

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH was organized September 1, 1850 by the Rev. William Drees in a building on Fiftieth Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

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The first place of worship was in a building on the northwest corner of Ninth Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street.

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The second place of worship was in a building on Eighth Avenue, between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Streets.

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The first Church Building, on Forty-third Street west of Eighth Avenue, was dedicated June 25, 1863.

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The Rev. William Buettner succeeded Pastor William Drees in July, 1871.

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The Rev. William Busse succeeded Pastor William Buettner in September, 1874.

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The second Church Building, 233-239 West 42nd Street, was dedicated August 29, 1875.

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The Rev. William Koepchen succeeded Pastor William Busse in March, 1900.

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The third Church Building, 308-316 West 46th Street, was dedicated September 16, 1923.

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During the Eighty Years of St. Luke's existence its four pastors baptized 22,351 persons, married 9,754 couples, buried 4,768 members, and confirmed 6,484 children.

*Our Undertaker,*

MR. JOHN N. GENNERICH,  
461 West 47th Street, is the third of  
his generation serving St. Luke's Church.

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