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Student Deaconess Group at Valparaiso University, largest number of Student Deaconesses ever assembled within the Synodical Conference. In front, from left to right, Rev. Arnold F. Krentz, Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann.

A CLASSIC LETTER FROM IOWA

Jan. 28, 1949

Dear Mr. Krentz,

I am a little girl. I am seven years old. When I grow up I want to be a deaconess. I will be glad to send you some money for the Deaconess.

With love,

Doris Meyermann,
R. R. 2, Clinton, Iowa.

My Dear Doris:

I am glad to hear that you want to become a deaconess when you grow up. Some years ago, a little girl near Fort Wayne told her schoolmates she wanted to become a deaconess. She felt sorry for the heathen who had not heard of Jesus. She wanted to help them and planned to go to India when she grew up.

And she did what she planned. Later she went to India. Her name is Deaconess Amelia Doctor. Her address is found on page 170 of the 1949 Lutheran Annual. Perhaps you want to write her.

I am so glad that you want to give yourself and then your money. Jesus wants your help as a deaconess before He wants your money.

I shall be looking for you at Valparaiso about 1960.

May Jesus bless you,

Arnold F. Krentz.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A membership in the Lutheran Deaconess Association costs \$1.00 a year.

We need 10,000 members in our Deaconess Association if our Deaconess Program is to progress as we hope.

We are asking our members to win one new member for our Association. And our members are responding. One of the first to win a new member was Mr. Herman Ameling, Maywood, Ill.

A good way to win new members for the Lutheran Deaconess Association is to elect or appoint some member of the ladies' aid to serve as solicitor.

REGISTER OF STUDENT DEACONESSSES—VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
1948-1949

Seniors—

1. Lois Jank, Fairchild, Wisconsin
2. Betty Gallion, Logansport, Indiana

Juniors—

1. Grace Braeger, West Bend, Wisconsin
2. Dorothy Gohr, Kingsville, Maryland
3. Grace Fomerkenke, Madison, Minnesota
4. Lois Roepke, Kingsley, Iowa
5. Kathleen Rubow, Eldora, Iowa
6. Marian Speckhard, Clintonville, Wis.

Sophmores—

1. Ruth Berg, Tavistock, Ontario
2. Clara Harmes, La Grange, Texas
3. Shirley Jensen*, Detroit, Michigan
4. Elaine Davis, Reed City, Michigan
5. Elizabeth Kujawski, Detroit, Michigan
6. Gloria Schoeller, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
7. Esther Young, Monticello, Iowa

Freshmen

1. Ethel Foss*, Ballston Lake, New York
2. Dorothy Eckhardt, R.N., Providence, R. I.
3. Dolores Hackwelder, Oakmont, Pa.
4. Dolores Leonard, St. Louis, Missouri
5. Barbara Looman, Schenectady, New York
6. Evelyn Middlestadt, Elk River, Minn.
7. Ani'a Rentz, Decatur, Indiana
8. Ruth Schulenburg, McMinnville, Oregon
9. Loretta Shov, San Fernando, California
10. Dorothy Stanke, East Detroit, Michigan
11. Dorothy Villard, St. Louis, Missouri
12. Christine Volkert*, New Richmond, Wis.
13. Elaine Yoreo, West Hartford, Conn.

* Discontinued studies under the Deaconess Program.

SLIDES ON THE DEACONESS PROGRAM

Our deaconess slides which show student life at Valparaiso and the various services of deaconesses have been favorably received. They are in color.

They can well be shown to ladies' aids, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Walther League, and other gatherings.

There is no better way to put an idea across than to tell a story, paint a picture. This these slides do.

Order the slides well in advance from our Fort Wayne Office.



Receptionists at the Open House in the Annex, from left to right, Student Deaconesses Kathleen Rubow and Marian Speckhard.

KATHLEEN RUBOW, BEACON BUSINESS MANAGER

The *Beacon*, yearbook of Valparaiso University, turned its blazing light towards the Pi Delta Chi House and discovered Kathleen Rubow as its new business manager. Kathleen is a Junior at the University and after graduation will serve as a deaconess. Replacing Robert Leverenz, who was graduated on January 31, Kathleen assumed her duties at that time. Wearing her usual Eldora, Iowa, smile, Kathleen assured us that she intends to build up the *Beacon* treasury. We know she will manage it too.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a picture of the *Beacon's* beaming manager. Since she is so versatile, she will be pictured as a receptionist at the Annex. (At the Open House.) Incidentally, last summer Miss Rubow served at Bethesda Lutheran Home, Wauwatertown, Wisconsin. Ask her whether she can cook?

