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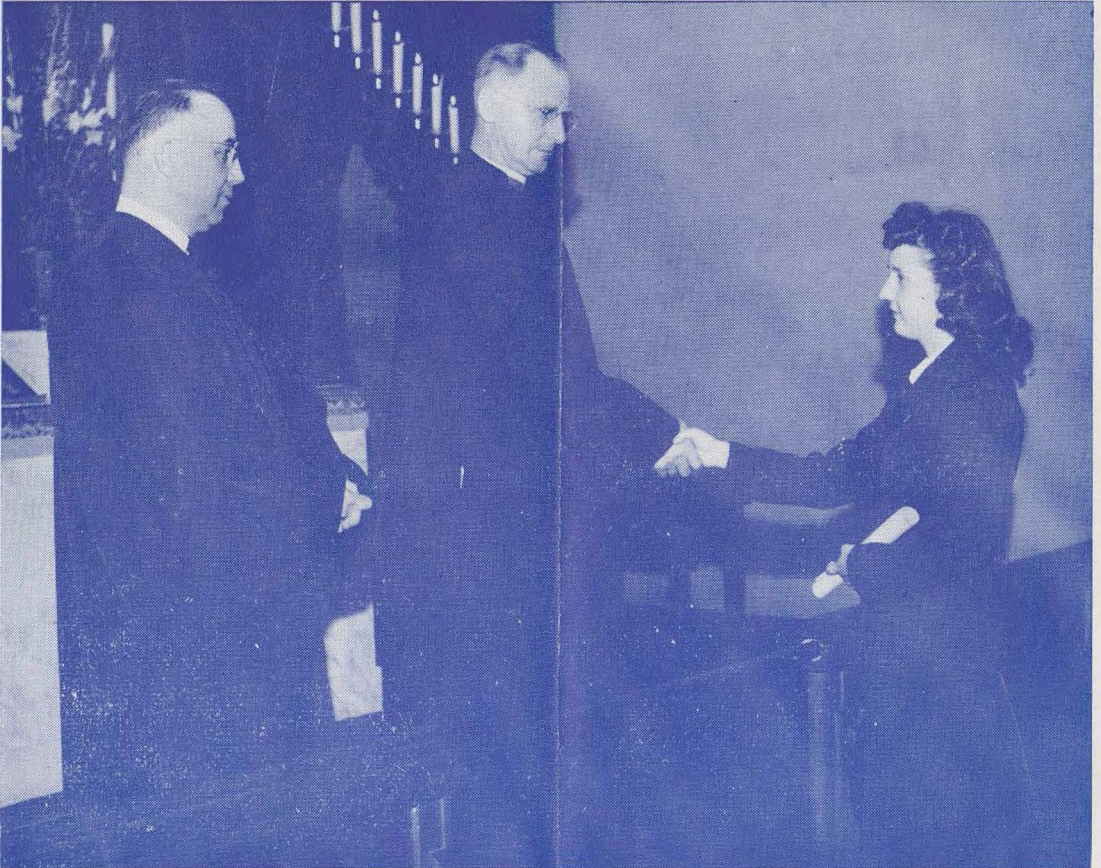
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CONSECRATION OF DEACONESS AILEEN RESNER. Miss Resner was consecrated on June 20, 1948, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Pastor Arno Scholz. She will serve as a parish deaconess in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas, Pastor H. Burandt. From left to right in picture: Rev. Arno Scholz, Rev. Arnold Krentz, Deaconess Aileen Resner.

I THANK THEE, LORD

For all Thy goodness, Lord, to me,
 For guidance where I cannot see,
 For peace upon life's troubled sea—
 I thank Thee, Lord.

For all Thy mercies, Lord, each day,
 For all Thy love shed o'er my way,
 For faith to trust Thee when I pray—
 I thank Thee, Lord.

For all Thy loving-kindness, Lord,
 In answered prayer, I might record,
 And for the comfort of Thy Word,
 I thank Thee, Lord.

For all Thy love shown unto me,
 And for Thy death upon the tree
 That I from sin might ransomed be,
 I thank Thee, Lord.

For all Thy goodness, mercy, grace
 That through the years I can retrace,
 I'll thank Thee till I see Thy face
 In glory, Lord.

Sara Ann Wilson.

STUDENT AID FOR DEACONESSSES

The South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at its convention this year adopted the overture which Martinus congregation, Utica, S. D., the Rev. Hugo W. Larson, pastor, had submitted to the convention, namely, to entitle deaconess students at Valparaiso University to receive support from the Indigent Student Fund. A progressive step! We congratulate.

