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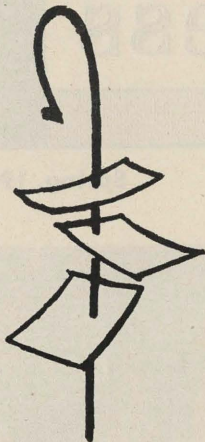
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Placement Excitement

STAFF THOUGHTS



“Through the grace of God we have different gifts. If our gift is preaching, let them give us honor due preachers. If it is serving others, let us not overdo it; if it is teaching, let us first be assured of an adequate salary; and if our gift be the stimulating of the faith of others, remember that overactivity on our part could cause frustrations. Let the man who is called to give be sure he gets due credit; let the man who wields authority really wield it; and let the man who feels sympathy for his fellows exercise a little caution lest he become a psycho-neurotic.” (Romans 12:6-8, Old Adam version).

By the grace of God our deaconesses have learned to serve and are serving, not according to the Old Adam version above so commonly accepted, but according to the Pauline inspired version which section begins with the admonition: “Don’t cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capacities” and then give your all.

In the previous issue of “The Lutheran Deaconess” our Director of Training, Prof. Arne Kristo, elaborated on the training of our deaconesses. In this issue our Field Secretary, Deaconess Lucy Wiese, compiles materials on the services our deaconesses perform in the Church at large.

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WE RECOMMEND . . . A DEACONESS!!

Geographically, the Northwest District, comprised of the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska, is the largest of the thirty-four districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Yet in all this vast area there are but two congregations which are enjoying—and let me add, profiting from—the dedicated services of a deaconess. My congregation, Our Savior's of Seattle, Washington, is one of these. The young woman, now in her second year of service to us in this capacity, is Miss Pamela Zimmerman, a 1963 graduate of Synod's deaconess training program as offered by Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Our concern in securing the services of a deaconess revolved about the following considerations, in the order as they are here listed:

1. To strengthen the congregation's youth program;
2. To assist the pastor in making all types of calls, except calls on adult delinquent members;
3. To teach first-year confirmation classes; and
4. To direct (and also teach in) the annual Vacation Bible School.



Deaconess Pam and Pastor Westerkamp confer on calls to be made.

In each of these specific areas, as well as in some not as directly spelled out for her, Deaconess Pam, as she prefers to be called, has rendered not merely passing or satisfactory, but highly commendable, service. Aside from her natural ability and her winning personality, I would attribute this directly to the thorough and specialized training she received in preparing for the calling of a deaconess. It has been my observation that only very

seldom did she require any "coaching" on my part with regard to the initiating or the carrying out of whatever the program that was suggested or assigned to her. She always seemed to have the know-how and the training to cope with the task that confronted her, and to do so acceptably and successfully.



Deaconess Pam has a special word for some of the young people as they leave Church.

A notable example of her value to the congregation and its program was the fine success enjoyed, under her direction, by our 1964 Vacation Bible School, last June. Enrollment over the previous year increased by 90 per cent; more teachers and helpers were enlisted than ever before, thus stimulating a more wide-

spread awareness and interest in the importance of teaching the Word; and the number of children gained through the V.B.S. for the congregation's Sunday School was proportionately greater, too, primarily because a trained worker, in addition to the pastor, was available to make the necessary follow-up calls.

Another instance of a most excellent service rendered by our deaconess grew out of a need for more Bible study classes for adults. We became especially aware of this particular need in consequence of an area Spiritual Life Mission in which the congregation participated in mid-fall of 1964. Seeking to remedy the lack of more opportunity for Bible study, at least where the distaff side of the congregation is concerned, Deaconess Pam set out to organize week-day Bible classes for our women, with the result that, as of January, 1965, there were morning classes, afternoon classes, and evening classes during the week, with 70 or more women enrolled to date who ordinarily would not be attending a Bible class on Sunday mornings. What blessings are bound to follow when that many more people in a congregation begin the study of God's Word.

