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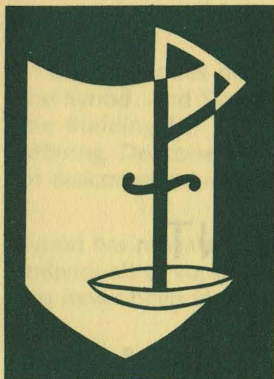
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*The shield of faith,
the basin of service,
and the Greek
"Chi Rho"
representing Christ,
symbolize the
deaconess motto of
"Faith and Service
in Christ."*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the April 1968 issue of "Memo To My Brethren" Dr. Oliver R. Harms, President of our Synod, wrote "Voluntary groups like the Lutheran Deaconess Association have always faced an uphill struggle for survival. The synod is constantly and sympathetically reviewing the relationship and support which the church as such owes to institutions of this kind. We recognize that there is also an ongoing need for popular support." Then he concluded, "I mention this item here to encourage you to keep this valuable agency of the church on your list of worthy projects for continued and generous support."

We deeply appreciate this fine statement from Dr. Harms. One of the great strengths of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the vitality of its faith and love has been the creative leadership taken by individuals, groups and associations in putting its faith into concrete actions of love and service.

All the welfare institutions within the church whether for children, the aged, the retarded, or the physically and mentally handicapped, were started and are still operated by voluntary associations. The same applies to Lutheran Hospitals and social ministries. The Lutheran Hour and KFUE also fit into this category.

The Lutheran Deaconess Association pioneered and promotes the education and service of women for professional ministry within the church. It has always liked the freedom with which it could explore and pursue the avenues of service for women in the church as the changing structures and social patterns have made this necessary and possible.

As for others so it also has been an "uphill struggle," not for consecrated young women to give themselves for this service, but an "uphill struggle" for financial survival. Does the "church as such" owe support to the LDA?

Of course it does. The LDA has for almost 50 years provided the synod with valued, talented, consecrated full time servants for the church's mission and ministry. It owes endorsement; it owes financial support. BUT it does not necessarily have to provide that support by including the operating costs of the association in its own operating budget.

The LDA does not operate in a vacuum. It works in close relationship with the Synod. And Synod has given support to the LDA. Our association shared in the Building For Christ Offering. It was also included in the Ebenezer Thank-offering. Deaconess students may attend synodical schools for the first two years of deaconess education and thus benefit from the advantages in education costs.

Synod has repeatedly and officially encouraged congregations, organizations, and individuals to support the program of the LDA. But in its 49 year history the LDA has never been in the synodical budget. We haven't asked to be.

So, as Dr. Harms says, "there is an ongoing need for popular support." That word "popular" means "people support," Your support. We must admit that our need for that support is desperate. We need \$100,000 a year in contributions for our operating budget. We are far short of that goal.

In 1965 the Synod included the LDA for 1% or \$400,000 for its capital needs in the Ebenezer Thankoffering. We counted heavily on that and were already breathing sighs of relief at the great burden that would be lifted from our shoulders. We counted heavily on the offering because we had mortgage obligations and loan obligations of some \$120,000 plus additional immediate capital needs for repair, rehabilitation and refurbishing of our Deaconess Hall of about \$35,000 not counting the longer range needs.

The LDA has received \$92,000 so far from Ebenezer funds. We don't know whether any more can be expected. We are grateful that the above amount was made available. It paid off the mortgage on Deaconess Hall. It made possible some of the emergency repairs and rehabilitation needed after ten years of occupancy by some 70 students a year. But we still have bank loans of over \$36,000 which must be met and the contributions required for our operating budget and for scholarships are still short of the goal.

Yes, the church owes us support, but we do not believe that this should come out of Synod's operating budget.

We feel that we have enough friends in the synod who appreciate the vitality of the ministry our deaconesses are rendering the church. We feel that we have enough people with the vision to see the importance of deaconess ministry in the revolutionary and space age in which we live. We believe we have motivated people who are willing to motivate others in giving the LDA the support it needs.

We are counting you among those friends. We need your contributions. We need them NOW.