SPECIAL LECTURES AT CHAPTER HOUSE

To help our student deaconesses gain an insight into service possibilities to our Church and suffering humanity a special series of lectures, very informal, of course, connected with a question and discussion period, has been arranged at the Chapter house, usually on Monday evenings, twice a month.

Lecturers and their topics are the following: 1. Deaconess Frieda Bremermann: The Deaconess in City and Institutional Mission Work; 2. Rev. Andrew Schulze: The Deaconess Serving the Neighbor of Another Color; 3. Rev. R. C. Marquardt: The Deaconess in Child Welfare Work; 4. Rev. O. H. Schmidt, D. D.: Mission Work for the Deaconess in the Orient; 5. Deaconess Clara Strehlow: The Deaconess as Parish Worker; 6. Mr. "Chief" W. F. Weiherman: Youth Work a Challenge to the Deaconess; 7. Rev. Willard Baringer: Service Opportunities for Deaconesses in our Nigerian Mission.

SCHOLARSHIP SPECIALS

During the first three months of 1949 congregations and ladies' aids have remembered us with scholarship monies. Gratefully we give them recognition:

St. Paul's ladies' aid, Knoke, Iowa	\$ 10.00
Trinity, Elmore, Ohio	50.00
Immanuel ladies' aid, Waldenburg, Mich.	90.00
Trinity, Waconia, Minn.	100.00
Faith ladies' aid, Milwaukee, Wis.	100.00
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	\$350.00

How large a scholarship is granted a student deaconess? For the coming school year it will be \$150.00. If we have thirty student deaconesses this fall, and in all probability our student group will exceed that number, then the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association will allocate \$4,500.00 in scholarships. For a small organization such as the Lutheran Deaconess Association is, and with a comparatively small budget, our scholarship grants are very liberal. So much is certain, however, if there is scholarship outlay, there must be scholarship intake. A scholarship contribution is an investment: You are helping educate a Lutheran deaconess for needed service to our church.

THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

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DEACONESS CHAPTER HOUSE

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Matron: Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann

DEACONESS DOLLARS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

The receipts for the months of January, February, and March were as follows:

Alabama	\$ 3.00
Arkansas	50.00
California	73.75
Colorado	10.00
Connecticut	13.25
Indiana	1082.36
Illinois	692.76
Iowa	555.58
Kansas	49.00
Louisiana	5.00
Maryland	10.00
Michigan	549.35
Minnesota	298.81
Missouri	40.55
Montana	21.30
Nebraska	160.25
New Jersey	28.00
New Mexico	15.00
New York	595.66
North Carolina	7.50
North Dakota	27.00
Ohio	289.10
Oklahoma	32.50
Oregon	6.50
Pennsylvania	235.73
South Dakota	58.50
Texas	34.00
Utah	10.00
Washington	3.50
Wisconsin	700.42
Wyoming	21.75
British Columbia	5.00

\$5,585.12

Writes the Rev. Armand E. Mueller, President of the Southern California District:

"This is a belated acknowledgment of your letter of September 1 in which you have informed me that I have been chosen to publicize the Deaconess Work in our Southern California District.

"I have been recently elected to the presidency of the District, and despite the many duties of that office I am desirous to represent the Lutheran Deaconess Association in our midst."

Deaconess Service will become increasingly important in the work of our church—President Armand Mueller has that vision; hence he wants to serve. All of which is tremendously encouraging to us.

These figures do not include the monies received for the new Chapter House for Student Deaconesses nor monies received through bequests. Included are scholarship monies.

Thanks to our friends who support our Deaconess Cause so loyally and whose number is increasing.

STUDENT STATISTICS

Twenty-four girls are preparing for the diaconate at the Philadelphia Motherhouse of the United Lutheran Church. Pastor Richard C. Klick is in charge.

Just a little rivalry, Pastor Klick. We have twenty-five student deaconesses at Valparaiso University.



Miss Grace Braeger, famed Student Deaconess Bowler. See article below.

GRACE BRAEGER—BOWLER PREEMINENT

Miss Grace Braeger, Junior Student Deaconess, from West Bend, Wisconsin, proves that you don't have to be big to bowl them over. At a recent W.A.A. bowling tournament at Valparaiso University, Grace bowled them over with the astounding record of 192. She was the top scorer among the women bowlers.