As for our youth program, this, too, has profited immeasurably through the untiring and expert efforts of our deaconess. Perhaps the result can best be stated this way: Our young people not only attend worship services and Bible classes more regularly and participate in Walther League meetings and activities more faithfully, but apparently they have come to **enjoy** doing these things, and have in the process developed a greater awareness of the fact that they, too, are members of the church and not just a "nuisance" segment to be tolerated by their elders in the congregation. As a matter of fact, they have so grown in spiritual stature that in January, 1965, they undertook an every-member visit in the interests of promoting family devotions and more consistent church and communion attendance on the part of the congregation's total membership.

All of which leads me to say, that this type of fulltime worker is, indeed one of God's special gifts to His church! (Written by Pastor L. M. Westerkamp, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington).



Around the piano—a vital fellowship of leaguers with the deaconess.

CHANGES IN POSITIONS

The following deaconesses have changed positions in the past months. They and their new positions are listed here:

Deaconess Carol Jungermann	Missionary-at-large Eastern District
Deaconess Jean Sanfilippo	Holy Cross Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Deaconess Laurie Gruenbeck	Trinity Lutheran Church Saginaw, Michigan
Deaconess Sue Werner	St. Paul Lutheran Church Flint, Michigan
Deaconess Joan Cole	Lutheran School for the Deaf Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. George Plato	St. Stephen's Lutheran School St. Louis, Missouri
Deaconess Meta Roth	Bethesda Lutheran Home Watertown, Wisconsin

INTERNES AND GRADUATES RECEIVE PLACEMENTS

The place—Deaconess Hall Chapel, the date — April 29, 1965, the action —21 graduates and internes received their placements. Geographically the assignments ranged from New Jersey to California in parishes and institutions throughout the United States.

Pastor Kenneth Korby delivered the sermon for the communion service, and Pastors Walter C. Gerken, Arne Kristo, and William Buege assisted. Pastor Korby urged the girls to consider their lives as "living sacrifices," using the words of St. Paul as a text for his sermon.



Rebecca McCrew receives her placement envelope from Pastor Walter Gerken.

Friends of the deaconess students enjoyed a social hour after the announcement of the locations of their assignments by the girls. It was an opportunity to share in the anticipation and enthusiasm of the students for their new positions.

The pictures of the graduates and internes follow the placement listings. In the top, (the graduates) those in the picture are as follows: First row, Gretchen Kirsch, Janet Maynard, Nancy Brandt, Mary Taylor, and Rebecca McGrew. Back row, Pastor Arne Kristo, Meri Christianson, Stanette Chebul, Kathleen Hagenow, Ruth Abbott, Sandy Wehking, and Deaconess Edith Hovey.

The bottom picture, (the internes), standing, Diane Jawort, Alice Vossler, Edythe Bauer, Louise Williams, and Lorraine Brodle. Sitting Carol Bader, Doreen Wiersma, Bernette Kunz, Mary Strohschein, Ann Peterson, and Janice Hochradel.



Rereading calls with one another—three internes, Diane Jawort, Carol Bader, Louise Williams, and graduate—Sandy Wehking.

DEACONESS GRADUATE PLACEMENTS OF 1965 CLASS

NAME	HOME TOWN	PLACEMENT
Ruth Abbott	Maryville, Missouri	South Shore Trinity Bellaire and South Shore White Bear Lake, Minnesota The Rev. E. G. Rimpler
Nancy Brandt	Sheridan, Oregon	Saint Paul 621 West Main Street Pipestone, Minnesota The Rev. E. H. Schmiede
Gretchen Kirsch	Dodge Center, Minnesota	Zion 401 S. Denver Hastings, Nebraska The Rev. Robert W. F. Harms
Jeanne Lowe	Jersey City, New Jersey	Immanuel 645 Poplar Terre Haute, Indiana The Rev. Donald Schedler
Janet Maynard	Flint, Michigan	Immanuel 4205 Tracy Kansas City, Missouri The Rev. Keith W. Klockau
Rebecca McGrew	LaQuinta, California	Saint Paul Williams and Fifth Royal Oak, Michigan The Rev. Erhard H. Bekemeyer
Mary Taylor	Wilmette, Illinois	Department of Chaplaincy Services The Atlantic District 422 West 44th Street New York, New York

