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IS GIRL PIONEERS A WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATION?

In an interview I had with Mrs. Nancy Schmidt (District Counselor for the Milwaukee area), it was mentioned that some pastors do not care for the Pioneer program because the program taught the children to do works to receive an award. Are the pastors making a correct judgement of the Pioneer program? Let's take a look at the Lutheran Girl Pioneers and see if it is a worthwhile program or if the pastors are correct in their judgement.

THE HISTORY OF THE GIRL PIONEERS

In September, 1954 an organizational meeting was held by Mrs. W.J. Masewicz and Pastor Harold Backer at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a complete youth program for Christian Fellowship. The Pioneer program for boys (called Lutheran Pioneers) had been organized a few years earlier. Since the organization of the Lutheran Pioneers there had been talk about completing a youth program to include both boys and girls.

For about one year, the new program was restricted to the congregations Mrs. Masewicz (Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of La Crosse, WI) and Pastor Backer (St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Winona, MN) represented. But the word of the Girl Pioneers spread. Other congregations became interested in the new program. On May 4, 1955, another organizational meeting was held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Six congregations

were represented at this meeting: Mt. Calvary, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Immanuel, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Grace, La Crosse, Wisconsin; St. Matthew's, Winona, Minnesota; St. Martin's, Winona, Minnesota; and St. Michael's, Fountain City, Wisconsin. At this meeting they drew up a formal constitution for the Girl Pioneers.

On June 22, 1955 the constitution was adopted and the first National Council was elected. The members of the first National Council were; Mrs. W.J. Masawicz, Mt. Calvary; Pastor Harold F. Backer, St. Martin's; Mrs. Cyrus Krebsback, Mt. Calvary; Mrs. H.F. Backer, St. Martin's;;Mrs. Elmer Fuglie, St. Matthew's; Mrs. Carl Clardy, St. Matthew's (replaced by Mrs. D. Berg, St. Matthew's); Mrs. Raymond Groth, Immanuel; Mrs. Frank Italiano, Immanuel; Mrs. Bernard Kneifl, Grace; Mrs. William Stoll, St. Michael's; and Mrs. Alice Wright, Mt. Calvary (replaced by Miss Otha Ziebell, St. Martin's).

A copy of the 1955 constitution was unavailable. Listed below is part of the 1981 constitution: "The name and headquarters: Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc., located at La Crosse, La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin." Article III of the constitution states the purpose of the Girl Pioneers;

In keeping with the teachings of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Lutheran Girl Pioneers shall be taught:

1. Good citizenship in the home, in the church and the community.
2. A knowledge of the great outdoors and the beauties of God's creation.
3. First aid and its application.

4. Skills and crafts to help fit our girls for future life and leadership in their community.
5. Hiking, swimming, lifesaving, nature study, babysitting, cooking, homemaking, etiquette, and many other useful skills interesting to the girls.²

As of June 22, 1955, the youth group had a name, board of directors and a constitution. On October 6, 1955, it was agreed to award each girl a bracelet and a small charm to have on the bracelet with the letters "L.G.P." The bracelet and charm signified the accomplishments the girls achieved using the talents God had given them in meeting the requirements of the Traveler (see section on Requirements).

On May 16, 1956, the first national convention was held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Winona, Minn. A new national council was elected (this is done every two years). On this date the first handbook was made available.

July 24, 1956 was another big day for the Girl Pioneers. On this day the spinning wheel was selected as their emblem.

On May 8, 1957, the Lutheran Girl Pioneers (at their second national convention) issued their first charters. These charters were issued to 13 congregations from the states of Wisconsin (8); Minnesota (3); Arizona(1); and Michigan (1).

By 1958, the Lutheran Girl Pioneers had grown to such an extent that it had to be divided into districts. District counselors also had to be appointed for each district. Mrs. Masewicz was appointed to carry out the plans for the districts. Also, new charters were accepted this year and every other since then. Here is a chart to show the growth of the L.G.P. (the numbers behind each year represent new charters for that year).

1958-25	1967-14	1976-19
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Also, by 1958, the Lutheran Girl Pioneers had a name, an emblem, three charms (dish with L.G.P. for bracelet; the bonnet; and the spinning wheel), a National Council, a handbook and a uniform.

By 1959 there were 1,600 girls in the Lutheran Girl Pioneers. To help the charters identify themselves, a flag and cloth emblem were made available, if the charters desired to have them.