Edgar H. Albers, President
Lutheran Deaconess Association

We Trace Our Steps

CHAPTER 2

Rev. E. H. Albers

The Lutheran Deaconess Association within the Synodical Conference was the last of the many diaconates born in America. While it was a most vigorous child when born, its birth was not an easy one.

Who would foster the child? What kind of life could it possibly have? Would it be accepted in the community of the church? There were many misgivings and many fears. The very mention of deaconesses called forth the specter of monasticism, convents, sisterhoods. Woman's proper role was marriage and motherhood. But Pastor F. W. Herzberger was not easily dissuaded. He brushed aside the fears of unbiblical ideas and practices (which no doubt existed in some branches of Evangelical Christendom) with the argument that "the wrong use of a good thing never can abolish its right usage" and in the Synodical Conference it would be "conducted on . . . sound biblical lines."

He supported this with sound and thorough exposition of Scripture. Here is but a brief resume from his paper presented at the 1911 convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities. God has instituted only one office in the church — the office of the holy ministry. The church, however, may establish change, abrogate and again establish other offices, auxiliary offices, to the ministry as they are deemed necessary and serviceable for the welfare of the church. The office of the female diaconate is such an office. The office of the Lutheran Deaconess is essen-

tially different from the order of the Roman Catholic nuns. Lutheran deaconesses do not make a vow of celibacy, nor are they required to make a promise of lifelong service in this office. Marriage is an ordinance of God, and woman is destined by God to be a wife and mother. This divine institution is to be held higher in our estimation than the office of a deaconess, and deaconesses must be permitted to enter holy matrimony at any time, if God so directs their lives. Besides, the training received for deaconess service will be of benefit to them also in their married life.

Good Stewardship

Meanwhile Pastor Herzberger kept hammering away at the church's lack of good stewardship in not utilizing to the fullest the consecrated talents of women in the work of the church. His classic illustration published in one of his tracts on the subject goes like this: "It is harvest time and farmers A and B are busy gathering in the sheaves from their adjoining fertile fields. The weather has been most propitious and has produced the richest kind of crops. But now black and angry storm-clouds threaten the fields and so farmer A calls on his women-folks for help in his fields. With their willing help he succeeds in storing the precious grain before the storm descends and damages or destroys the golden harvest yield. For some inexplicable reason, however, his neighbor B does not use the same foresight. He toils on alone in his fields with his boys, leaves his women-folks complacently at their household

duties that could easily be done at some other time. And what is the consequence? While farmer A loses very little of his grain, farmer B ruefully sees the wind and rain and hail with pitiless fury ruining a great portion of his ungarnered crops . . . Many protestant churches, also other Lutheran synods are like farmer A. But there is also a farmer B among the Lutheran churches who has thus far neglected to employ his women-folks definitely and generally in his teeming harvest fields . . . Why have we Lutherans of the Synodical Conference failed so far to make a systematic use of the many gifted and pious women the Lord has given also for us for work in the fields entrusted to our stewardship? Are we living in a different world from that in which Christians of other denominations are living—a world affected by sin and want and woe? Certainly not. We meet with the same wants and afflictions they have to contend with in their church work. As they, so do we need the assistance of trained women workers in our various harvest fields."

Women Needed

There was good reason for Pastor Herzberger's concern and his insights into the need for a female diaconate. He was a pioneer insitutional and city missionary deeply involved in welfare and social ministry. The church was not slack in promoting works of mercy and charity. Statistics of 1916 show that of all the benevolent institutions in America at that time 42% were church supported and another 28% were privately supported. 24% of the protestant institutions were under Lutheran auspices. 43 of these were conducted by deaconesses. In 1919 there were 53 charity groups,

organizations and institutions functioning within the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

- 15 hospitals
- 9 orphan homes
- 13 children's friends societies
- 9 old folks homes
- 1 deaf institute
- 1 home for epileptic children
- 1 TB sanatorium

The need for trained women workers was most obvious to him. His concerns were shared by another pioneer, the Rev. Phillip Wambsganss of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Wambsganss' mother was one of the first four deaconesses brought to this country by Pastor Fliedner in 1849. Pastor Wambsganss was pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. But he had a great heart for works of mercy and welfare. He was one of the founders of the Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital Association and its first president. He also served as the first president of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Indiana. He was a supporter of the Federated Relief agencies and other civic institutions and gave generously of his time to the general welfare interest of the city of Fort Wayne. He was instrumental in the formation of the Associated Lutheran Charities and served it as its first president until three years before his death.

