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# Building for Christ Offering

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**March 20**

... A NATION-WIDE CRUSADE FOR THE SAVIOR. ....

## LET US ARISE AND BUILD

### Nehemiah 2:18

*The Need.* Nehemiah found the wall of Jerusalem in a deplorable condition. Jerusalem lay open to its enemies.

*The Need Today.* At Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis., 426 people are crowded into space adequate for 300. Valparaiso University needs a new chapel auditorium so that all students can worship in a body. Our Lutheran school for the Deaf, Mill Neck, N. Y., needs more classrooms, a library, a gymnasium. Half the world goes to bed hungry every night, needs food, clothing, medical supplies. The Annex, the only building that the Deaconess Association owns in Valparaiso, can house only 13 students. There will be more than 13 new applications to enter our deaconess program this fall, to say nothing of the upperclassmen who will return. The inevitable result is that some applicants will not be accepted for the fall semester.

*Leadership.* Nehemiah furnished efficient leadership for the erection of the wall of Jerusalem. Qualified leadership in the \$5,000,000 "Building for Christ" crusade is given us in Dr. J. W. Behnken, honorary chairman; Dr. E. J. Gallmeyer, chairman, Dr. Arnold Grumm and Mr. John W. Boehne, co-chairmen, and Dr. Eugene Bertermann, campaign director, and others.

*Organization.* Nehemiah was an organizational genius. So under the direction of Dr. Bertermann districts, circuits, and congregations are well organized. Each member of the vast organization for this mighty crusade has his work laid out for him, just as Nehemiah laid out the work for each tribe and each Israelite.

*Work.* Details of the work done on the Jerusalem wall are given in the book of Nehemiah. It would take a book to describe all the work done in our St. Louis office and also in the field by speakers and congregational committees and their pastors. Think of the number of times the movie and the flip charts and pamphlets have been shown.

*Success.* The construction of the Jerusalem wall was almost a miracle. In just 52 days the wall was completed because the workers had the mind set, the drive to work.

*Our Success.* With God's help we can bring "Building for Christ" to a successful conclusion. True, it will mean hard work and liberal giving. Let us arise and build at Bethesda, Valparaiso, Mill Neck. Let us build personalities in our mercy institutions and a Valparaiso University and in our deaconess program and in world relief. All this to the glory of our Christ and for the welfare of our Church and for suffering fellowmen.

A. F. K.

"In the name of our church body, which, after careful and prayerful study, has authorized this great undertaking—and, above all, in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior, whose love for us drove Him to Calvary's cross, and who expects us to return that love in deeds of Christian charity—I commend this offering to you and urge you and your congregation to take part."

—Dr. John W. Behnken, President.  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



This proposed new Deaconess Chapter House will be built with Building for Christ funds. It is planned to break ground soon after the March 20th collection date.

## Building for Christ at . . .

# BETHESDA

Watertown, Wisconsin

Bethesda Home: \$1,750,000.

What if your child were mentally retarded, spastic, or epileptic?

GIVE as though he were; offer your gift in thanks to God that your child instead is a healthy child when Building for Christ appeals to you for Bethesda Home on March 20th, 1955!

For Christ says: "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him?" —I John 3:17.

### THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

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Deaconess Christine Seckel stops for a few moments with one of the spastic children in her care at Bethesda Home. She is matron at Bethesda; three other deaconesses also serve there.

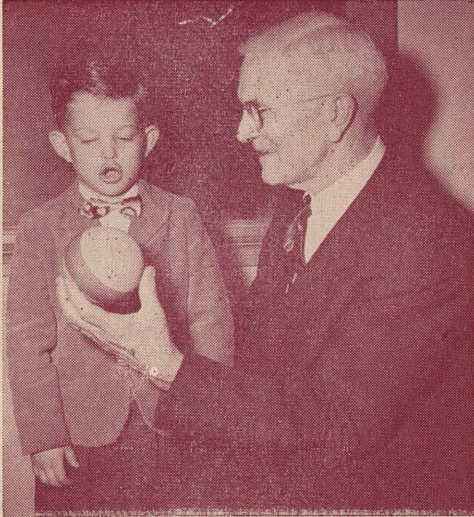


Bed to Bed at Bethesda—this is the actual situation in the wards at Bethesda. With sleeping quarters so very close, contagion of colds and flu is at a high rate. New facilities built with Building for Christ money will relieve this congested living.