In 1962, after much planning, Mrs. Masewicz directed and opened the first national camp at Camp Bradfield, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. The Lutheran Girl Pioneers was eager to start a national camp to show the girls the wonders of God's creation. Each year the national camp is held at a different sight so they can learn different things about nature. Currently, there are two national camps held each year. One is held at Prairie du Chien each year and another at different camp sites each year.

In 1963 it was decided to start a film strip library to help the girls with their requirements. This library is available to each charter.

Another big date for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is

February 19, 1976. Throughout the history of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers, the national headquarters was located in the basement of Mrs. Masewicz. On this date the office was moved. The new move and the present location of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is 1611 Caledonia St., La Crosse, Wisconsin.

On October 8, 1977, a new program was started, designed especially for the older girls called "Spinners" (see section under Requirements).

ORGANIZATION

The motto of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is "Loyal to Christ." The leaders not only emphasize this motto in the spiritual lives of the girls but also in their social lives. They emphasize this motto by encouraging them to be diligent workers of the church and good citizens of this country.

The hymn of the Girl Pioneers is "The Lutheran Girl Pioneer Hymn," (See page 22)

The symbolic colors are brown and white.

The emblem of the Girl Pioneers, the spinning wheel, symbolizes pioneer life. The spinning wheel is to remind the girls that they are to be trained in the basic principles of life. The circle around the spinning wheel indicates the unity of those who are true to the motto "Loyal to Christ."

The emblem of the Girl Pioneers is on the title page.

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers is governed by a National

Constitution and By Laws. The purpose of the Girl Pioneers is outlined in the constitution (pages 2 & 3 of this paper) and can be summed up in this way: To provide the girls of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or of other Lutheran Churches in Doctrinal Fellowship with that synod, a program in keeping with the purpose of the church. This program is to include: 1. Scripture-based teaching and application under the direction of the pastor and congregation; 2. enjoying work and recreation with others of the same faith.

The National Council is the governing body of the organization. The National Council is made up of eight appointed members and ten elected members. The appointed members are the National Counselor; National Treasurer; National Historian; two assistant National Counselors (one for the Sunbeam Program and another for the District Counselors and the three Chaplains); the National Chaplain (Rev. Roland Ehlke); Public Relations Director (Rev. Patrick Bell); and Special Projects Director (Rev. James Mumm). The elected members are voted into office by the delegates at the National Convention every two years. The elected members are to set the policies of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers, such as rules and regulations.

Each church or charter member is called a caravan. Each caravan is to be divided into groups called wagons. Each wagon is to have approximately six girls, usually by rank or grade.

The caravans are divided into districts by location. There are presently twenty-four districts. Each district

has its own counselor(s). For example, we are in the Milwaukee district. There are 40 congregations in this district. The District Chaplain is Pastor W. Krueger, St. John's, Lannon. The District holds a campout, bowling and roller skating party each year where all the caravans are invited. The district also sponsors a leaders training clinic in the of each year where all the leaders can come and be in fellowship, while learning with other Pioneer leaders from our district and surrounding districts.

The program for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is divided into different ranks. Grades one and two are known as Lutheran Girl Pioneer Sunbeams. The girls from third through eighth grades are Lutheran Girl Pioneers. The Lutheran Girl Pioneers is divided into three different requirement ranks: Travelers, Trailblazers and then Homesteaders. After the eighth grade, the girls become a part of the Spinners/Junior Leaders. The Junior Leaders help in the individual wagons or they may have a wagon of their own. The Spinners help in the Caravan, Church or Community.

The Lutheran Girl Pioneer Sunbeams have four phases: Friends, Funmakers, Helpers, and Explorers. The Sunbeams do not have regular requirements but work on special projects. The leader of the Sunbeams decides on what projects she wants the girls to work on. (At the last National Convention it was decided to establish a committee to set down guide lines to make the four phases of the Sunbeams more uniform. After one

a Sunbeam receives a Sunbeam patch, which is yellow and brown and looks like the charm illustrated below. Then after two



years she will receive a Sunbeam charm (illustrated to the left) with or without a bracelet.

The giving of a bracelet with the Sunbeam charm depends on each caravan. Some caravans give the bracelet to the girls upon the completion of the first year of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers. The charms she is awarded during the Pioneer program are then added to this bracelet.

REQUIREMENTS

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers have nine requirements that they are to fulfill. The nine requirements are: Camping and Outdoors; Citizenship; Cooking; Etiquette; First Aid; Handicraft; Homemaking; Leadership; and Nature. Let's take a look at the Travelers (third and fourth grades), Trailblazers (fifth and sixth grades), and the Homesteaders (seventh and eighth grades) for the purpose of looking at the requirements.