Since the greatest need for trained women workers was in the institutional, welfare, and charities field, it was also quite natural that the Associated Lutheran Charities had the greatest interest in the cause of the female diaconate and thus became the sponsoring agent for the birth of the Lutheran Deaconess Association and the female diaconate within the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Association Established

At its annual convention in Fort Wayne, July 1919, a resolution was adopted calling for the establishment of a Lutheran Deaconess Association with headquarters in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The resolution embodied a request to the Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital Association of which Pastor Wambsganss was president to admit young women who desired to become deaconess nurses to its training school and thus give the training school for deaconesses temporary headquarters. Assurances were given that the deaconesses were not and would not become competitors of the professional nurse because the deaconess nurse would "operate in an altogether different sphere."

The Charities Conference predicted great hopes for this new born child. A few quotes from the petition submitted to the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital Association will bear this out. "The need for trained female church workers is being increasingly felt by our charitable institutions, such as our home for epileptics, our orphans' asylums, our homefinding societies, and our homes for the aged. In the large cities, where we are just awakening to the possibilities for city mission work, we need them for work in the slums, particularly for following up and for helping these cases with which the missionary has come into contact in the hospitals and asylums . . . Large congregations in the cities are feeling the need of a female worker in the church, especially in connection with the care of the poor in their parishes . . . And experience has amply shown that especially in our day the problem of the submerged cannot be solved sim-

ply by sending inexperienced, though well-meaning, women into their homes in a haphazard fashion." "Then there are big opportunities for such women workers in the foreign missions, particularly in India and China."

The committee which drew up the resolutions and the petition presented to the hospital board consisted of the following: G.W.F. Doege; Wm. E. Moll; John C. Baur; August C. Becker; P. Wambsganss; August Freese.

Hospital Consents

The hospital board gave its consent to this petition in August 1919 and the arrangements were made that the deaconess students receive the regular courses in theoretical and practical training as nurses with the other students enrolled in the school. In addition to the courses given at the hospital, the deaconess students would receive special instruction in religious and other subjects designed especially to prepare them for their service as deaconesses. Pastors of Fort Wayne consented to serve as instructors. Textbooks used for these classes were: "Catechism Outlines", W.H.T. Dau; "The Book of Books", J. Schaller; "The Difference", I. G. Munson; "Life of Luther", G. Just; "Handbook on Deaconess Work", Dr. P. E. Kretzmann. This last named textbook had been written by Dr. Kretzmann at the request of the Deaconess Board and was published without expense to the Association by the Young Women's Lutheran Deaconess Association of St. Louis, an auxiliary branch society that had from the very beginning given moral and financial support to the deaconess cause.

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann Honored



Pastor Edgar H. Albers, President of the Lutheran Deaconess Association presents Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, President of Valparaiso University, with a special plaque in recognition of 25 years of association in Lutheran Deaconess Education.

The year 1968 marks the 25th anniversary of Lutheran Deaconess Education at Valparaiso University. It was Dr. O. P. Kretzmann who in 1943 invited the Deaconess Association to move its educational program from Fort Wayne, Indiana and center it at the University. The University made a very attractive offer on tuition costs to the Association for its deaconess students.

Since Dr. Kretzmann had announced his retirement as president of the University with the close of the present school year, the Association at its April board meeting presented him with a special plaque in recognition of these 25 years of association in deaconess education and for his more than 25 years of personal interest, support and promotion of deaconess ministry.

ON THE COVER

1968 DEACONESS GRADUATING CLASS ON CALL NIGHT

Seated on Floor: Left to Right — Janet Thompson, Judith Worst, Doreen Nagy. Center Row: Left to Right — Marlys Abley (with white envelope showing), Faith Reiner, Carol Peterson, Darlene Kirchof, Anne Marie Sargent. Rear Row: Left to Right — Carol Sokofski, Miriam Rueger, Pastor E. H. Albers, Pastor Arne Kristo, Caroline Munger, Sarah Nelson, Carol Krieger.