Trinity congregation, Hinton, Iowa, Pastor H. D. Stahmer, will likely submit a similar overture to the Iowa District West at its convention in August. Fine!

We hope that other districts will follow the example of the South Dakota District and include deaconess students among those who may apply for student aid. Other students, male and female, who are preparing for service to our Church may apply for student aid, if they are in need. Why not deaconess students who likewise are preparing for service to our Church?

**Message from
INDIA**

Ambur, N. Arcot District
 April 7, 1948

Dear Rev. Krentz:

I have noted with interest your steps in the training of deaconesses and rejoice at the results. Less than a university education would hardly do for women workers in the church.

May the Lord make the hearts of young women willing to serve in His Kingdom.

We are also planning to train Indian girls as deaconesses. Due to the social set-up there is more scope here for women workers than anywhere else.

As at home, qualifications for this type of work are also rising. Educational standards are rising here. Elementary education has become compulsory in some places.

About two months ago I attended a general conference of our missionaries at Trivandrum, the capital city of the King of Travancore. This was the 26th Conference and is held biennially. The sessions began with a service January 27 and lasted five days. Saturday morning no sessions were held because of the assassination of Ghandi. Some of the problems discussed had come about through the change in government and the high cost of living. The missions cannot ignore these changes.

During these conferences recreational activities are indulged in, such as soft ball, tennis, and horse shoe. The King of Travancore had given the Conference permission to use his golf course.

Old friendships were renewed, as sometimes the various missionaries do not see each other except at the general biennial conference.

May the Lord prosper and bless the work of the Deaconess Association.

With cordial greetings,
 Louise Rathke.

Note. Deaconess Louise Rathke has been serving in our Mission in India since 1925. Deaconess Rose Ziemke is another deaconess serving in India.



New Deaconess Students from East, West, North, South, coming to Valparaiso University.

WE STOP IN KANSAS

Queer how warped our ideas often are. We visualized Kansas as flat land, dust-storms, sunflowers, and Landon.

Rev. R. Hildebrandt, Duluth, Kansas, dispelled our misconceptions of Kansas by inviting us to Kansas to preach and to present a series of lectures in various localities. We saw rolling country in north-eastern Kansas, beautiful scenery, clean cities, such as Topeka and Manhattan, energetic pastors, and growing congregations.

After the Duluth Walther League saw our slides they resolved to give a play to raise funds to support the Deaconess Cause. How is the play coming, Leaguers?

Among Pastor Hildebrandt's half dozen daughters there should be one deaconess.

We lectured in Topeka to Pastor Husmann's ladies' aid. While in Topeka we looked at the various churches. We stepped into the Catholic Church to study the architecture. While we sat in the rear of the church in came two young girls for prayers. Side by side they knelt, one white, the other colored. The Catholic Church is endeavoring to win the American Negroes. According to the *Christian*

Century the Roman Church has 1,670 nuns working full-time among the colored people of our country. How many deaconess students are preparing for Negro Mission Work—a dozen? Food for thought.

We lectured to the ladies' aid in Alta Vista, Rev. W. W. Wehmeyer. Fine meeting. We will not forget the Wehmeyers.

To Manhattan, to address the ladies' aid of Pastor Frohn's congregation. Manhattan is a beautiful city lying in a valley. State Agricultural College there, whose president is a brother to General Eisenhower. Beautiful campus. Some day Valpo will have a beautiful new campus.

To Alma. We preached for Pastor Goehring whose brother is a member of the faculty at Valparaiso University. During the War Pastor Goehring served the German prisoners spiritually. Pastor Goehring enjoys a good joke. He told some of the Germans that they should feel at home in Alma since they had just eaten in Goebbels restaurant, Hess worked in the bank, and his, the pastor's, name was Goehring. Not bad—not copyrighted. Off to Montana.

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LWML HELPS DEACONESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Kansas District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at its Convention made an appropriation of \$500.00 for deaconess scholarships. Nothing could be more welcome for deaconess students. Since we give each deaconess student a \$125.00 scholarship, a student will be aided by this project for four years.

The *Lutheran Witness* mentions that out in California the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has likewise established some deaconess scholarships. Thanks!

Elsewhere in this issue mention is made of the fact that the Texas District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League voted \$250.00 for deaconess scholarships.

The deaconess scholarship has a strong appeal to Lutheran Women's Missionary League groups.

TO PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK CITY

Twice we preached for Pastor Grahn in Pittsburgh on April 18. Between services we gave an historical survey of the Deaconess Movement to the Bible Class.

Odd how children discover our weaknesses. After the second service a small boy was evaluating our sermon before a group of people in front of the church. He said: "The sermon was all right, but he talked too much about women." That's our weakness to promote the female diaconate.