The first level of requirements is the Travelers for grades three and four:

Camping and Outdoors- Each girl is to learn how to start a fire and put it out properly; learn how to tie various knots and know how to use them; cook something over a fire using a green stick; how to water-proof matches; and know four water and six bicycle safety rules.

Citizenship- The girl is to learn who the head of the family is and how she can help her family; the history of the local congregation; the school she attends and how to react to those different from her. She also is to learn about the local government and what it does for her; the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the proper respect to the flag.

Cooking-She is to learn the proper use of the kitchen utensils and prepare several simple recipes.

Etiquette-She is to learn proper behavior, introductions, telephone calls, emergency numbers and proper behavior during meals.

First Aid-The Traveler is to know how to treat minor wounds, bruises, nosebleeds, insect bites and slivers; also preventions and safety rules. She is to know how to make a triangular bandage and first aid kit.

Handicraft-The girl is to know how to use handicraft equipment and make two projects, one of them being useful.

Homemaker-She must know how to wash and dry dishes and the proper order of a kitchen; set a table; and simple sewing. Also, she is to know daily hygiene.

Leadership- They must learn about the Lutheran Girl Pioneers' history, leaders, emblem, hymn, and motto.

Nature- The girls learn to identify four birds that are common to the area they live in; also three trees and two flowers in the area; and they also need to know their state bird, tree, flower and animal.

When the girl has finished ^{the} Traveler level she is then given the option of receiving either a charm for her bracelet or a certificate of achievement. The charm the girl is en-



titled to receive is circular in shape, with the edges resembling a rope. The center of the charm has the letters "LGP" to represent the title of the organization.

After completing the Traveler level, she then proceeds to the next level, which is Trailblazers. Listed below are the requirements for the second level.

Camping and Outdoors-She is to learn how to tie knots, different from those of the Traveler, and how to use them. She is also to learn the proper use of a jack-knife, axe, and compass. Each girl is also to plan the food and activities for one outing. She is also to know how to make emergency fuel and use it.

Citizenship-The Trailblazer is to learn the history of the American flag and of the county they live in. She is also to learn what determines the teachings of the church, how to be a good steward in the church, and compare other religions. Finally, she is to list the different ethnic groups in her community.

Cooking-The explanation of the use, care and storage of simple cooking utensils and small appliances are required of her. She is also to prepare and serve a one-dish meal and dessert

for her family or wagon.

Etiquette-The girl is to learn to write an invitation, a response to an invitation and a thank you note. She is also to be able to make a long distance phone call.

First Aid-She is to know what to do for shock, bleeding, wounds, burns and common injuries. She is also to learn different bandaging skills.

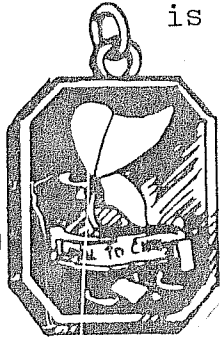
Handicraft-Each girl also is to make four handicrafts, two being useful and two decorative. She is also to make a suitable container for handicraft materials.

Homemaking-The Trailblazer is to be able to do a few common household duties, such as: making a bed, hemming a dress, patching and mending a rip or tear and to keep her room in order. She is also to be able to serve her family dinner and a banquet meal.

Leadership-She can fulfill this requirement by doing the following things for her wagon: making an achievement display, improve the meeting place, plan and carry out a party, and make up a new game.

Nature-She must be able to identify the following: Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, and Poison Sumac; Six birds and their nests; six wild plants, six garden plants, and three trees in the winter.

After completing the above requirements, the Trailblazer has finished this level. She is again given the option of either a charm or a certificate of achievement. The charm



is eight sided. Pictured in the center is a bonnet with a banner underneath with the Lutheran Girl Pioneer motto, "Loyal to Christ". The Trailblazer charm is illustrated at the left.

The Trailbazer is now ready to proceed to the next level which is called, "Homesteader". Listed below are the requirements for this level.

Camping and Outdoors-She is to plan an outing for the family or the wagon and carry it out. She is to sleep outside at least one night and during that night search for some constellations. Some of the other things she needs to do are: learn different types of fires and how to bake with them and also to make a first aid kit.

Citizenship-She is to learn a couple things about the church namely, two organizations and what they do for the church. She is to learn about the state government, seal, and history. Also she is to explain the purpose of the United Nations and how other countries differ from ours.