Somewhere in this issue you will find a picture of Grace about to roll another strike. Petite and smiling, Grace is representative of the versatility of the average Student Deaconess at the Chapter House. While she is preparing herself spiritually and mentally for future service, in our Church she fully realizes the importance of keeping herself physically fit with the bowling ball rolling down the alley.

Incidentally, during the summer of 1947, Grace served in the Walther League office, Chicago, Ill. During the summer of 1948 she served in the congregation of Pastor Gerdes, Pittsburgh, Pa. This summer she would like to serve in the Indian Mission, Arizona. Her idea of getting field work experience in different fields of service is of advantage to her.

THE PARISH DEACONESS

Again and again we are asked the pertinent question, Just what services does a parish deaconess render? Brethren in the ministry, church boards, solicitors for our Deaconess Cause want to know the answer.

Perhaps the best way to get clarity as to the functions of a parish deaconess is to quote from letters received from parish deaconesses. So here goes.

Deaconess X writes: "Besides the regular keeping of records, sending out absentee cards, and making calls, there are lessons to prepare and classes to teach. Monday: 3:30 pre-confirmation class (12 pupils); Tuesday: 3:45-4:45 week-day religious class (formerly released time). We have over 100 enrolled, 25 in my class of second graders. Wednesday: Girl Scouts; Thursday: Prepare for Sunday School Teachers' Meeting. Friday: Confirmation class again."

Deaconess Y writes: "My routine ordinarily follows this schedule: office work in the mornings, calls in the afternoon, and various meetings in the evenings.

"In my office work there is mailing to be done, such as the regular weekly mail, which includes letters, post cards, news write-ups, orders, etc. Besides the mailing there is the filing of various pieces of literature, the bulletin to type and run off, certificates (baptismal, confirmation, and marriage) to be printed and recorded, and Holy Communion announcements to be recorded.

"Most of the calls I make in the afternoons are in connection with the Sunday school, visits to the homes of the pupils for these reasons: to extend a welcome to the newly enrolled, to inquire for reasons of absence, and to acquaint myself with the parents. The next type of call is visits to members' homes for better acquaintance with them; sometimes some of them unburden themselves of a problem. Another type of visit: occasional visits with the chronically ill either in the home or at the hospital. The last type: mission calls (canvass and follow-up of children and adults).

"The meetings which I attend are the junior and senior Walther Leagues, Sunday school teachers, choir, altar guild, and occasionally the ladies' aid. In youth groups I assist as leader and counsellor."

That would seem like a rather full program of service. What think you?

THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS

OUR BUILDING FUND

A new building to house our growing group of student deaconesses is obvious to any one who considers that at the beginning of April we are already filled to capacity in our two houses for next fall with ten or a dozen more young women desiring to enter deaconess training this fall.

For that reason we are so deeply grateful to the following persons who have sent in a contribution to our Building Fund during the last three months:

Anna E. Hausmann, Albany, N. Y.	\$ 1.00	St. Mark's Church, Butte, Mont.	10.00
Ed. Blouser, Logansport, Ind.	1.00	Florence Ruhlig, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
C. Wietfeld, New Haven, Ind.	1.00	Wm. Roeh, Clinton, Iowa	5.00
Mrs. W. E. Hoerr, Cincinnati, O.	3.00	Mrs. Irwin Spencer, Napoleon, O.	2.00
Agnes Krentz, Fort Wayne, Ind.	5.00	Mrs. Louis Froemming, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Sangers, Cleveland, O.	1.00	St. Peter's Church, Florida, O.	50.00
Johanna Goetz, Milwaukee, Wis.	3.00	Mrs. Carl Rittberger, Zanesville, O.	25.00
Louis Wagner, Alma, Mo.	2.00	Mrs. Wm. Steinberg, Wanatah, Ind.	1.00
Mrs. Gertrude Healy, Mishawaka, Ind.	2.00	Mrs. A. C. Siek, Blairstown, Iowa	1.00
Minnie Boester, Cleveland, O.	1.00	Marie Bartsch, Good Thunder, Minn.	5.00
E. H. Witte, Dale, Ind.	5.00	Ernst Rubbert, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
Marie Froemming, Milwaukee, Wis.	5.00	Mrs. Ray Mayfield, Garrett, Ind.	1.00
Elfrieda Kuhn, Pitcairn, Pa.	5.00	Edward Schwartzkopf, Marysville, O.	2.00
Mrs. Christ Gombert, Fort Wayne, Ind.	1.00	Lulu Sieb, Monroe, Mich.	5.00
Mrs. Emil Zellmer, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00	Mrs. H. Gihring, Camden, N. J.	2.00
Amanda Zimdahl, Milwaukee, Wis.	5.00	Frieda Otto, Alta, Iowa	2.00
Mrs. Clara Ogden, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	1.00	Mrs. Sophia Atz, Kendallville, Ind.	1.00
Vina Rullmann, Cincinnati, O.	25.00	Christian Machlied, St. Clair, Mich.	1.00
Mrs. Chris Scherer, St. Louis, Mo.	2.00	Ann Templin, Gibbon, Minn.	5.00
Mrs. John Hahn, Napoleon, O.	5.00	Mrs. H. Manning, Milwaukee, Wis.	2.00
Charlotte S. Luekens, Cleveland, O.	5.00	Julius Mackowitz, Milwaukee, Wis.	2.00
Mrs. Jennie Kern, Fort Wayne, Ind.	1.00	Paul E. Tegge, Milwaukee, Wis.	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. Noack, Remsen, Ia.	100.00	R. C. Goehring, Holyoke, Mass.	2.00
Leona Schroeder, Detroit, Mich.	5.00	Mrs. Henry Behrens, La Grange, Tex.	1.00
Mrs. Martha Maas, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00	Mrs. Emma Rohrs, Napoleon, O.	1.00
Ruby Zuehlke, Oshkosh, Wis.	2.00	Mrs. Theo. Reineck, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00
Erwin C. Flack, Peoria, Ill.	25.00	Mrs. Adele Utter, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Jacob Fritz, Zanesville, O.	1.00	Mrs. G. Meyermann, Clinton, Iowa	1.00
Miss C. Heup, Milwaukee, Wis.	2.00	Mrs. C. J. Kerns, Logansport, Ind.	1.00
Elizabeth Bena, Cleveland, O.	5.00	Elsa Skobis, Milwaukee, Wis.	5.00
Edna Kagel, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00	Mrs. E. Duckwitz, Parma, O.	1.00
Mrs. E. G. Minnard, Royal Oak, Mich.	5.00	Mrs. Allie Eason, Le Mars, Iowa	1.00
Paul E. Wolf, Fort Wayne, Ind.	5.00	Mrs. Chas. Thomas, Malta, Mont.	1.00
Mrs. Lee Sernett, Hampton, Iowa	10.00	Mrs. Lillie Kollmeyer, Columbus, Ind.	5.00
Mrs. Frieda Weber, Old Appleton, Mo.	1.00	Mrs. M. Naumann, St. Paul, Minn.	5.00
Immanuel ladies' aid, Ormsby, Minn.	25.00	Mrs. C. von Briesen, Milwaukee, Wis.	10.00
Orville Goebel, Mishawaka, Ind.	5.00	Doris Uhlig, Buffalo, N. Y.	1.00
Mrs. H. C. Wille, Champaign, Ill.	5.00	Cordelia Bley, Buffalo, N. Y.	1.00
Dorothea Bischof, Berea, O.	2.00	Mrs. Arthur Bley, Buffalo, N. Y.	1.00
Mrs. Dorothy Nitz, Millington, Mich.	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. Otto Roepke, Kinsley, Ia.	100.00
Sophia Meyer, Holgate, O.	2.00	Emma H. Vogt, Wausau, Wis.	5.00
Mrs. Emma Eaton, Elkhart, Ind.	2.00	Louise Peter, St. Paul, Minn.	5.00
Erwin Fuelling, Decatur, Ind.	40.00	Mrs. Emma Mueller, Carroll, Iowa	2.00
Nettie Henke, Rochester, Minn.	5.00	Redeemer LWML, Hardin, Mont.	1.00
		Mrs. Minnie Schmidt, Vandalia, Mo.	5.00
		Fred Kaatz, Lenox, Mich.	5.00
		Helen Damschroeder, Milwaukee, Wis.	10.00
		A. E. Kuchenbecker, Detroit, Mich.	3.00
		Minnie Kohlwey, West Bend, Wis.	2.00
		Mrs. E. W. Theurer, Winona, Minn.	5.00
			\$ 694.00
		Previously acknowledged	5,416.00
		Grand Total	\$6110.00



Deaconess Lydia Lutz with her entire Family at the Home for the Aged, Westlake, Ohio. Read the interesting article below about the life and services of Deaconess Lydia Lutz.

