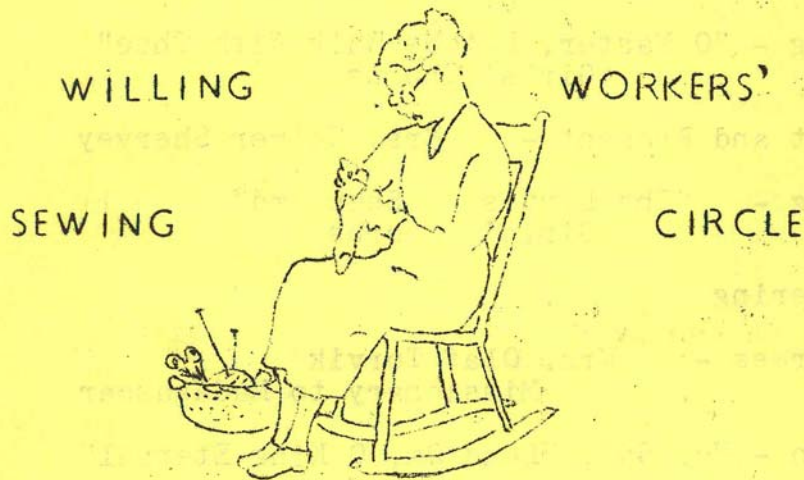


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MEMBERS - 1915

Hannah Aamoth	Miss Agnes Isakson
Mrs. Selma Ronhovde	Miss Gyda Johnson
Mrs. Marion Anderson	Mrs. Theo. Christenson
Miss Marie Blixrud	Mrs. Nellie Hajenson
Mrs. Leslie Ziemer	Mrs. May Johnson
Mrs. Nellie Knudsen	Miss Mabelle Olson
Mrs. Theo. Johnson	Miss Josie Ronhovde
Mrs. Harvey Schneeberger	

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ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

October 24, 1965

8:00 P.M.

Hymn - No. 443, Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture & Prayer - Pastor Lundquist

Words of Welcome - Mrs. Adolph Johnson, Pres.

Song - "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Girls' Chorus

Past and Present - Mrs. Selmer Shervey

Song - "The Lord's My Shepherd"
Girls' Chorus

Offering

Address - Mrs. Olaf Torvik
Missionary to Madagascar

Hymn - No. 550, "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction - Pastor Lundquist

Officers - 1915

President - Miss Marie Blixrud

Sec'y - Treas. - Mrs. Anton Ronhovde

Members - 1965

Mrs. Hugh Block	Mrs. Clarence Johnson
Mrs. Earl Block	Mrs. LeRoy Johnson
Mrs. Alma Blixrud	Mrs. Olaf Leraas
Mrs. Thomas Blixrud	Miss Mabelle Olson
Mrs. Chester Chayer	Mrs. Raymond Ronhovde
Mrs. Roy Getz	Mrs. Ivar Sandberg
Mrs. Melvin Huseth	Mrs. Selmer Shervey
Miss Agnes Isakson	Mrs. Harold Stamness
Mrs. Adolph Johnson	Mrs. Hilda Waugh
Mrs. Leslie Ziemer	Mrs. Joe Endreson

HISTORY

1915 - 1965

In February of 1915 a group of young ladies of the Immanuel congregation decided to use their skill with the sewing needle to help support the work of their church. They met at the Jens Blixrud home and organized the "Willing Workers' Sewing Circle" which was to meet each month with members sewing, embroidering, crocheting and knitting articles to be auctioned off at a bazaar held in the fall of each year. The proceeds were to be used in maintaining the church building and for the purchase of new furnishings as needed.

The bazaars were held as planned, often in connection with a chicken supper. At first the Barrett Hall was used for these events, later the church basement. Many food sales have also been held in connection with the sale of aprons and other hand-made articles. Lovely quilt tops were pieced and quilted; some were sold while others were given away.

Over the years the Sewing Circle purchased new hymnaries, the colored hangings for the altar and pulpit, the flags displayed in our church, and the rug in the chancel. Part of the indebtedness incurred by the building of the church basement was paid by the Sewing Circle; also in purchasing the organ, stained glass windows and church pews, aisle carpet, repairing and redecorating the church at various times.

A special project of the Sewing Circle has been the upkeep of the cemetery. The organization has taken upon itself to keep the cemetery neatly maintained, trees planted and a fence erected.

In the 1950's the Willing Workers' Sewing Circle became interested in Missions. In the event of the death of a member or in the members' family a memorial has been sent to the

Mission work of the Church. A new phase of mission needs has been taken up by the 'Willing Workers', that of using their skills to help the destitute of the world. Quilt tops were sewed for the refugees in Hong Kong, layettes for babies in Japan and clothing for boys and girls in Palestine. Every year boxes of clothing have been sent to abandoned and orphaned African children at Meiganga, Cameroun, Africa. A former Sewing Circle member, Lillian Shervey Michelson, is a Missionary on this field. We have also made quilts, layettes, Nurses' aprons and other articles for this same field. Countless rolls of bandages have been made out of old sheets for use in hospitals and dispensaries. Another daughter of Immanuel congregation, Miss Corinne Johnson, is a Missionary nurse in the same area. We are especially happy to help her fill a barrel with bandages to bring back for use on the field when Corinne returns.

In His wonderful way God has given the 'Willing Workers' Sewing Circle many opportunities for service. We are grateful for each one of them.

As we begin our fifty-first year we pray that He will be with us and guide us in all that we undertake that His will may be done.

To God Alone The Glory!

"Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breakes like morning
Where'er thy face appears;
Thy Cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The Crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of Might".