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THE DEACONESS AS INSTITUTIONAL MISSIONARY. Deaconess Florence Storck in the center. Read the interesting story of Gloria and Jo Bob, the two girls next to Miss Storck, in this issue of the LUTHERAN DEACONESS



### HE CARES

He never has refused me,  
And I know He never will.  
He has promised to watch o'er me,  
And His promise He'll fulfil.

I'm leaning on His mighty arm,  
On Him I cast my care.  
It matters not how dark the way,  
As long as He is there.

I know He is my Shepherd,  
Through dark waters He will guide,  
And I always feel secure and safe,  
When He is by my side.

LUTHERAN CITY MISSION  
Deaconess F. Storck.  
Rev. E. J. Mahnke.

### INSTITUTIONAL MISSION WORK Our Privileged Service

Each week, as we visit women patients at our tuberculosis sanatorium, we have a poem of comfort for them. Many of the patients have saved these poems. Others have sent them to their husbands in the armed forces. Others send them to loved ones and friends hoping that the poem will comfort them along the way.

Every six weeks we give the patients new devotional booklets. *Good News* is given to the patients regularly. *Good News* is published by and under the auspices of the Associated Lutheran Charities.

Before their operations, during their stay in the post-operative ward and after operations we visit and pray for the recovery of the patients.

To the unbaptized and the unchurched we recommend baptism and church membership. Such women patients as desire baptism or church membership we instruct. This instruction usually takes from three to five months, depending upon how ill the patient is.

Services are conducted by our Mission at the hospital every Sunday morning. We assist the pastor by playing the organ to accompany the singing at these and other services at the hospital. We welcome the patients to the service. If they miss a service, we let them know during the week that they were missed in the House of God.

We usually have from forty to fifty Lutheran patients at the hospital. We make ar-

rangments with the nurses for their communion. We carry the communion tray for the pastor.

Often we shop for the patients at their request. For some we write letters. The nurses inform us if the patients are in need of clothing.

We make it a point to call upon our new converts after they leave the hospital. We encourage them to attend and to affiliate with our Lutheran churches.

We conduct regular devotions with many of the patients. This means a great deal to many of them who have no relatives. Experience shows that their friends on the outside often forget about them when they become ill. Often it is the deaconess who is their regular visitor at the hospital.

We teach Sunday School and play the organ for the Sunday School and the services of one of our Negro Missions.

For some time we have been serving spiritually at the government hospital for venereal diseases.

**Florence Storck.**

Note. It requires little imagination to realize the glorious work that Deaconess Storck is doing. Ed.



*The eyes of this child are unforgettable—they plead: "Help me." The plea is not in vain for the Deaconess ministers to this young sufferer.*



## MILDRED—A SOUL AT REST

It was difficult for Mildred to resign herself to the fact that she must leave her children to go to the hospital. Those first weeks at the hospital were intolerable. How could she stand being away from her baby who was just four years old? There were other children, too. Who would care for them? Feed and clothe them? Would her husband remain faithful? She wondered.

When we met her in the hospital we tried to comfort her by pointing her to Jesus and asking her to take all her problems and sorrow to Him in prayer. We often read to her from God's Holy Word. We spoke to her about the comfort of holy baptism. We quoted to her the passage: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

One day when we entered her room she told us how very ill she had been that week. A dreadful fear overcame her. She wondered what would happen to her soul should she die. She felt unprepared for death. After we prayed with her, she informed us that she desired to be instructed. She knew so pitifully little of the Bible that it was up to us as an instrument of God to enlighten her. Each week we spent an hour instructing her. We pointed her to faith in Christ and Holy Baptism. During the course of instruction there were times when she would cast all her burden upon the Lord. She now came to the realization that God had let her become ill for a definite reason. She saw how all-important it was for her to be a child of God.

She eagerly looked forward to the day of her baptism. The doctor granted Mildred permission to be baptized in our hospital chapel. Although she was very ill, she wished to kneel before God's altar renouncing the devil and his ways and publicly making confession of her faith. February 11, the day of her baptism, Mildred said to a near relative: "I am now a child of God; my sins are all forgiven." Spiritually, she felt much better. The tension had been removed by Christ.

