

Valparaiso University

ValpoScholar

---

The Lutheran Deaconess

Lutheran Diaconal Association

---

Spring 1971

## The Lutheran Deaconess, Vol. 49, No. 1

Lutheran Deaconess Association, Inc.

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholar.valpo.edu/lutherandeaconess>



Part of the [Christianity Commons](#), and the [Practical Theology Commons](#)

---

This Full Issue is brought to you for free and open access by the Lutheran Diaconal Association at ValpoScholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Lutheran Deaconess by an authorized administrator of ValpoScholar. For more information, please contact a ValpoScholar staff member at [scholar@valpo.edu](mailto:scholar@valpo.edu).

# The Lutheran Deaconess

SPRING, 1971

Vol. 49, No. 1



# COVER PHOTO

We have a new chalice at Deaconess Hall. It was given to us by anonymous friends. We are very grateful to them and to God.

The chalice is crafted out of sterling silver. It was designed and made by the firm of Otto Dingeldein in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The foot of the chalice has superimposed on it the symbol of the deaconess program. The Chi Rho is placed on a stylized shield of faith. The four corners of the symbol suggest the ministry of the deaconess in the church and world.

The celebration of the sacrament at Deaconess Hall has become a meaningful spiritual resource for the students by helping to shape and focus their sense of preparation for the diaconate. The presence of Christ in the Sacrament among His people always calls His people to servanthood.

In our next issue, we plan to show you our new ciborium.

---

## THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

Editor .....The Rev. Arne Kristo

Official Quarterly of The Lutheran Deaconess Association, Inc.  
within

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Affiliated Synods  
All materials pertaining to the Editorial Department are taken care of by the  
Executive Director, Deaconess Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383  
Entered as second-class matter June 9, 1969 at the post office at  
Fort Wayne, Indiana under the act of March 3, 1879.

SEND CHANGE OF ADDRESS (Forms 3579) TO DEACONESS HALL, VALPARAISO, INDIANA 46383.

## STATEMENT

Statement of ownership, management, and circulation as requested by the United States Post Office.

The Lutheran Deaconess is owned and published by The Lutheran Deaconess Association, Deaconess Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. This magazine is published four times each year.

There are no known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owing or holding 1% or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities.

The Lutheran Deaconess has a free circulation of over 40,000 copies per issue mailed both to individuals and in bulk to groups within the Church.

# YOUR WILL . . .

## Is a Part of Your Stewardship

Good Christian stewardship demands the same careful planning for the final disposition of property (stocks, bonds, life insurance, real estate and cash) after death as for its use during life. For this you will need a will. As a Christian, knowing that God is the Giver of all that you have, making such a provision is more than a right. It is a responsibility.

A will, in simple terms, is a legal document, signed and witnessed, by which you direct the distribution of your property upon your death. A Christian's will is much more than this. It is a crowning act of Christian stewardship. It not only provides a means of passing on possessions; it is a means of continuing witness to your Christian faith. It has vital spiritual meaning.

Everyone needs a will. It is not necessary that you own a substantial amount of property. A will can be most valuable when the estate is small and the assets must be conserved for the benefit of your family or heirs.

Where married persons are involved, both husband and wife should have wills. Should the husband and wife own all their property jointly, the will of the first to die will not have to be probated (this may vary according to state laws), and the property will pass automatically to the survivor. But if both die at the same time — in an accident, for instance, or under circumstances that make it difficult to determine which one died first — then it can be very important that each have a will. In any event, the survivor will eventually die and will need a will to control the final disposition of the property at that time.

Don't procrastinate! Now is the time to make a will if you are of legal age and don't already have one. The first rule in making a will is: Don't put it off. No one knows when tomorrow may be too late. Besides, if you wait until you are advanced in age or seriously ill, the chances are greater that the will may be contested on grounds of incompetence or undue influence.

A will can be changed at any time during your lifetime. It should be reviewed whenever circumstances change that might have some effect on your family or financial situation.

How do you write a will? Don't you write it . . . unless you are a lawyer. Many wills have not accomplished their intended purpose because they were not properly prepared. The preparation of a will requires special knowledge. State laws may vary in the disposition of property. If you have moved into

*Continued Next Page*

## YOUR WILL – Continued

another state or province, it may be wise to consult an attorney to see if your present will complies with the local laws. Legal requirements vary depending on where you live. After you have given careful thought as to what you would like to do, consult a lawyer. The fee is nominal in comparison to the potential benefits to your beneficiaries. By having a qualified lawyer prepare your will, you minimize the chances that it will be misinterpreted. Furthermore, a lawyer will be able to advise you of the best way to achieve the results you desire.