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NAME	HOME TOWN	PLACEMENT
Sandy Wehking	Rock Island, Illinois	The Lutheran Missionary Association 448 Kinnaird Avenue Fort Wayne, Indiana The Rev. Robert W. Gevers

DEACONESS INTERNE PLACEMENTS OF 1965 CLASS

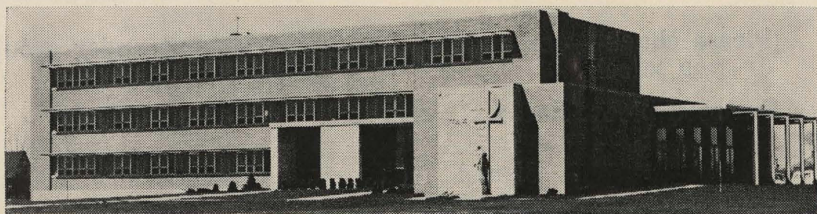
Carol Bader	St. Libory, Nebraska	Winfield State Hospital and Training Center Winfield, Kansas Chaplain Herbert Munderloh
Edythe Bauer	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Calvary 23 S. Prospect Street Verona, New Jersey The Rev. P. K. Koepchen
Merrilee Beckman	Iowa City, Iowa	Institutional Missions—Iowa District East 727 E. Washington Iowa City, Iowa The Rev. C. H. Schroeder
Lorraine Brodle	Riverton, Wyoming	Immanuel 1850 W. Lake Avenue Glenview, Illinois The Rev. Richard Maassel
Stanette Chebul	El Cerrito, California	Emmaus 2241 S. Jefferson St. Louis, Missouri The Rev. Robert Wilson, Jr.
Kathleen Hagenow	La Porte, Indiana	Good Shepherd 99 Central Park Road Plainview, L.I., New York The Rev. John C. Hinsch
Janice Hochradel	Monroe, Michigan	Mt. Calvary 616 N. Washington Janesville, Wisconsin The Rev. Floyd Grothman
Diane Jawort	Manawa, Wisconsin	Faith 30000 Five Mile Road Livonia, Michigan The Rev. Ronald Starenko
Ann Peterson	Cocoa, Florida	Winfield State Hospital and Training Center Winfield, Kansas Chaplain Herbert Munderloh
Mary Strohschien	Howard Lake, Minnesota	Immanuel 5th Avenue and 20th Rock Island, Illinois The Rev. Donald Wolkenhauer
Alice Vossjer	Wellsville, New York	Redeemer 9th Street and 7th Avenue, S.E. Rochester, Minnesota The Rev. Earl O. Schwerman
Louise Williams	Rolla, Missouri	Pilgrim 1730 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, California The Rev. Victor Neemeyer

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SLIDE SET AVAILABLE

Would your group—youth, ladies, couples, Sunday School, Bible Class—like to learn more about the deaconess program? Why not consider inviting a deaconess in your area to come and share her insights into deaconess work with the people of your parish? If this is impossible, we would like to suggest an alternate plan. A slide set, "Deaconesses: Servants in the Church", is available to your group free of cost. This set of 65 slides comes accompanied by a script and designed to outline for you the areas in which deaconesses are serving today in addition to the training deaconess students receive. If you would like to use these slides, simply write to: Lutheran Deaconess Office, 3714 South Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806.

**DEACONESS HALL—SITE FOR
1965 CONFERENCE—SEMINAR**

Deaconesses from varied areas and fields of service will meet at Deaconess Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana, from August 2-6 for the annual Conference and Seminar. The 1965 theme will be "Tomorrow's Ministry Today", and the keynote speaker will be Dr. John Strietelmeier, Valparaiso University professor and associate editor of the "Cresset". Each afternoon the deaconesses will discuss related sub-topics—human relations, structure of the Church, and apathy. Sessions will be held in the Student Union on the campus of Valparaiso University.

The Seminar will follow the Conference on Thursday and Friday, August 5th and 6th. The deaconesses will spend these two days in Bible Study and a related discussion on the role of women in the twentieth century.

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