Lying on her bed of pain she spent many a day waiting and longing for healing or for release from the burdens of life. God would help her. He was her loving father in Christ, her Savior. He had promised not to tempt her above that she was able to bear. He had promised her in His Word that He would deliver her in His own way and time. After receiving the sacrament of the



*Mildred kneeling at the altar after her baptism. Pastor Edward Mahnke performed the baptism. Read about Mildred elsewhere on these pages.*

Lord's Supper she had the necessary spiritual strength to carry on.

One afternoon she said: "I've been terribly sick again. It looks as though God is going to deny me the privilege of bringing up my children." We realized that the time had come to prepare Mildred for her heavenly home. We spoke softly: "Mildred, you are God's child. He loves you. He doesn't want anything to happen to your soul. He knows what is best for your soul." We then spoke to her of her heavenly mansion where she would experience no sorrow or heartache, no sadness or pain. We assured her that God would send some one to care for her children.

Mildred realized that she was dying. She told her room-mates she would not be there the next day. She requested our prayers. In May God came to release her from all misery in this world. Now she is at rest with her Savior. Sweet rest!

**Florence Storck.**



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You friends in the Far and Middle West merit our sincere thanks for your generosity. With the money received a religious encyclopedia and additional reference works on Christian Education have been bought.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Association will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 2, in Redeemer Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., beginning at 7:30.

The meeting proper will be preceded by a luncheon served by the ladies of Redeemer Lutheran Church, the Rev. Erwin Kurth, pastor.

The terms of the following directors of our Association expire at this time: the Rev. Erwin Tepker, Mr. E. F. Niemeyer, Mr. Louis Schmoe. The death of Mr. H. G. Nuoffer necessitates electing his successor to fill his unexpired term.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for the election:

Prof. John Stach, Ph. D., Concordia Lutheran High School, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Rev. H. H. Backs, Salem Church, Waynedale, Ind.

Mr. E. F. Niemeyer, St. Paul's Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Henry Branning, Redeemer Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Mr. Clarence Wefel, Emmaus Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Lewis Klitzke, A. B., St. Paul's Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Wilfred Rafert, Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Members of the Association who are unable to be present for the meeting may send their vote to the secretary, the Rev. A. T. Koehler, B. S., R. 1. Decatur, Ind.

A feature of the meeting will be the address of Pastor Armin Oldsen, M. A., pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Ind. Student deaconess Nettie Kimberley will give a picture of deaconess student life at Valparaiso University. The customary reports by the treasurer and the superintendent will be given. President Walter Klausing will be in charge of the meeting. Your attendance at this Annual Meeting will show your interest in the Deaconess Cause, a Cause which presents tremendous potentialities.

Atomic force is an infinitesimal atom of God's omnipotence.





*A group of Negro children at the Mission whose spiritual welfare Deaconess Storck has at heart. We wonder what attracted the attention of the two small girls in the front row.*

### GLORIA AND JO BOB

Gloria had been a Christian Scientist. Realizing that as a member of this non-Christian sect she yet lacked knowledge of the real Savior, we took every opportunity for gaining her confidence. We tried to bring her the message of Christ not as a "Lutheran" but as a Christian. By the grace of God, the Savior's forgiving love won this young girl. Now she quotes passages from Scripture to others and brings them messages of comfort—surely a remarkable fruit of her faith.

After Gloria had become a member of the Lutheran Church her sister Joyce was admitted to the Hospital. Gloria often whispered to us: "Miss Storck, I'm afraid Joyce doesn't pray." We encouraged Gloria to remember Joyce in her prayers; possibly, as a result, Joyce might be led to see the value of prayer.

Several months later Joyce asked us to be seated at her bedside. Then she said: "Miss Storck, Gloria has received so much comfort from her religion. Nothing seems to happen to her that she is able to find a passage from the Bible which applies to her

situation. I want to be like Gloria. I want to take instructions and become a member of the Lutheran Church, too." Joyce, Gloria's sister, was confirmed about six months later.

Jo Bob, the other girl on the picture (cover page) is now a patient at Wheatridge. She says: "I know my sickness has been for my good. I couldn't see it at first, but after taking instructions I know that 'All things work for good to them that love God.'"

**Florence Storck.**

### CHIPS

The year 1945 has witnessed the passing of the mighty in rapid succession.

I complained because I could not purchase that other pair of shoes until I met that young man who had no feet. Then I became seriously grateful.