Building for Christ at . . . .

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL For The DEAF

Mill Neck, Long Island, New York



President of the Missouri Synod, Dr. J. W. Behnken, and a young pupil at the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, Long Island, New York discover a new word together.

Mill Neck: \$150,000.

Your church, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, operates the only two Protestant schools for the Deaf in the United States—one at Detroit, Michigan, and the other at Mill Neck, Long Island, New York.

At Mill Neck, the school needs funds to expand and provide auditory equipment for its students. In order to keep their license, the School needs these funds immediately!

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GIVE with the souls of these Deaf children upon your heart when Building for Christ representatives knock at your door on March 20th! For Christ says:

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him?"

—I John 3:17.



Deaconess Eunice Weidner, 1954 Valpo graduate, helps one of her pupils at the School for the Deaf on Long Island, New York. Deaconess Weidner is teaching at the School while taking special training in skills in teaching the Deaf at Columbia University.

## Building for Christ at . . . . VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

Valparaiso, Indiana

Valparaiso University: \$2,500,000.

"In Thy Light Shall We See Light." is the motto of Valparaiso University. At Valpo the flame of learning glows steadily because it is accompanied by the flame of Christian Truth, too!

Building for Christ will add to the flame of Christian education by making possible a Chapel on campus—a real center of the faith and hope which Valpo administrators, faculty, students, graduates and friends cherish as the heart of education at Valparaiso University.

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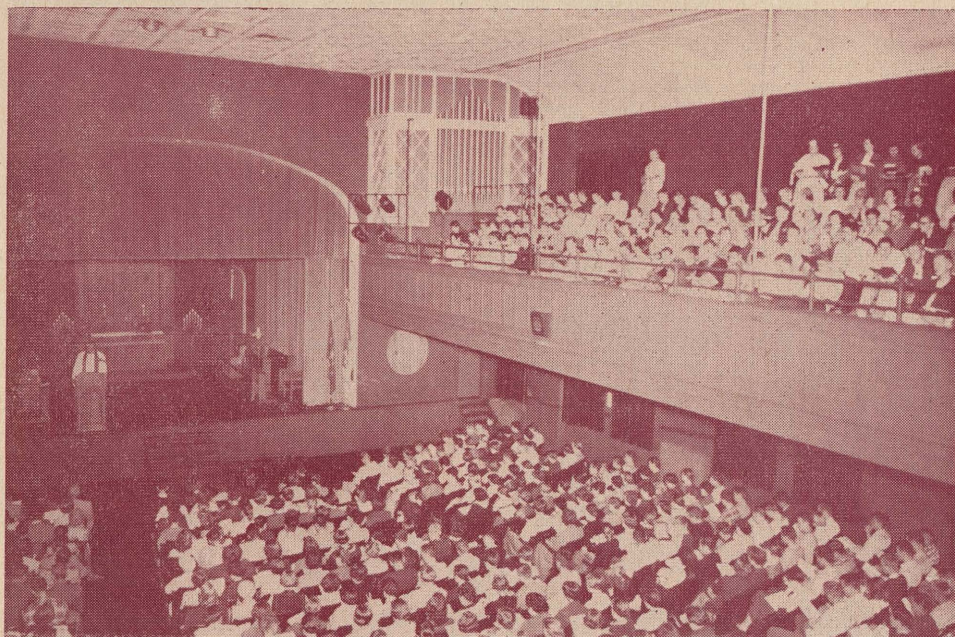
GIVE liberally knowing that Christian education for laymen as well as pastors and teachers is a must in our church's work.

For Christ says:

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him?"  
—I John 3:17.



Doris Gottschalk, a sophomore student deaconess from Janesville, Minnesota, spends a few minutes in private meditation in her room at Valpo.



Chapel at Valparaiso University is held from 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. Pictured above is the crowded auditorium which now serves as Chapel though it is highly inadequate. Overflow crowd at chapel now meets across campus in an Engineering building; all students will be able to worship together as soon as BFC is completed and funds are ready for the building of this much-needed worship center at Valpo, our Lutheran University.

## Building For Christ Through . . . .

# THE LUTHERAN

Deaconess Association: \$250,000.

Women workers are not new in the church. St. Paul mentions many of them, and among them is a certain Phoebe, the first

deaconess in the church who is recorded in Scripture. (See Romans 16:1, 2). But she is not the last deaconess—thousands have followed after her—and they are still doing so.