Two Pittsburgh Lutherans who are greatly interested in our Deaconess Program are Mr. G. N. Kucher and Mrs. Martha Seifrid. We enjoyed their hospitality. They handed us another sizable check, this time \$500.00 for the Scholarship Fund. Thanks.

We attended pastoral conference in Pastor Poellet's church, McKees Rocks. We noted a favorable reaction to our report on the progress of Deaconess Work in the Synodical Conference.

We saw Rev. Brandt's Church. In writing the history of his church Pastor Brandt came across this interesting item: Many years ago one of the pastors of the congregation attacked the doctrine of Christ's resurrection. He was immediately deposed.

Rev. W. Gerdes is interested in securing a student deaconess for his vacation Bible school. We are sure that his wish can be granted.

Brother Theo. Martens took us to the station so that we could catch our train for New York. Rev. Martens was our pastor in Cumberland, Wis. We taught school for him one summer in Superior, Wis.

Pastor Neibacher's church where conference met in New York City is beautiful. It is a sanctuary of rest apart from the hustle and bustle of the city. Pastor Sabourin's conference sermon had a distinct appeal. He pleaded for more consecrated workers "whose eyes have seen the King."

The brethren seemed happy to receive information about our modern Deaconess Program. Resolved that the conference collection go for the Deaconess Cause—now that's news.

Pastors Trinklein and Umbach invited us to preach in their congregations this fall. We will not forget.

THAT IOWA WREN

THAT IOWA TEACHER

Midnight, May 5, Pastor R. W. Meyer, Marcus, Iowa, was at the station to meet us. He serves a congregation which is self-supporting, owns church and parsonage, and is only three years old. We found an aggressive mission spirit in that part of Iowa. Next morning at 8:30 we preached. After the service a car was ready to take us to Pastor Grimm's church in the country. An outstanding country church. Pastor Grimm has worked out some excellent test sheets for reviewing the catechism by Walther Leaguers. Better drop him a line for some samples. Nothing like these tests on the market. Both pastors spoke of raising a collection for the Deaconess Association in the fall.

On to Climbing Hill, where we lectured to an appreciative assembly in the evening. Pastor Kirk—what would that mean in Scotch?—is an ardent missionary. That night on to Kingsley. Up until 2 A. M. Overeating and undersleeping was the order of things.

No, we have not forgotten that title: That Iowa Wren. Next morning we were awakened by the song of the wren. My, how that wren sang. It used great force. Lesson 1: Deaconess Work cannot be too forcefully presented. Lesson 2: Deaconess Work cannot be too winsomely presented. Thanks, Iowa wren, you are an excellent teacher by example.

That morning we addressed Pastor Wehrspann's Vacation Bible School, teachers, pupils, and several visitors. We liked Pastor Wehrspann's address. After we had shown the slides and addressed the group we asked whether any one wanted to ask a question. "Mickey," a youngster, wanted to know why we showed the stone—he's a thinker. He felt satisfied when we explained Founders Stone on the Valparaiso campus. Pastor Wehrspann wanted 250 envelopes so that every one, children among them, will get the opportunity to give for the Deaconess Cause.

We dropped in to see "Hans" Wagner—so we called him in college, Pastor Wagner of Lawton, Iowa. Here is a pastor at 55 in a mission congregation, enjoying his work, successful. That evening we ad-

dressed a Walther League zone officers group, suggested putting on a Deaconess Rally, getting our Deaconess Display, ordering pamphlets, having the inspirational address emphasize deaconess service. That would be a new-type rally. The idea seemed to take with the Leaguers. Which zone will be the first to put on such a rally?

We lectured to a large group of women in Rev. Noack's congregation in Remsen. Many women joined as members of the Deaconess Association. Pastor Noack had stressed this idea. Result: \$63.00 in memberships. It pays to get a good architect when constructing a new church. The "church with the appeal" at Remsen is proof that securing an efficient architect is money saved when a truly Lutheran church is wanted. At this point we want to thank Pastor Noack who served as our Iowa wren. He certainly publicized our work, arranged one of the best speaking schedules we have ever had, worked everything out to the smallest detail.

On to Alta. Here Pastor Tolch serves. An executive. His Cub Camp Week is really outstanding. During their week's stay at Camp Okoboji, the boys and girls from 9 to 14 may learn something about the following crafts: Plasticraft, Needlecraft, Braiding, Weaving, Printing, Woodcraft, Shellcraft, Leathercraft, Camera-craft. Pastor Tolch says pastors and laymen who have had experience are in charge of these crafts and that the children enjoy it tremendously. Small wonder.