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW MISS LYDIA ESTHER LUTZ

This is more than the story of a farmer's daughter. It is the record of one of the many consecrated servants of the Lord who are willing to carry on their often thankless task in comparative obscurity. We are speaking of Miss Lydia Lutz, our very efficient and capable chief of staff at our Home for the Aged in Westlake, Ohio. She was born on a farm near Koenigsberg, Germany, in 1897. She is the oldest of ten children, six girls and four boys. She began her deaconess training already in Germany, and was a qualified worker when she arrived in this country in 1925.

The guiding hand of God is unusually apparent in the pattern of Miss Lutz's life. Upon arrival in this country she did not immediately pursue her profession as a deaconess, but went into private nursing in Benton Harbor, Michigan. It was upon the suggestion and recommendation of a consecrated Sunday School teacher in our congregation at Benton Harbor that she enrolled in the Bethesda Deaconess School at Watertown, Wisconsin, in order that she might better prepare herself for deaconess work, her first love, in this country.

After enrollment at the Bethesda Deaconess school the scenes in life changed very rapidly for Miss Lutz. After two years at Bethesda, a year of service was rendered at our hospital at Beaver Dam,

Wisconsin, then a year to our Convalescent Home in Saint Louis, then a year to our Children's Home in Indianapolis, Indiana, then a brief period of private nursing in Chicago, then finally a return visit to the loved ones in Germany in 1937. Before the year ended she was back in this country serving at our Addison orphanage, where she remained for three years. In 1940, by the blessing of God, she came to Cleveland and assumed the responsibilities of administering and managing our Home for the Aged.

Because of her natural ability and wide range of experience we can hardly think of a person better qualified to serve in our Westlake institution. The mutual love between Miss Lutz and those under her care is immediately evident when you enter the home. Her great problem at the Home is that they always have been and still are understaffed. The "help wanted" sign is constantly hanging out at the Home, and we hope that you who read this might be of some assistance in solving this perplexing problem.

The last few years have not dealt too kindly with Miss Lutz because they have brought hardship and misfortune to those she loves. One brother is a prisoner of war in Russia, and the starvation in Germany, of which we hear so much and feel so little, has taken from her both her father and her mother.

—April Cleveland Messenger.



A Cozy Study Corner in the Annex. Here the Upperclassmen reside. Note the Greek lettering which denotes Faith and Service in Christ.

COLORADO DISTRICT EXTENDS AID TO STUDENT DEACONESSSES

Pastor E. F. Loessel, chairman of the Colorado Student Fund for the past fifteen years, included the following paragraph in his report to the Colorado District Convention last summer:

"Concerning assistance to women students. Two years ago, when the chairman of your Board brought in a memorial asking the District to consider granting support to women, the petition was in behalf of women teachers only. The Convention adopted an amendment from the floor to include parish workers. Accordingly we could think of another amendment whereby grants might be allowed to student deaconesses."

The committee appointed to review the report of the Committee on Student Aid finished its review with this statement: "We furthermore recommend that aid from this Fund be given to Student Deaconesses." And the Convention adopted the reviewing committee's report.

Fine work, Pastor Loessel. Congratulations, Colorado District, on your progressive spirit.

If there are other Synodical Districts be-

sides the Colorado and South Dakota Districts that now grant financial aid to student deaconesses we should like to be informed.

IN THE EAST

Pastors A. W. Trinklein and Erwin Umbach arranged an excellent speaking schedule for us in Brooklyn and New York City. We preached once for Pastor Elmer Giese, twice for Pastor Umbach and thrice for Pastor Trinklein. We addressed the school children and Walther League in St. Matthew's church, the Inner Mission society, the pastoral conference, ladies' aids in the congregations of Pastors Rippe, Weber, and Neibacher and the students at Concordia Collegiate Institute.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

The training of Lutheran Deaconesses, still rather new in our church, deserves earnest and wholehearted emphasis. As time advances, the need for consecrated deaconesses will increase. May God's richest blessings rest upon the work which you are conducting.

Dr. J. W. Behnken, President
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.