Etiquette-The Homesteader is to know proper table manners at home, restaurant and parties. She is also to know conversational courtesies. Finally she is to be able to gift wrap gifts of various sizes and how to give them.

First Aid-She is to know how to treat poisonings, fractures, dislocations, sprains and to transport a victim. Finally she

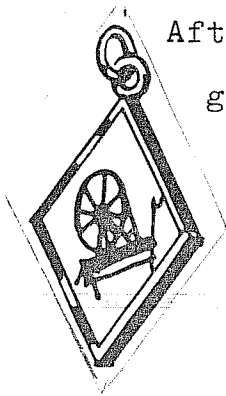
is to learn CPR.

Handicraft-She is to do the following things for her wagon: make a needed item for the Lutheran Girl Pioneer meeting room, a notebook describing different kinds of handicraft materials and their proper uses.

Homemaking-She is to do the following things for her home: wash, iron, and fold clothes; pack a suitcase; be hospitable toward guests; and make a budget.

Leadership-She is to take charge of one meeting, open and close that meeting, and lead the others in two songs and in playing four games. Finally she is to write a caravan report for the Lutheran Girl Pioneer National newsletter.

Nature-She is to study the habits of three wild animals in the area. She is to be able to identify the following: three edible wild plants (and sample them), three poisonous garden plants, and three poisonous house plants.



After the completion of the above requirements the girl can choose the certificate of achievement or the Trailblazer charm, as illustrated to the left. The Trailblazer charm is diamond shaped and in the center of it is pictured a spinning wheel.

Listed above are just four of the charms that the girls can receive from Sunbeams through Homesteader. But there are more skills that the girls can learn and receive charms for, after meeting the special requirements. The title of

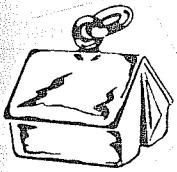
for these special charms is called "Special Achievements." Listed below are the names of the special charms and the requirements for each.

Babysitting-There are two ways for a girl to receive her Baby-



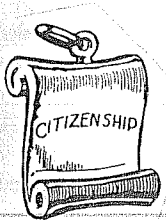
sitting charm. One way is to pass the Red Cross Babysitting course and test. The second way is to know the general rules that the Lutheran Girl Pioneers have set up for babysitting, and have a qualified person demonstrate the proper care and handling of an infant or small child. She is then to demonstrate the abilities she has learned to her wagon. And finally to have a qualified person (policeman or fireman) to talk about the precautions and emergencies that they might encounter.

Camping and Outing-She must plan and carry out a weekend out-



ing, which includes: Know how to set up a tent, make a bed roll, watch for weather changes, and light a gas stove and lantern. She must also attend a Lutheran Girl Pioneer camp for six days.

Citizenship-She must learn the following about the church:

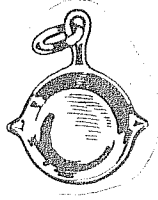


the church's work in missions (home and foreign); careers of full-time work in the church; and finally the church year. The following things

she must know about our country: she must tour the state capital; she must trace the heritage the Indians left us; explain six symbols of our country; how the government helps people; and finally learn about our representatives in

the federal government and what they do for us. Finally she is to find out how Christmas and other holidays are celebrated in other countries.

Cooking-She is to know the four food groups, how to plan



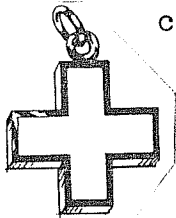
meals for a family, cooking terms and how they are used. She is to make something from scratch and make a special meal, such as fondue, ethnic, grill, gourmet or microwave.

Dramatics-She is to know the following: how to do charades;



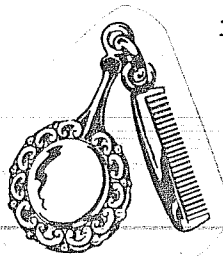
say one sentence in different ways to express different emotions; and know four acting terms that will help her acting. She is to produce and act out a one act play.

First Aid-After receiving a Red Cross multimedia first-aid



certificate or passing a comparable course, she will have met all the requirements for this charm. Upon completion of this, she will automatically pass all other first aid requirements.

Good Grooming-She must be able to define how good grooming



is an expression of Christian living, list ten good personal habits, organize her bedroom, and invite experts to talk about good grooming. To show what she has learned she is to put on a style show.

Handicraft-She is to plan and carry out a handicraft project

suitable for her wagon or caravan. She is also to make a favor

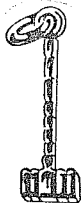


suitable for Christmas, Easter, Mother's or Father's Day. Finally she is to provide decorations or favors for a caravan event. She is to make these with a group or by herself.