With good reason to be happy, these smiling girls listen to reports from the Building for Christ effort. The successful outcome of this campaign means for them finishing their Deaconess Education as residents of the new Deaconess Chapter House to be erected with BFC funds. Freshmen students will probably live two years in the new dormitory which it is hoped will be ready by Fall, 1956.



Devotions at 6:30 p.m. each day of the week are long remembered by the student deaconesses. Graduates look back on these few moments of group worship as the "tie that binds" them to their sister workers in the Kingdom. The new Deaconess Chapter House will relieve the crowded conditions here pictured since a Chapel for worship is included in the plans.

# DEACONESS ASSOC.

GIVE on March 20th so that young women of your church may have adequate living facilities while preparing at Valpo for service in the church as a deaconess, like Phoebe of old.

For Christ says:

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him?"  
—I John 3:17.



Finally comes the day! Her deaconess education completed, the graduate is then consecrated as a servant in the church, and she is ready to begin full-time work. Deaconess Marian Wehe, now serving at Immanuel Church, Batavia, Illinois, is here kneeling at the altar of her home church in Milwaukee, Wis.; the Rev. Victor Selle, pastor, blesses her while Supt. Arnold F. Krentz, who performs the consecration service, stands by as also does Mrs. H. L. Stone, president of the South Wisconsin LWML, prepared to pin the deaconess cross on Miss Wehe.



## Building for Christ through . . . . RELIEF And REFUGEE SERVICE

World Relief and Refugee Service: \$400,000.

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"Am I my brother's keeper?" is an age-old question, but it still rings true today, and we must answer it with a sound and firm, "Yes, I am."

Some of our brothers and sisters are in need of our help right now. Food, clothing, medicines and "adoption" by Christians in the United States of refugees will be made possible through Building for Christ's precious dollars.

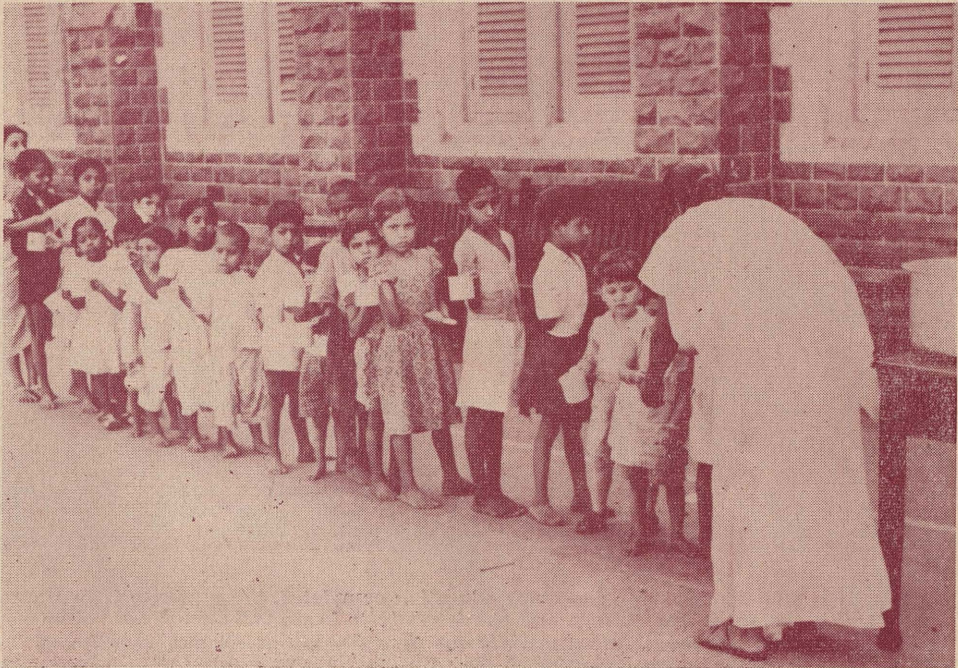
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GIVE gladly for Building for Christ and help your brother who has need, for, Christ says:

"If anyone has the world's good and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him?"  
—I John 3:17.



Refugees in Hong Kong are being served by two deaconesses; pictured above with their refugee friends are Martha Boss and Gertrude Simon.



Long lines of hungry people around the world stand before us just as this line does, and they plead for food and clothing—the bare essentials of life. Building for Christ will, in some measure, relieve our brothers and sisters in need.