GRADUATES

Bottom Row: Left to Right — Sharon Ridella, Sarah Nelson, Carol Krieger, Darlene Kirchhof, Anne Marie Sargent. Top Row: Left to Right — Doreen Nagy, Janet

Thompson, Faith Reiner, Caroline Munger, Judith Worst, Carol Peterson, Marlys Abley, Miriam Rueger, Carol Sokofski.



INTERNS

Bottom Row: Left to Right — Beverly Grage, Adrienne Washburn, Barbara Kloehn, Janet Luce, Sheila Patchett. Middle Row: Left to Right — Carol Ives, Berneal Hobratschk, Sheryl Olson, Janet Lautanen, Lynne Dorlon, Linda Bickel. Top Row: Left to Right—June Radtke, Janice Siemers,

Eunice Miller, Ruth Nickodemus, Jeanette Kothe, Margaret Cannon, Gayle Heinzelman, Elizabeth Graul, Joann Underwood, Carole Corniels, Janet Umpleby. Missing from Picture: Cathy Corson, Gloria Gladis, Nancy Miller, Clara Piegols, Christine Reed, Janet Sprecher.

PLACEMENT OF DEACONESS GRADUATES—SPRING, 1968

Name	Placement	Name	Placement
Marlys Abley Fall Creek, Wisconsin	Lutheran Deaconess Association for Concordia Church, Detroit, Mich. The Rev. Allen Kepschull	Faith Reiner Chilliwack, B. C. Canada	Redeemer Lutheran Church Spokane, Washington The Rev. David Belasic
Darlene Kirchhof Colorado Springs, Colorado	Ebenezer Lutheran Church Milwaukee, Wisconsin The Rev. W. C. Cain	Miriam Rueger Buffalo, New York	Riverside Parish Detroit, Michigan The Rev. David Eberhard
Carol Krieger Bridgman, Michigan	So. Shore Trinity Lutheran Church White Bear Lake, Minnesota The Rev. V. H. Marxhausen	Anne Marie Sargent Jackson, Michigan	Lutheran Deaconess Association for Grace Lutheran Church (ALC) Detroit, Michigan The Rev. Larry Gotts
Caroline Munger Seal Beach, California	Bethesda Lutheran Home Watertown, Wisconsin The Rev. Clarence Golisch	Carol Sokofski Bridgeport, Conn.	Immanuel Lutheran Church Danville, Illinois The Rev. Robert Dorow
Sarah Jane Nelson Kansas City, Kansas	Grace Lutheran Church Los Angeles, California The Rev. David Ebs	Janet Thompson Wyandotte, Michigan	Bethesda Lutheran Home Watertown, Wisconsin The Rev. Clarence Golisch
Carol Peterson Tonawanda, New York	Cambridge State Hospital Cambridge, Minnesota	Judith Worst Chicago, Illinois	Faith Lutheran Church Grand Blanc, Michigan The Rev. J. L. Heins

PLACEMENT OF DEACONESS INTERNS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1968-69

Name	Placement	Name	Placement
Linda Bickel Middlebury, Indiana	Chronic Hospital Lutheran Mission Association of Greater St. Louis The Rev. Milton Stohs	Janet Luce Detroit, Michigan	Messiah Lutheran Church Buena Park, California 90620 The Rev. Richard Schumm
Margaret Cannon Niagara Falls, New York	Redeemer Lutheran Church Duluth, Minnesota The Rev. Daniel Reeb	Ruth Nickodemus Ashland, Oregon	Congregation of the Atonement Washington, D.C. 20002 The Rev. Robert Schoenheider

Carole Corniels
Lockport, Illinois

Cathy Corson
Hamburg, New York

Lynne Dorlon
El Cajon, California

Beverly Grage
Bemidji, Minnesota

Elizabeth Graul
Monkton, Ontario
Canada

Gayle Heinzelman
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Berneal Hobratschk
Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Carol Ives
Fall Creek, Wisconsin