Woodrow Wilson once said: "When I appoint a man I watch whether he swells or grows."

The fallacy that we are a super-people has not been discovered by all Americans.

In numerous hospitals in our nation the War will never be over.



## IN MEMORIAM

H. G. Nuoffer

Mr. H. G. Nuoffer, a valued member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association for thirteen years, departed this life September 12.

Members on our board of Directors are invaluable for the successful carrying out of our church work. The departed brother possessed several traits which made him an esteemed member on our Board. In the first place, he was of a cheerful, optimistic nature. A part of his sanctified manner of living was to see the best in others. Again, he rang true. There was no duplicity in his nature. Then, too, his was a philosophy of service. He loved to help others. If he could do some one a favor, it made him happy. Despite his age he kept his forward look, instead of becoming stratified in his thinking. He was ever in favor of a progressive move either in deaconess training or service.

And now, Mr. Nuoffer, our friend and co-worker, will attend no more Deaconess Board meetings. We shall miss that "grand old man." We know, however, that he is attending meetings with his Lord Jesus and the holy angels. There, in the care of his blessed Savior, we leave him, and we resolve that in memory of our departed co-worker we shall endeavor to carry on the Lord's work in the Deaconess Movement a trifle better.

## DEACONESS TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA

In her presidential report Mrs. H. Hamann, South Australian Lutheran Women's League, mentions the following:

"A letter was sent to the Superintendent of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana, U. S. A., asking for complete information about Deaconess work. We received not only a most encouraging reply, but also illustrative literature, showing us in details exactly how our American brethren manage this important work. The material sent includes an Anniversary Folder, a catalogue (prospectus), and a copy of the *Lutheran Deaconess*, which may be seen by applying to Mrs. Hoare.

"Trained women, church workers, educated at Concordia College and receiving



*A group of Deaconesses at Emmaus Lutheran Church, St. Louis, the afternoon of the consecration of Deaconess Clara Gade. From left to right: Deaconesses Irma Gade, Christine Rapier, M.A., Clara Strehlow, Margaret Spencer, R.N., Florence Storck, Clara Gade, Annchen Vierck, Martha Boss, R.N.*

special religious and other instruction later, with matrons, our Foreign Mission with would be of inestimable value to our church. We could in time supply our institutions nurses, our city missionaries with trained helpers, and our pastors with assistants for teaching religion in schools, etc. Some of the girls who wish to become deaconesses would be trained as nurses, some as social workers, others to help in case of illness of parents in homes where children must be cared for. I think that the establishment of a Deaconess Society would be the best way of initiating this work. Our Australian Luther League could also be urged to take interest in an undertaking of this kind."

We believe the previous paragraph states the high objective of deaconess training in a most felicitous manner.

We wish our fellow-Lutherans in Australia success in their venture to train Lutheran Deaconess for the upbuilding of our Church on that continent.

My two daily needs are: Make me more lovable; make me more useful.



## STATION LDA

● This number of the *Lutheran Deaconess* is dedicated to the Deaconess as Institutional Mission Worker. Various institutions in our urban centers, such as sanatoria, houses of correction, etc., offer many glorious opportunities to soothe troubled souls. A consecrated Deaconess can be a needed benediction to many floundering souls.

● Pastor Theo. C. Meibohm, La Crosse, Ind., remarks that we have the WAVES and the WACS, but we also need the WICKS—Workers in Christ's Kingdom. He is definitely correct. Workers in Christ's Kingdom, Lutheran Deaconesses, are urgently requested from all parts of our Synod. WAVES and WACS returning to civilian life might well consider becoming WICKS by taking up Deaconess Training at Valparaiso, as one WAVE in the European area writes she plans to do.

● For fifteen successive years the ladies aid of Pastor W. F. Doctor's congregation in Lancaster, O., has sent us a contribution of twenty-five dollars. Such regularity in the support of our cause means much to us. By the way, St. Paul's ladies aid here in Fort Wayne has for several years sent us an annual contribution of one hundred dollars. We thank these and all other ladies aids who remember us with an annual check.

● Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boerger, Sr., Fuelling's Settlement, (Decatur), Ind., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 13 with a special thanksgiving service at their home with the entire congregation invited and their pastor, the Rev. Karl Hofmann, delivering the sermon. By special request of the honored couple a collection was raised for Deaconess Work which amounted to \$91.00, gratefully received. Our sincere congratulations to this fine Christian couple. May the Good Lord grant them a pleasant evening of life.