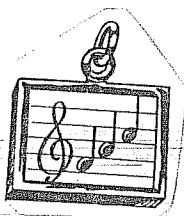
Homemaking-To fulfill these requirements she is to take care of a plant and make a simple floral arrangement. She is also to make a sick bed, make the most of a certain space, and set up a weekly work schedule for the home. Finally she is to set and decorate a table for certain holidays.



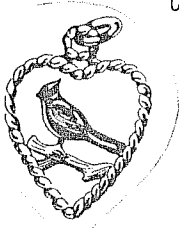
Leadership-For her caravan she is to do the following: attend a Lutheran Girl Pioneer District meeting, plan and carry out a special event for her wagon or caravan, and help her senior leader teach a group of younger girls. She is also to teach two new games from another country and participate in some other organization in church, school, or community.



Music-She must have one year of musical instruction of an instrument or voice, play or sing at sight a simple piece of music, and know about the music of a local ethnic group. Finally she is to have an understanding of the basic music fundamentals and explain to her caravan how her instrument works, was made, and its range.



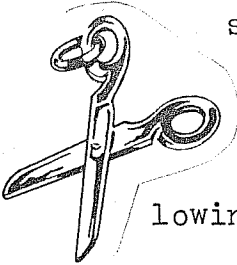
Nature-The girl is to be able to identify fifteen birds and



ten wild animals. She is also to make a collection or display of nature (category of her choice), take care of a pet or garden for two months, and write an essay titled "What We Can Learn About God From Nature."

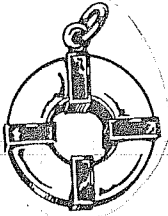
Photography-To achieve the charm for this requirement, she is to know the parts and functions of a camera, know where and how to store the camera and how to use the film for indoors or outdoors. Finally she is to learn how to store pictures, such as in an album. (A picture of this charm was not available, but it looks like a camera.)

Sewing-The girl must be able to set up a sewing box, use a sewing machine, how to pick a dress pattern and



material, and make a garment of her choice. Finally she must demonstrate three of the following: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, latch hooking, darning, applique, or quilting.

Swimming-Any girl who has passed the Red Cross beginners, intermediate, and swimmers skill tests or a comparable program (YWCA) and presents cards of proof is qualified to receive the swimmers charm.



There is another set of charms called "Special Recognition Charms." These charms are not part of the regular requirements of the Girl Pioneers but are given to the girls as a part of some special recognition that they have done. The following are the special recognition charms and their

requirements:

Junior Leader-This charm does not belong with the regular



special achievements since there are no set requirements for a girl to complete. Each individual girl must be considered for her special merits according to the needs of the caravan. Here are the guidelines

each caravan uses to choose a Junior Leader:

1. The girl must be twelve years old.
2. She must have been in L.G.P. at least two years.
3. She must have completed the Homesteader requirements.
4. She must have taught younger girls for one year.
5. She should have planned and conducted one month's activities.
6. She should have one year's camping experience, at least, either with District or national L.G.P. camp.
7. She must show leadership.
8. She must be liked and respected by other girls.
9. She must be dependable.²

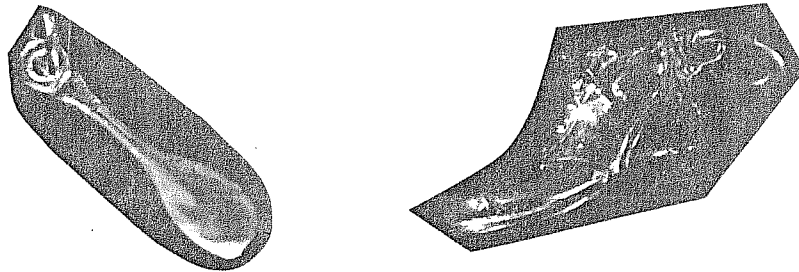
Special Service Charm-This special service charm is to be



given to a girl who has come to be recognized by her local Caravan Council as having performed any special act(s) of Christian Service for those around her. There are no set requirements for this charm, but it's up to the discretion of the Caravan Council of who gets one.

Trip Charms-The charms for this category are given for canoeing, backpacking, and bicycling. To receive these charms the

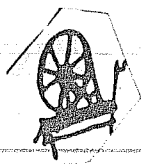
girl must complete special trips which are sponsored by the Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Council. Each trip is to be open to all qualified Lutheran Girl Pioneers and have been publicized in the National Newsletter. Pictured below are two of the three charms for this category. The bicycle charm, which resembles a bicycle, was unavailable.



