

Names and Addresses of Members of Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the City of New York for the year 1941.

ELDERS

- III - Henry Puckhaber 56 Bell Street, Belleville, N. J.
- II - Herman Von Hinken 1461 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- I - H. B. Thoele 10330 - 121st Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

DEACONS

- III - Emil Feitusch 9723 - 108th Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- III - Joseph Dorfmueller 588 - 10th Street, West New York, N. J.
- III - William Miley 41-12 - 41st Street, Long Island City, N. Y.
- II - William J. Koepchen 27 Robbins Ave., Amityville, L. I. N. Y.
- II - Raymond Shand 417 West 50th Street, New York.
- II - Frank J. Burger 2788 Marion Ave., New York.
- I - Henry J. Koester 42-73 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, N. Y.
- I - J. L. Segelken 2040 Amsterdam Ave., New York.
- I - Fred Wolkin 387 Washington Ave., Grantwood, N. J.

TRUSTEES

- III - J. Louis Schaefer 93 Old Church Road, Greenwich, Conn
- III - Anton W. Koester 3439 - 30th St., Long Island City, N. Y.
- III - Henry Rieth 728 Eighth Avr., New York.
- II - B. K. Schaefer 120 Mercer Street, Princeton, N. J.
- II - C. R. Redeker 3435 - 30th St., Long Island City, N. Y.
- II - C. W. Wohlberg 114-39 - 149th St., Jamaica, N. Y.
- I - A. B. Schmidt 2020 Dorchester Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- I - Dr. Henry Holling 414 West 43rd Street, New York.
- I - John N. Gennerich 461 West 47th Street, New York.

January 8th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at the Parish House, #316 West 46th Street, New York, on Wednesday evening, January 8th 1941, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmueller, John N. Gennerich, Dr. Henry Holling, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, William Miley, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Fuchhaber, C. R. Redeker, J. Louis Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Raymond Shand, Henry Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. The President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The meeting then adjourned for the year 1940, and immediately reorganized for the year 1941.

Mr. A. B. Schmidt, advised the Council, that the Trustees had held their meeting earlier in the evening, and that the following officers were elected:

President	- A. B. Schmidt
Treasurer	- B. K. Schaefer
Assistant Treasurer	C. W. Wohlberg
Secretary	C. R. Redeker
Assistant Secretary	A. W. Koester

Nominations were then in order for President of the Church Council, and Mr. A. B. Schmidt was re-elected by a rising unanimous vote.

Pastor Neibacher then welcomed to our meeting the newly elected Deacons, Messrs. Dorfmueller and Miley. A welcome was also extended to Mr. Anton W. Koester, who returns to the Council, as a Trustee.

The Elders were requested to visit the Chase Safe Deposit Vaults at #11 Broad St., New York, on Tuesday January 14th 1941, at 11 A. M. and examine the securities held by the Trustees for St. Luke's Trust Fund Account. The Elders were also requested to audit the books of the Treasurer, and make report thereof at the Congregational Meeting to be held on Monday evening January 27th 1941.

Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, Treasurer of the 90th Anniversary Committee rendered a report of the receipts and disbursements of the Committee, which showed

Total receipts	\$ 387.87
Total Disbursements	822.90

This leaves a deficit of \$435.03 which is chargeable to the overage from the memorial fund as per decision of the Church Council.

The Committee was then discharged by the President, with the Thanks of the Church Council for their labors.

The Council decided that in place of the usual Wednesday evening Lenten Service on April 9th 1941, the choir be permitted to render a special program including the singing of the "CRUCIFIXION". The hiring of additional singers, at a cost of about \$10. was agreed upon.

The House Committee was requested to have a combination music stand and electric light stand placed over the organ console, for which the cost will be about \$35. Pastor Neibacher volunteered to obtain a sketch of the stand and submit same to the House Committee for approval.

Mr. H. B. Thoele, stated that the Elders had visited the Chase Safe Deposit Vaults, and found in the safe deposit box, all the securities listed, which the Trustees are holding for the benefit of St. Luke's. The Elders also audited the books of the Treasurer, and found them in order.

Mr. A. W. Koester, member of the House Committee, advised that all necessary repairs had been attended to during the year, and that the building was at present in good condition.

Mr. John W. Lengemann, Superintendent of the Sunday School then read-
~~XXXXXX~~ ered his annual report which showed that 41 sessions were held on Sunday mornings during 1940, at which the average attendance was 52. The Sunday School Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending January 15th 1941, showed Balance on hand Jan. 15th 1940 - \$ 105.13
Total receipts for the year 1940 555.71
Total disbursements for the year 1940 515.55
Leaving a balance on hand January 15th 1941 of 145.29
The report was accepted as read.