That same evening we lectured to the Young Married Couples Group in Sutherland. Pastor E. E. Greene serves the congregation. A systematic worker. His mimeographed booklet on the activities of his congregation is one of the finest we have ever seen. A tremendous amount of work expended on "Our Father's Business, Bethel Lutheran Church, Sutherland, Iowa." He may have an extra copy for you.

The next night we were in Paullina, Iowa. We remembered that name because a roommate, Henry Strampe, came from that town. Sure enough, his aged parents were there for the lecture. Pastor Peters

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Deaconess Martha Boss, R.N., Enshih, China, lower left with Chinese girls whom she is helping prepare as nurses; upper left, Chinese children from our Lutheran Orphanage; at right, Miss Boss with Mrs. Hoeltje and Mrs. Wenger.

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is much in favor of Deaconess Work.

For some time Pastor Janke of Sioux City has been thinking of engaging a parish deaconess. We discussed this matter with him on Saturday and preached twice for him on Sunday. The congregation will raise an envelope collection for Deaconess Work. Another beautiful church.

In the afternoon we spoke at Pastor H. D. Stahmer's Mission Festival, Hinton. We did not preach but simply told the story of the girl in blue, the Lutheran Deaconess. Since many of the members knew Student Deaconess Lois Roepke, of Kingsley, they were quite interested. Pastor Stahmer promised us from \$300 to \$500 out of the mission collection if his congregation sanctioned his plan. We think Pastor Stahmer's idea correct. The Deaconess Association is educating women workers for missions; hence it is proper to give this Association part of the mission collection so that more deaconesses can be trained for service.

Thus ended a most interesting and profitable trip to Iowa and now we are off to Texas.

STATION LDA

● Rev. C. D. Eifert, Ireton, Iowa, pastoral representative of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, spoke five minutes at a LWML Rally. Result? Resolved that the Zone send in \$150.00 annually to the Deaconess Association for four years. Brother, that persuasive speech should have been recorded.

● Deaconess Frieda Bremermann, who has had wide experience in city mission work in Chicago recently lectured to LWML Rallies in Ossian, Ind., and Defiance, O., and to a LWML local in Tipton, Ind. She is an interesting lecturer.

● Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Ind., Rev. Armin Oldsen, made a donation of 174 food articles, such as canned goods, nuts, fresh fruits, vegetables, flour, etc., to the Deaconess Chapter House. Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, matron of the Chapter House, says such food gifts are deeply appreciated.

● Writes Pastor Walter Boss, Kent, O.: "The forward strides in the deaconess program during the last ten years are amazing, to say the least. And they are in the right direction. You are doing a

Minnesota Meanderings

We preached for Pastor A. F. Mock in Wykoff, Minn., on April 25. A packed church. Good collection, \$200.00. When people are informed about our Deaconess Educational and Service Program, they gladly support the Deaconess Cause. Pastors must have some hobby. Pastor Mock raises rabbits and keeps bees.

May 2 we preached for Pastor Heyne in Truman. The congregation is building a fine school. Much building going on everywhere in our Church.

In the afternoon we spoke at a Walther League Rally, Fraser Twp., Pastor Rehwaladt. We suggested that League rallies send in a collection now and then for Deaconess Work since many deaconess students are Walther Leaguers.

We stopped to see Pastor K. Rosenwinkel, Antrim, where we were confirmed in 1910. It was the first time we had been back there in thirty-eight years—time marches on. Deep emotions stirred our heart when we stood before the altar where we had knelt on our confirmation day.

We visited Pastor Paul Zitzmann. For two years his congregation issued calls to pastors before Pastor Zitzmann accepted the call. The congregation is thankful and showed its thankfulness by remodeling the parsonage at a cost of \$11,000.00—not bad for 80 communicants. Perhaps some congregations whose parsonages sorely need a renovation might favor such a plan if they had to wait over two years for a new pastor.

On to Amboy for an evening lecture. In this town we spent our boyhood days,

fine job." Brother, your kind words are a tonic.

● Rev. Clarence Knippa, Tulsa, Okla., one of our pastoral representatives, addressed the Oklahoma District Convention in behalf of the Deaconess Cause. He rightly stressed that there are more demands for deaconesses than can be filled, that Synod does not support this work but benefits from it, that literature will be supplied for the asking.

hunted pearls, conducted a frog business, saw Halley's comet, played handball and baseball, skated and lived the carefree life of a small-town boy.

