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*The LUTHERAN*

# Deaconess



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## *Installation At Bethesda*



*Dr. C. F. Golisch, executive director of Bethesda Lutheran Home, is shown congratulating Deaconess Patricia Astalos and Mr. Donald Ahlman, who were installed as teachers in the academic school of Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin.*





*Deaconess-Interne Meta Roth prays with Billy before the supper tray is served at Bethesda.*



*Dwayne must be taught patiently. Deaconess-Interne Arletta Schramm shows him how to make his bed.*

### INSTALLATION AT BETHESDA

Mr. Donald Ahlman and Deaconess Patricia Astalos were installed as teachers in the training and academic school of Bethesda Lutheran Home on Sunday evening, September 24th. Pastor Adolph M. Harsad served as liturgist for the service. Dr. C. F. Golisch, executive director of the Home, delivered the sermon and performed the rite of installation. Assisting him were Rev. A. G. Ahlman Gospel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, a brother of the local Mr. Ahlman, and Pastors Brauer, Harstad and Wrallstad, all of Bethesda Lutheran Home. Mr. Paul Groenke, director of training, served as organist for the service. The Boys' Choir of Bethesda sang an anthem.

Miss Astalos was born at Monroe, Michigan. Her early education was received in the elementary and high school of that city. The following four years were spent at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, where she took her deaconess training. From August 1959 till May 1960 she worked with mentally retarded children and took courses at Hepheta, a home for mental retardates, delinquents, etc., at Treysa, Germany. Miss Astalos graduated from Valparaiso on August 4, 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She arrived at Bethesda on August 21, 1961 to begin work as a deaconess in the training department. She assists with the girls' recreation program.

### INTERNES! INTERNES!

1961-62 marks the year that fourteen junior students in the deaconess training program at Valparaiso University began a program of one year interning required for all deaconess students. Because of a desire for a graduating class in 1962, the entire class did not go out but rather, fourteen are working. This issue will tell you what they are doing.

Three of the girls who are working in parishes are not pictured. They are Pam Zimmerman of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Plainview, New York; Audrey Vanderbles of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tonawanda, New York; and Judy Garver of Zion Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California.

The letters that came in reply to the request for pictures and information were all filled with joy at the opportunities for service which appear daily. Some expressed this joy clearly, as in the case of Arletta at Bethesda who reported that she overheard a staff member ask one of the ward parents what the interne's job was. The ward parent answered, "She goes wherever she is needed."

"That's me - -," Arletta says, "Deaconess, mother, nurse, counsellor, ward parent, baby-sitter, teacher . . . and I love it!"

### LDA MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in the Lutheran Deaconess Association is \$2.00 per year. Anyone interested please write 3714 S. Hanna.

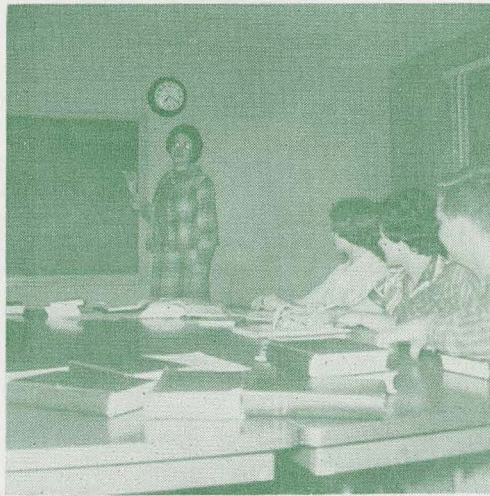




*Deaconess-Interne Shirley Moeller studying the Psalms with Bonnie, a shut-in.*



*Shirley gives this guest at a Home for the Aged a copy of the hymn used in devotions. It has been reprinted in larger letters for she can no longer read regular type.*



*The Wednesday night Bible Class for post-high young people is taught by Shirley.*

### PARISH WORK IN MINNESOTA

Shirley Moeller, serving at Redeemer in Rochester, Minn.; writes, "My experiences here are rich and varied but I don't feel most of them can be classified as duties. My duties very simply would be: youth director of the three Walther Leagues, teacher of the Jr. Confirmation class with 34 pupils, high school Bible Class teacher, and post-high Bible Class teacher. I also visit shut-ins and have a private Bible class study weekly with Bonnie.