Give careful thought to what you would like to do. Discuss the matter with your spouse and perhaps with others in whom you have special confidence. The will should be drawn up thoughtfully and prayerfully with consideration for your family, your fellow man and your faith in Christ.

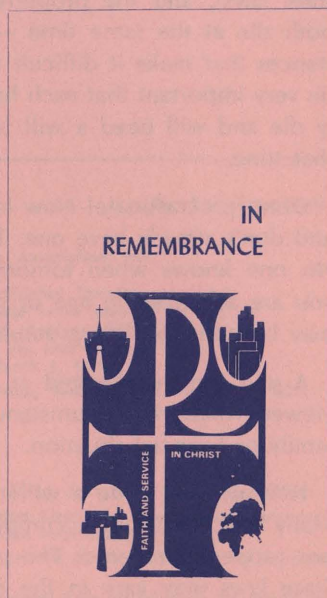
The question may be on your mind, "How much should I give for Christ's cause?" It is as difficult to establish general rules for bequests as it is to establish such standards for lifetime giving. A good steward of God's gifts will want to use this opportunity to continue his witness for Christ and his Christian concern for others.

*For further information about wills, trusts and outright gifts, write to: Development Officer, Deaconess Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.*

---

## NEW MEMORIAL WREATH CARD IS NOW AVAILABLE...

Just write and tell us how many you can use. The card is white with the emblem in red and comes with a plain white mailing envelope plus an addressed envelope for the memorial gift encased in protective plastic



# AN "INSIDE" VIEW

By DEACONESS LOUISE WILLIAMS

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Today people seem to like to criticize the church, and, I suppose, much of the criticism is well-grounded. Many people have "given up" on the organized church — some of them no longer have any use for Christianity, others choose to live out their Christian faith outside the organized church. For me, and for other parish deaconesses, the response and reaction to the lists of what is wrong with the church is to remain within the structure and to help people grow into what I believe the Lord wishes His Body, the church, to be.

Here in Western Canada I feel we have some special advantages over the church in other parts of North America. The Lutheran church here is quite young by comparison. We are still pioneering in many senses. The concept of team ministry, for example, is fairly new to the minds of our people. In areas where there are few local precedents, there is the possibility of freedom to explore various avenues for Christian ministry. It seems to me that because we are young and growing we can learn a great deal from the successes and failures of the church in the United States. Sometimes we in Canada seem to have the attitude that what has happened to "them" can't happen to us. But more and more we are coming to realize that it can and will unless we take action now. We do not find ourselves in the serious social crises faced in the states, for example. On the one hand, we fail to feel the urgency and are, therefore, slower to move, but on the other hand, while they grapple with a cure we still have the opportunity to work on prevention. It is exciting to be a part of that.

The first step, I think, must come within the church — within our local congregations. I don't see many people getting very excited about being Christians. We must first learn that to be a Christian is to have something to celebrate. (Somehow the children and the youth seem to catch the joy of being a Christian quicker than the adults do.) Next we need to concentrate more on developing resources to meet the needs of persons within the congregation. We talk a lot about placing less emphasis on programs and more emphasis on persons, but we are not always ready to invest the time and patience necessary to implement this. (One of the greatest joys of my work is to see a small group of ladies who meet for a weekly Bible class experience the *koinonia*, the participating fellowship, which is one of God's gifts to His church. These women have gotten to know one another and care about one another and have become real resources to one another in sharing the problems and joys of their

*Continued Next Page*

## AN "INSIDE" VIEW—Continued

lives.) God loves and redeems people; we in the church have to learn to care more about people, too.

People who know the joy of being chosen to be God's children and who have the support of the Christian community become better able to carry out the ministry of Christ in the world. As they become more aware of the needs of their fellow Christians, they also become more sensitive to the needs of others around them. And as they more fully experience the love of God in Christ, they are moved to act in meeting the needs of persons who are their neighbors.

This is all idealistic, you say. Anyone who knows the church knows that it just doesn't always happen this way. But it does happen sometimes. And to be a parish deaconess is to be an instrument through which the Holy Spirit causes it to happen more often.