Jeanette Kothe
Percy, Illinois

Janet Lautanen
Bedford, Ohio

Grace Lutheran Church
Highland Park, Michigan
The Rev. Roy Krueger

Saint Louis State Hospital
Lutheran Mission Association
of Greater St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri 63107

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Bethpage, New York 11714
The Rev. James Taylor

Griffith Lutheran Church
Griffith, Indiana 46319
The Rev. Ludovit Vajda

St. James Lutheran Church
Logansport, Indiana
The Rev. Alfred Gerni

Grace Lutheran Church
Rochester, Minnesota 55901
The Rev. Raymond Krueger

Trinity Lutheran Church
Cherokee, Iowa 55901
The Rev. Oscar Marquardt

Winfield State Hospital and
Training Center
Winfield, Kansas 67156
Chaplain Herbert Munderloh
Congregation of the Atonement
Washington, D. C. 20002
The Rev. Robert Schoenheider

Salem Lutheran Church
Florissant, Missouri 63033
The Rev. James Hennig

Sheryl Olson
Algonquin, Illinois

Sheila Patchett
Pekin, Illinois

Clara Piegols
Bryans Road, Maryland

June Radtke
Fargo, North Dakota

Christine Reed
Aurora, Oregon

Janice Siemers
Hartington, Nebraska

Janet Sprecher
Walnut Shade, Missouri

Janet Umpleby
Towson, Maryland

Joann Underwood
Detroit, Michigan

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Robert Koch Hospital
Lutheran Mission Association
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St. Louis, Missouri 63107
The Rev. Milton Stohs

Something New In Detroit



Left to Right: The Rev. E. H. Albers, Anne Marie Sargent, Miriam Rueger Marlys Abley.

Something new, yet something old, has been added to the deaconess program.

Over the period of the next two years we hope to keep you posted on this development. For now, we will introduce the idea to you.

At the annual placements in St. Louis, three deaconesses were assigned to serve three parishes close to each other on the east side of Detroit. Miss Marlys Abley will work at Concordia Church. Miss Miriam Rueger will serve as deaconess-nurse in the program of Riverside Congregation, and Miss Anne Marie Sargent will be located at Grace Church (ALC).

The new, yet old, feature of the arrangement is that the three deaconesses will establish a community of living under the auspices of the Deaconess Association. They will work

at their respective parish locations under the direction of the respective pastors.

Otherwise, they are pooling their resources for an experiment in community. It is felt that the experiment in community will reveal strengths and resources for their separate ministries which would not otherwise be available.

The idea of deaconesses living in community goes back in the history of the diaconate. But this particular adaptation, in which a small cell group is established in the midst of the urban situation, is new.

We look forward to telling you about it.

But, even more, we look forward to the blessings of God upon the ministry of Deaconesses Abley, Rueger and Sargent and their parishes.

Deaconess Completes 30 Years of Service

Nearly 400 members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church interrupted Deaconess Helen Kluck's busy schedule to celebrate her 30 years of service.

At St. Paul's the tall, intense deaconess has taught kindergarten, has been nurse to 300 children in the parochial school, has made mission calls, has kept elders' records, has taught Sunday school, has directed vacation Bible school and Wednesday school, and has won the respect of St. Paul's nearly 2,000 members.

Formerly Deaconess Kluck served two tours of duty as missionary-nurse in Nigeria. She also served 3 years as an Army nurse during World War II in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. She also worked as a nurse in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Chicago hospitals.

A graduate of Lutheran General Hospital's school of nursing in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Synod's deaconess program, Miss Kluck also studied at Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Her citation from the congregation read in part:

"Although there are moments of frustration and righteous indignation as befits any good worker in the church, our deaconess is known for a lively sense of humor which constantly breaks us up and relieves our tensions."



FIRST 30 YEARS—Reinhold Conrad, president of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, Ill., reads citation saluting Deaconess Helen Kluck's 30 years' service during a congregational dinner following the anniversary service.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DEACONESS CONFERENCE

A beautiful piece of Minnetonka Lake Shore in Minneapolis is the site for the Annual Deaconess Conference, August 5-9.

For a program of study and discussion, a wide variety of speakers will help the Deaconesses "encounter '68."