However, my experiences would include directing a Walther League retreat this

fall, being guest lecturer at two L.W.M.L. workshops, and giving topics at ladies' circles.

Also I usually write two or three articles for our congregation's monthly publication, **THE REDEEMER READER**, and designed and drew the cover for one issue.

Besides teaching the Young Adult Bible class I also had to stimulate interest in it and the League which were non-existent when I arrived."

This is how one Interne is serving in one congregation. That others serve in similar and in different ways we shall soon see.



## THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

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All materials pertaining to the Editorial Department are taken care of by the Executive Director, 3714 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### EXPENSE BUDGET Fiscal Year 1961-1962

#### General

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuition .....                     | \$15,375.00 |
| Scholarship Fund .....            | 5,000.00    |
| Household .....                   | 1,200.00    |
| Fuel .....                        | 2,200.00    |
| Utilities .....                   | 4,000.00    |
| Extra Help, Valpo .....           | 1,500.00    |
| Repair and Maint., Valpo .....    | 2,000.00    |
| Repair and Maint., Ft. Wayne .... | 250.00      |
| Publicity and Printing .....      | 7,000.00    |
| Contingent Expense .....          | 3,349.20    |
| Travel .....                      | 6,000.00    |
| Office Expense, Ft. Wayne .....   | 2,000.00    |
| Office Expense, Valpo .....       | 450.00      |
| Office Equip., Ft. Wayne .....    | 200.00      |
| Office Equip., Valpo .....        | 1,400.00    |
| Library Fund .....                | 100.00      |
| Insurance .....                   | 1,000.00    |
| Dues .....                        | 235.00      |

#### Salaries

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries .....              | 22,600.00 |
| Pensions and Soc. Sec. .... | 2,740.80  |
| Housing .....               | 3,900.00  |

\$82,500.00

#### Building Retirement

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Mortgage Payment .....       | \$11,000.00 |
| Interest and Serv. Chg. .... | 6,500.00    |
| Debt Retirement .....        | 10,000.00   |

\$27,500.00

Total Expense ..... \$110,000.00

In order to meet this budget and to continue to operate in an efficient way, we need your continued and increased help.

The Lord has need of more workers, will you help supply them?



*This Interne is called "Sister" Rhoda by the people whom she serves at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, N. Y. Her duties and learning experiences at Trinity include a pre-confirmation class, matins in the day-school working with eight ladies circles and calls of all kinds.*

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Incumbents whose term expired and who were reelected to the Plenary Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association in the Annual Meeting held November 5, were Dr. R. Schnabel, Miss P. Krudop, and The Rev. B. Johnson. New board members who were elected were Mr. E. Benz and The Rev. A. Zeigler. Elected to the vacancy left by retiring board member, Mr. T. Hey was Mr. P. Liebmann.

Other items of business included the adoption of the budget for the next fiscal year, and the presentation of reports on the past year's activities from the president, The Rev. E. H. Albers; the staff; the president of the International Deaconess Conference, Deaconess Evelyn Middelstadt; the president of Pi Delta Chi, student deaconess Betty Beckman, and from the president of the Fort Wayne Auxiliary, Mrs. P. Miller.

The meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and opening service was conducted by The Rev. H. Ott, the host pastor. The Master of Ceremonies at the dinner following the meeting was The Rev. E. H. Albers. Deaconess Geraldine Eubanks and deaconess student Nobuko Sasaki were the speakers. Music was provided by the deaconess student choir under the direction of Miss Karna Kohtz.