---

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Association was held January 15, 1971, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Prospect Heights, Illinois. Dr. J. O. A. Preus, President of the Missouri Synod, was speaker at the luncheon which preceded the meeting. Dr. Preus spoke on the subject of "Revolution Against Dehumanization." He stated that the Christian religion came into being at a time of dehumanization and that Christianity is still a strong force against dehumanization. He encouraged the Lutheran Deaconess Association to take leadership in exploring ways in which women can serve in the Church's ministry.

President Arthur Ziegler called the business session to order at 1:45 p.m. Deaconess Gladys Noreen, President of the Deaconess Conference, led the opening devotions.

The Minutes of the 1969 Annual Meeting were accepted as printed in the Spring, 1970, Vol. 47, No. 1 issue of *The Lutheran Deaconess*.

Treasurer Paul Liebmann presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. Mr. Liebmann also presented the budget for 1970-71. (See printed report in Winter, 1970, Vol. 48, No. 4 issue.) A motion was made and approved to accept the proposed budget.

Mr. Ralph Masten was introduced by President Ziegler and shared his experiences as Director of Development for the Association. He expressed his pleasure at becoming acquainted with the activities of the Association and with the unique ministries of the deaconesses he has met. He encouraged everyone's help through prayer, financial support and publicity for the deaconess program.

Staff Deaconess Jacqueline Haug expressed appreciation for the opportunity to live in Deaconess Hall and work with the students and also with the deaconesses in the field. She described it as an opportunity for growth, learning and becoming.

Deaconess Conference Chairman Gladys Noreen expressed greetings on behalf of the deaconesses and thanked the Association for its support. She indicated that the Conference has grown a great deal in working more closely together. An important contribution to this growth was the meeting of the Conference in Michigan in August.

President Ziegler then introduced the LDA Board Members and the deaconesses and former deaconesses who were present.

Newly elected officers of the Board are:

- President .....The Rev. Herbert Steinbauer
- Vice-President .....Dr. Lucille Wassman
- Secretary .....Deaconess Evelyn Middelstadt
- Treasurer .....Mr. Paul Liebmann
- Trustees .....Mr. James Rehm, *Chairman*  
Mr. Harold Hollman  
Deaconess Janice Orluske

Pastor Arne Kristo, Executive Director of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, presented the following items in his report:

1. The year was begun with the fiftieth anniversary commemoration.
2. During the year the Board decided on a basic change in the educational program for deaconesses.
3. The shortage of calls for deaconesses by placement time last year was a source of concern but the problem was solved by everyone's working together.
4. A new staff member was added in the person of Ralph Masten as Director of Development.
5. A new set of By-Laws was adopted. One item in the By-Laws is the limitation of two terms of office in sequence for members of the Board.
6. Appreciation was expressed to President Ziegler who is completing his term as Chairman of the Board. During the year Pastor Ziegler was elected President of the Ohio District of the Missouri Synod.
7. In 1969 there were 554 voting members of the Association. In 1970 there were 584.
8. The concerns and prayers and support of friends of the deaconess program are urgently needed.
9. The goal of the LDA is to help the people of God accept and cherish also the ministry of women.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Middelstadt, *Secretary*



The program of the Lutheran Deaconess Association is made possible by the contributions of individuals, organizations and congregations.

We invite you to share in recruiting and educating women for this ministry, and encouraging them in it.

Following are the categories of membership in the Association:

Benefactor .....	\$200.00
Cooperating .....	100.00
Patron .....	50.00
Associate .....	25.00
Sustaining .....	10.00
Gift .....	_____

Ten dollars or more entitles the donor to vote.

Send to: LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION  
 DEACONESS HALL  
 VALPARAISO, INDIANA 46383

Enclosed please find: \$.....

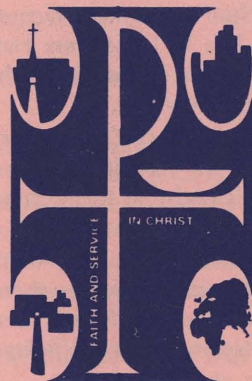
Signed: .....

Street Address .....

City ..... State/Province ..... Zip .....

Church .....

You may remind me annually on or about .....



All memberships include a subscription to:  
*The Lutheran Deaconess*

VALPARAISO IND 46383  
 VALPARAISO UNIV  
 ROGER THALACKER