independence and Belonging and Inspiring Recovery.

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Healthy communities filled with people using their God-given gifts to serve.

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**23,743**



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clients in SE WI



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