● Sister Dorthy Goff, M. A., instructor at the ULC Deaconess Training School, Baltimore, Md., paid us a visit this summer for the purpose of studying our educational set-up at Valparaiso. She was very favorably impressed by our Deaconess Training Course at Valparaiso, thinks that much is gained by our students being able to work towards their degree. Her evaluation coming from one who is working in this field of education is worthy of more than passing consideration.

● Miss Jessie Bowers, parish deaconess at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Aurora, Ill., the Rev. Paul Krentz, pastor, spent two weeks this summer at Northwestern University attending a Music Institute. Sessions included lectures on organ technique, church service playing, worship, hymn singing and other phases of church work. We congratulate Our Savior Church in making it possible for Miss Bowers to further her musical education. In the end, the congregation will profit by a better equipped organist and choir leader in its parish deaconess.

● For many years Mrs. Caroline Gieseler was a liberal contributor to the deaconess cause. The Lord called her home on June 21. We wish to express our sympathy to the members of her family, among whom is her son, the Rev. Carl A. Gieseler, Denver, Colo. Her works do follow after her.

● Write Mr. and Mrs. George Nitz, Royal Oak, Mich., "We enjoy reading about the progress of deaconess work and wish you God's continued blessing." Such encouraging words are deeply appreciated.

● Dr. L. B. Buchheimer, scholar that he is, was deeply engrossed in preparing a paper for the Deaconess Conference, June 28-30 at the Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, when he suffered a heart attack and could not finish his paper. We are happy to report that the genial Doctor has sufficiently recovered from his illness to teach a Bible Class at our Savior Church, Detroit, where he is associate pastor with his son, the Rev. Edward Buchheimer.

● Deaconess Christine Rapier, B. S., received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Washington University in June. We approve and congratulate most heartily. Miss Rapier taught for four years in our mission school in Nigeria. This year she will teach children of another race, Indian children, in our mission school at Whiteriver, Ariz. She loves to do mission work. God's richest benediction upon her labors among these Indian children.

● Deaconess Malinda Steckwisch who last year taught so ably at the Indian Mission at Whiteriver, will serve at the Gospel Center, Cleveland, under the direction of Pastor Robert Weller. We are happy that we are able to send a deaconess to replace Deaconess Martha Boss, R. N., who is now preparing herself for service in China by taking courses at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



## SPEAKING SCHEDULE

### Congregations

Mar. 11—Pekin, Ill., Rev. George Ross  
 Mar. 11—Bloomington, Ill., Rev. W. H. Hohenstein  
 May 27—Ft. Wayne, Ind., Rev. Aug. Buuck  
 June 3—LaFayette, Ind., Rev. P. G. Schmidt  
 June 17—Youngstown, O., Rev. W. H. Werning  
 June 24—Merrill, Wis., Pres. W. L. Kohn  
 July 15—Tipton, Ind., Rev. Albert Singer  
 July 22—Crete, Ill., Rev. A. T. Kretzmann  
 July 29—Monroeville, Ind., Rev. H. W. Hartenberger  
 Aug. 5—Clinton, Iowa, Rev. Paul Burgdorf  
 Aug. 12—Collinsville, Ill., Rev. Th. Roschke

Aug. 19—Waverly, Iowa, Rev. F. Boelter  
 Sept. 2—Arcadia, Mich., Rev. M. Sasman  
 Sept. 9—Downers Grove, Ill., Rev. M. Reinke, M. A.  
 Sept. 30—Wausau, Wis., Rev. Paul Roehrs  
 Oct. 14—South Bend, Ind., Rev. Th. Kleinhans  
 Nov. 11—Sheboygan, Wis., Rev. E. Keller

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North Wis., Eau Claire, Wis., South Wis., Milwaukee, Wis.; Western, St. Louis, Mo.; Wisconsin Synod, New Ulm, Minn.; South Nebr., Seward, Nebr.; Iowa West, Camp Okoboji, Iowa; Minn., Young America, Minn.  
 We are deeply grateful to the pastors and district presidents who granted us the privilege of presenting the cause of Lutheran Deaconess Work. Thus the publicity grows.

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