Pastor Lau mentioned in introducing us that we could undoubtedly mention interesting items of the past. We accepted his cue and told this story: About the year 1907 a boy in town stole a box of cigars which we small boys smoked in an old barn. Later our ways parted: We entered St. Paul Concordia; the other boy eventually entered the state penitentiary. We say with Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Off to Courtland from Mankato. No train until midnight; no bus until 7 P.M. To arrive in time for the lecture we hitchhiked. Pastor Marxhausen had invited the entire congregation for a special meeting to consider Deaconess Work. He is an interesting personality, enjoys a variety of hobbies, has a collection of 700-800 samples of different kinds of wood, collects stamps, especially religious stamps, is a bee expert, gardener, does excellent shop work. Promises a collection for our work.

Spoke to ladies' aid in Truman. Thanks for the \$50.00 contribution; thanks, Pastor Heyne, for working out such a fine speaking schedule. That same afternoon we lectured to Pastor Beck's ladies' aid in Fairmont. His congregation is building an imposing new church; moved from the country into Fairmont. Another congregation in the same circuit relocated in a town and in eight years doubled its communicant membership.

On Ascension morning we preached for Pastor John Malkow. Unusually good church attendance for Ascension morning. The Lutheran farmers took off from work, went to church. During the noon hour we spoke to the Day School children about the services that Lutheran deaconesses render. In the afternoon we lectured to Pastor Krause's ladies' aid in Fairmont. In the evening we preached for Pastor Richmann. Another good attendance. After the service we showed our Kodachrome slides. A full day! But now, off to Kansas.

THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

OUR FINANCIAL STATUS

During the months of April, May, and June receipts for current expenses were as follows:

California	\$ 4.00
Colorado	4.50
Indiana	557.71
Illinois	141.06
Iowa	474.39
Kansas	1.00
Michigan	151.77
Montana	6.00
Missouri	153.60
Nebraska	74.05
New Jersey	21.00
New York	65.00
Ohio	150.00
Oklahoma	1.00
Oregon	1.00
Pennsylvania	510.00
South Dakota	2.00
Texas	10.00
Washington	2.00
Wisconsin	390.23

Grand Total \$2871.71

These figures do not include the monies received for the new Deaconess Chapter House.

Our budgetary allowance for these three months exceeds our financial intake. Our budget for this quarter year is \$4,209.99. Our receipts were \$2,871.71. This is a shortage of \$1338.28.

One fact is certain, if we are to continue our Deaconess Expansion Program, we shall need added income.

Won't you help us meet our financial obligations?

OUR SVE PROJECTOR

The Deaconess Auxiliary in Fort Wayne recently presented us with a SVE projector to publicize the Deaconess educational and service program in a more effective manner.

We find this projector easy to carry along on our travels since it is very compact. Also, a telling picture in Kodachrome is worth a thousand words. It makes concrete what words leave in the abstract.

The projector is quite a traveler. It has already made trips to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Texas, and Ohio.

CONFERENCE OF DEACONESSSES

Camp Augustana, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
August 26-28, 1948

Theme: Redeeming the Time—Col. 4:5

Thursday, August 26

- 10:00 Opening Devotion
- Address of Welcome
- Response: Deaconess Nettie Kimberley, B. A.
- Address of Welcome: Deaconess F. Bremermann, President of Conference,
- Business: Appointment of Committees, Treasurer's Report, Registration.
- 11:45 Adjournment
- Noon 11:45-2:00
- 2:00 Inspirational Address: Rev. A. Krentz
- 2:15 "The New India a Distinct Challenge to the Diaconate"—Deaconess Amelia Doctor, R. N.
- 3:00 Selected Topic—Mr. Louis Pingel.
- 4:00 Adjournment

Friday, August 27

- 9:30 Inspirational Devotion
- 9:45 Business
- 9:50 "Techniques in Visual Education," "Rev. E. G. Kleidon, Mishawaka, Ind.
- 11:00 "Principles of Bedside Visiting," Deaconess F. Bremermann
- 11:45 Adjournment
- Noon 11:45-2:00
- 2:00 Inspirational Devotion
- 2:15 "Re-evaluation of the Deaconess as a Nurse," Deaconess Lulu Noess, R. N.
- 3:00 "The Aim of the Deaconess Movement in the American Lutheran Church," Deaconess Magdalene Krebs, Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 4:00 Adjournment

Saturday, August 28

- 9:30 Inspirational Devotion
- 9:45 Business
- 10:00 "Administration of the Vacation Bible School," Deaconess Clara Strehlow
- 10:45 Book Review
- 11:30 Closing Devotion.

●Deaconess Forum on Thursday or Friday Evening.

●Visitors welcome to the sessions of Conference.