*Carole using map as a visual aid for teenage class.*



*Left to right: The Rev. Louis R. Jasper, Deaconess-Interne Carole Garwood, Vicar George Heidenrich, the Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, all workers for the deaf in the New York metropolitan area.*

### INTERNE SERVES DEAF

Deaconess-Interne Carole Garwood has always been interested in working with the deaf. Her position with the Lutheran Missions to the Deaf in the New York City Area is a lifelong dream come true. Carole says:

"My job is just fascinating — something different every day. I am particularly fond

of my work with the Walther League at Bethany. I also teach two boys who are too slow for the regular Confirmation classes.

My chief job at Bethany is making calls—all kinds of them—sick calls, calls on delinquent Sunday School students, calls on prospect, and calls just to get acquainted.

God has really answered my prayers in letting me work with the deaf!"



*Interne Hedda Carlson reads a bed-time story to "her" girls. This helps quiet them before going to bed.*

### SERVING THE HANDICAPPED

Here are two more internes at work at Bethesda. In addition to helping to get the girls to bed, she teaches them many simple things which we take for granted, such as the proper way to brush their teeth, table



*Miss Sally Brandt, Deaconess-Interne, at the organ in Bethesda's chapel. She plays for children's services twice daily and occasionally for adult chapel and Sunday worship.*

manners, how to tie their shoes. She teaches them Bible stories, and helps with memory work.

Sally, besides playing the organ, helps with teaching religious classes, works in the library, and leads recreation activities.

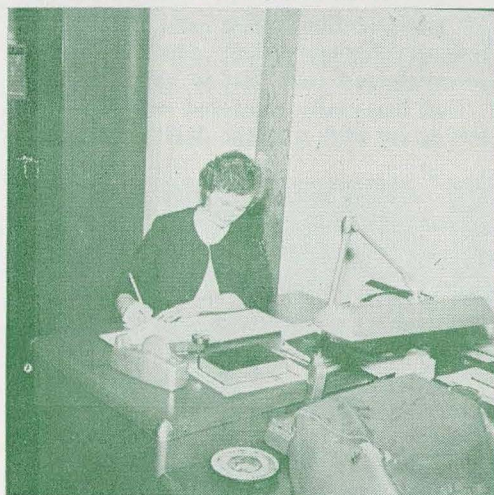




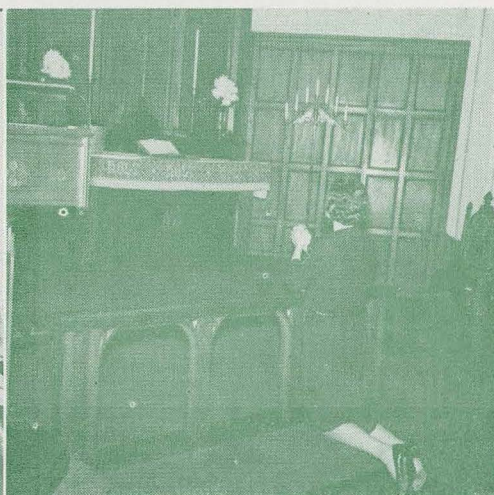
*"You missed a spot!" Deaconess-Interne Elaine Warnisky checks the paint job of the volunteers in St. Paul's parish house.*



*Another duty is the direction of the teen-age choir at St. Paul's Albany, New York.*



*Miss Warnisky checks the guest book for new visitors in the Sunday service.*



*An afternoon of calling demands much and Elaine kneels and prays for guidance before beginning.*

### PARISH WORK IN NEW YORK

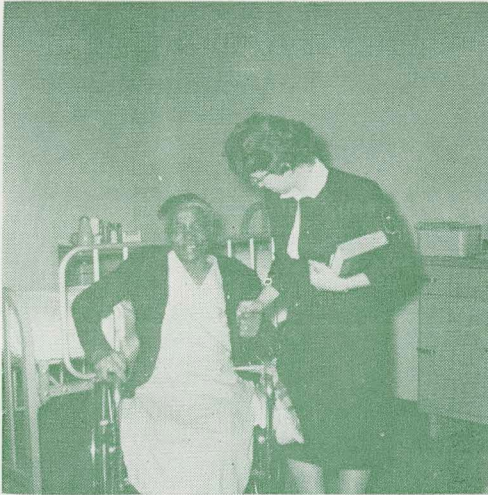
Serving at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albany, New York is Deaconess-Interne Elaine Warnisky. Elaine is from Teaneck, New Jersey and received the first two years of her training at Concordia Junior College, Bronxville, New York. Miss Sally Brandt on the preceding page received her first two years at Concordia, Portland, Oregon.