1. Chaplain E. J. Mahnke will help them "encounter their '68 selves" through Bible Study.
2. The Rev. Curtis Johnson, head of Plymouth Youth Center in Minneapolis will give his particular insight into the youth of '68.
3. Mr. Marty Hansen of 3M Company will bring them up to date on the use of audio visual aid in their work.
4. The Rev. Ralph Underwager, Wheatridge Scholar, will lead them through a two-day group dynamic seminar.
5. Minnesota Representative Emory Barrett will speak on the involvement of laymen and professional church workers in the political process.

First Scholarship for Deaconess Education Established 25 years Ago

When the education program of the Deaconess Association was moved to Valparaiso, Indiana the need for scholarships became immediately obvious. Consequently Pastor Arnold F. Krentz, our Executive Director at that

time, published an appeal in the 1943 fall issue of *The Lutheran Deaconess*. Within a few weeks the first scholarship was established through a bequest by Miss Clara E. Strodel, La-Grange, Illinois. In memory of her parents she made a bequest of \$100.-00 and in her letter accompanying the gift she wrote that she was giving this to help the "cause of the woman in blue."

In 1943 we had only 4 students starting at the University. Education costs were much lower. So you can imagine what a great help this first gift really was. This last year we had 67 students at the University plus 120 more in the Junior Colleges of our Synod. Education costs have been multiplied many times since 1943. The "Cause of the Woman in Blue" — needs many more scholarship gifts and bequests. Can YOU help? Will you help?

75th Anniversary Observed by Deaconess Motherhouse

On Sunday, May 26, Pastor and Mrs. Arne Kristo, a number of our deaconess students and Pastor and Mrs. Albers joined the congregation of the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Motherhouse. Pastor Albers had the privilege of personally bringing the greetings and good wishes of our own deaconess board and our deaconess conference. On the same day two of their deaconesses were honored, one for 50 years of service and the other for 25 years.

The Motherhouse and congregation, connected with the Milwaukee Hospital, was founded by the Insti-

tution of Protestant Deaconesses in 1893. The Rev. Jeremiah F. Ohl served as the first director and as pastor of the congregation of deaconesses.

The Motherhouse has played a significant role in supplying deaconess service to many institutions both for the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church. It has never had official affiliation with either church body. However, since 1902, when Pastor Herman L. Fritschel of the Iowa Synod became pastor of the deaconess congregation, the directors and deaconesses have been members of the American Lutheran Church.

In 1957 the American Lutheran Church and the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church, provided the majority of funds for a beautiful new modern Motherhouse in appreciation for the valued ministry of the deaconesses to the church.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEACONESSES

40 years: Anna Schrader, em.

35 years: Marie Bliefnick; Christine Seckel.

30 years: Frieda Bremmermann, em; Martha Boss.

15 years: Betty Buss.

10 years: Gladys Noreen; Janice Orluske; Geraldine Plato.

5 years: Sally Brandt; Hedda Carlson; Jan Hartman; Audrey Vanderblese; Meta Roth.

50th Anniversary Committee Elected

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association named the following to serve as the Active Committee for the 50th anniversary observance of the Association.

The Rev. Herbert L. Steinbauer, Detroit, Michigan — Chairman.

Mr. Edwin Benz, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dr. Elmer Foelber, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Truman Hey, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Hugo Boerger, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Deaconess Evelyn Middelstadt, Wichita, Kansas.

The meeting in which it was decided to organize a Lutheran Deaconess Association was held in July 1919 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Consequently the Board resolved that the anniversary observance should properly begin in July 1969. This also coincides with the 1969 convention of our synod.

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Louise Lange (Joyce Wendorf) called to her eternal rest March 25 after a cancer illness of five months. Joyce graduated from Valpo in 1955 and served for several years at Gethsemane in Buffalo, N. Y. She was married to Milton Lange August 18, 1956 and the union was blessed with five children. She was a faithful Christian at St. John's Lutheran Church, Depew, N. Y., serving as youth counselor, Sunday School teacher, leader of the Priscilla Circle and Release Time education teacher.

THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS Editor: The Rev. E. H. Albers

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