Date to Remember Charm-This charm is not only designed for the girls of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers, but also for the leaders and council women. This charm is to be given by parents, grandparents, etc. as a remembrance to commemorate some special date in the girl's life. Some have inscribed the birthdate or some other important date in the girl's life.



Spinners-This charm is to be given to a girl who meets the following guidelines:



1. Give service in her Local Caravan.
2. Give service in her Congregation.
3. Give service in her community.
4. Grow in her faith by attending Bible class, studying the Bible on her own and by attending WELS youth workshops.³

CONCLUSION

Is the Lutheran Girl Pioneers a worthwhile organization for our congregations? I say it is. First of all, it is an organization that is carefully planned out and supervised for the children of our congregation. There are many people in our congregations who think that all the church has to offer its children is Sunday School and Junior Choir. Here is an organization that gets our children, specifically the girls, to do things for their congregations and community.

Secondly, think of what this program does for the girls of our congregations. At a time in our society when it is necessary for mothers to work outside the home the Lutheran Girl Pioneer program gives the girls the extra attention needed to develop the talents they will need later on in life. While they are developing these talents they are reminded that these talents are not just given to them by chance, but they are precious gifts that God gave to them.

Thirdly, this program gets the girls into nature. Many people, especially those in the city, do not get out into nature to see just what nature is. They do not see the beauty of nature. They may see the beauty in a picture or painting but this does not compare to getting out in nature and seeing the beauty firsthand.

Fourthly, as the Girl Pioneers work on their requirements their leaders do not let them forget Jesus is part of their everyday life. In church they hear how Jesus is with them

spiritually to strengthen and guide their faith. From the time they are little girls the Girl Pioneers show that Jesus is with them no matter what they do, whether cooking, sewing, babysitting, etc. God has given responsibilities to all His children and He will not let them take on the responsibilities without His help and guidance.

Fifthly, the Girl Pioneer program shows the girls how to interact with one another. All their lives they will be meeting people and this program shows them how to get along with others in a Christian way.

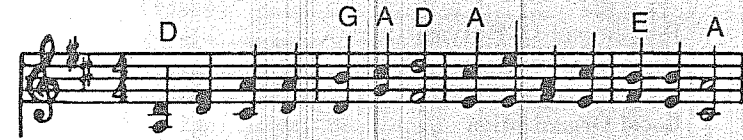
This Christian oriented program has grown from six caravans in 1957 to 535 caravans in 1984. 337 of these caravans are active at this time (those caravans inactive are most likely due to the lack of leaders). The Lutheran Girl Pioneer program can be found in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Canada. At one time there also was an active caravan in China.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless the Lutheran Girl Pioneers.

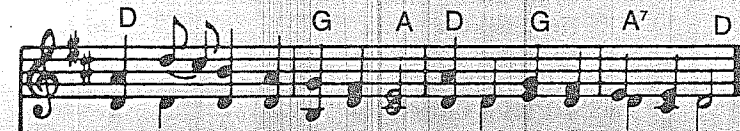
PRAYER

Jesus, help our eyes to see
Our salvation earned by Thee.
Jesus, help our ears to hear
Calls for help from far and near.
Jesus, help our feet to go
In the way that Thou wilt show.
Jesus, help our hands to do
All things loving, kind and true.
Jesus, may we helpful be,
Growing every day like thee. Amen.

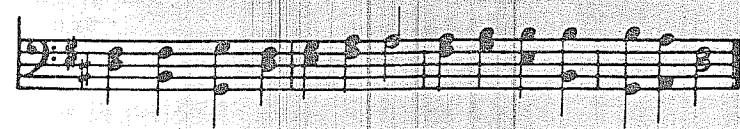
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1. We are Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Blazing paths of fellowship;
2. Jesus, let my living be Filled with services for Thee;
3. If my eyes should ere behold Someone wandering from Thy fold,
4. Keep my ears alert to hear Cries for help from far and near



May God bestow on us His grace 'Til we meet Him face to face.
Jesus ever keep Thy light In my heart and burning bright.
Let my feet accompany Theirs returning, Lord to Thee.
Help me teach them to rejoice In the blessing of Thy voice.



5. Let me be to fellow men
As a good Samaritan;
Teach my hands and lips to move
In the goodness of my love.
6. Jesus, let my living be
Filled with thankfulness to Thee;
Let me ever keep Thy light
Through my living burning bright.

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