Besides choir directing and working in the musical program of the church, calling, etc. Interne Warnisky instructs Sunday School teachers and does other religious teaching in the congregation. Not all girls going into

deaconess work are blessed with the musical ability and training of Elaine, however, those that are, use those abilities to give glory to God in their work.

Nobuko Sasaki will study at Valparaiso University for one more semester before returning to Japan as a consecrated Deaconess. Her expenses have been met through the Lutheran Deaconess Association by a fund provided by congregations, Sunday Schools, and individuals. We are needing more help for this year. Can YOU help Nobuko?





*Although worried about her husband in the Mental Hospital, this woman at the Home for the Aged always has a warm welcome for Deaconess-Interne Jan Hartman.*

### SERVING THOSE WHO ARE ILL

"Do you have a cigarette, lady?" "Would you tuck in the blanket around my feet, please?" "How about pouring me a glass of ice water?" These are the requests that I hear as I make my rounds as a Deaconess-Interne in the institutional ministry of our nation's capital. So I answer their questions, tuck in their blankets, fill their water glasses . . . And what, you say, does this have to do with deaconess work?

More than you might think! For it is by being willing to do these "little" things for the patients that I express my interest in them as individuals. These people, knowing that I am concerned about them and willing to listen to them, tell me "their story" and listen to what I have to say, too!

By "having an ear" I have talked with many: the patient at D. C. General Hospital who entered with bleeding ulcers and has serious marital problems; the inmate at Occoquan Women's Reformatory who has squandered 10 years of her life and now wants to help keep others from making the same mistakes; the patient at Glen Dale TB Sanatorium who fears she will never be sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital; the patient at St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital who feels rejected by God; the patient at D. C. Village, the old folks home, who worries about her husband at St. Elizabeth's but who greets me with a warm handclasp and always asks as I leave, "When will you be back?"

All these are my "parishioners!" Each person in these various institutions has his individual problems and also his individual and personal need for the Word to be spoken to him. As a deaconess-interne it is my challenging opportunity to listen and speak the message of the Gospel to these people in the virtual "sacrament of conversation."

### SUMMER WORKER COMMENDED

The following is a letter received from a pastor who worked with a deaconess student this last summer.

"It seems fitting that just a note be included to express my total pleasure with all that I know of your deaconess training program. My experience with these young women is altogether positive.

That which impresses me most about them in their theological orientation and foundation. It is certainly refreshing to a co-worker and is bound to provide the best possible motivation for their service to the Lord Christ and to His Church.

Congratulations on your wonderful training program and may the Lord of the Church continue His blessings to you and your colleagues."

Our next issue will contain a report of a recent interview which Pastor Gerken had with Bishop Anders Nygren of Sweden. Some of the items discussed were the ordination of women and women's suffrage.





*Deaconess—Interne Gerry Leistico of Zion Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska; leads the Sunday School teacher's meeting. This is just one of the experiences in congregational life in which she is partaking in a year rich with learning and growing.*

**Deaconess-Interne**

**Jeannie Louie**



**Prince of Peace**

**Lutheran Church,**

**Vancouver, B. C.**

**Canada**

### **DISTRICT MISSIONS IN CANADA**

My work at Prince of peace Church in Vancouver, B.C., is in aiding the Pastor in dispensing the Gospel and the Sacraments to the congregational members and to the members of the community in which our church is located. My work in this area involves mainly calling and teaching.

I am in charge of making calls, both canvass and prospect, on members of the con-

gregation, members of the community, and parents of the Sunday School and confirmation class children. Since the majority of my prospect and canvass calls are on unchristian people, I invite them to enter the Church, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. I also work with children striving with the Word of Forgiveness to bring them to Holy Baptism, the worship of the church and Sunday School.