A report of the Benevolent Society, rendered by Mr. H. B. Thoele, showed balance in Franklin Savings Bank on Jan. 1st 1940 of \$ 1266.22
Total receipts for the year of 292.86
Total Disbursements for the year of 455.00
Balance in Franklin Savings Bank on Jan. 1st 1941 1104.08
The report was accepted as read.
The Delegate to the Bethlehem Orphan Home, Mr. H. B. Thoele, stated that he had received through the Orphan Boxes, during the year 1940, the sum of \$24.70, which report was accepted as read.

The Delegate to the Old Folks Home in East New York, stated that he had no financial report to give at this time, as the annual meeting of the Home, would only be held on the 28th inst.

Then followed the annual report of our Pastor, Rev. Albert L. Neibacher, which report was accepted, and ordered spread on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE PASTOR FOR THE YEAR 1940.

(This report is rendered primarily for the purpose of showing posterity some of the highlights of the work of St. Luke's during the year 1940.)

To the Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church:

1940 shall always be memorable in the history of St. Luke's for it marked the 90th anniversary year of our congregation. In one of the first meetings of the year the Church Council discussed at length how we, as a Congregation, could properly thank God for His many blessings to St. Luke's during the past. Unanimously it was resolved that the occasion could not pass without a series of special services of praise and thanksgiving.

Very early in the discussions it was felt that a general anniversary goal would add much to the inspiration of the occasion. Since no fitting memorial had been erected to the sainted Rev. Wm. Koepchen, who faithfully served St. Luke's for over thirty six years, the Church Council grasped this occasion to honor the sacred memory of his name. After thorough and careful investigation, it was recommended to the Congregation in a special meeting to place a William Koepchen Memorial

Baptistry in the southwest corner of the Church. This recommendation was received and after a generous response to an appeal for funds, the Baptistry was dedicated on Sunday, September 22nd.

Simultaneously plans for the 90th anniversary celebration were being concluded and on the afternoon of October 20th in a beautifully decorated church and with a special musical program, the main anniversary service was conducted. The celebration continued for the next three weeks and on successive Sundays we observed Ladies' Sunday, the Anniversary Communion, and Youth Sunday. During the course of the celebration a handsomely bound volume, giving the history of St. Luke's in word and picture, appeared. Perhaps one of the outstanding contributions to the entire anniversary program was made by the young people of the church in the presentation of the pageant, "Ninety Years of St. Luke's". This pageant, depicting some of the highlights of our history, was written, directed and presented by members of the Senior and Junior Young People's Guild and was not only informative but also inspirational in content. Our Youth is to be commended for this very splendid contribution. The celebration reached its climax in an Anniversary Banquet on the original Thanksgiving Day. Here again the general anniversary theme was stressed that as St. Luke's looks to the future, she could not rest on the laurels of the past, but must take advantage of new opportunities to serve Christ and society. With this thought in our minds we leave the 90th anniversary behind and pray God that in future years He would use us and our talents as He has used our fathers.

From this report thus far it almost seems as though St. Luke's has been so engrossed in her internal affairs during 1940, that she has lost sight of world conditions and the almost universal suffering. This, however, was not the case. The usual interest in the mission program of the Missouri Synod was shown by our prayers and contributions, as was also the case with various charitable institutions in the metropolitan area. In addition to our regular interests, we also responded to an appeal for financial assistance to our fellow-Lutherans in Finland, who in the beginning of the year suffered severe hardships from the current war. Generous contributions were also made to the war relief program of the Red Cross and the American Bible Society.

Perhaps the greatest progress in church work at St. Luke's during the past year was made in the development of our own Benevolent program. Because of neighborhood conditions, the appeal for physical assistance is increasing each year. A visit to the homes of the community convinces us that, as Christians, we cannot close our eyes to the suffering about us. Our Christianity demands more action than the limited resources of our Benevolent Society permit. Therefore, through the help of this Society, the Ladies Aid, the Young People's Guilds, the Sunday School and various individuals we were able to clothe three boys at confirmation time, distribute baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas and also provide clothing for twenty one of our less fortunate children during the Holiday Season. It is hoped and prayed that during the New Year the Lord will so open our eyes that we will be able to render even greater service to our fellowman in this respect.

During the year 1940 your Pastor performed the following official acts:

Baptisms	11
Confirmations	6
Weddings	17
Funerals	18
Members Communed	1210 (largest since 1921)
Total Attendance (65 services)	10262
Average Attendance	158

Thus we write finis to 1940, not with the feeling of satisfaction that we have fulfilled our obligations to Christ and society, but with the feeling of humility that we have not been able to render better and greater service to the Lord. We ask God for forgiveness for our many failures and shortcomings and we pray that during the year 1941 we may make fuller use of our opportunities and that God would use congregation and Pastor to His glory and the welfare of our fellowman.

Faithfully your Pastor,

ALBERT L. NEIBACHER.

A report of the Ladies Aid Society was submitted which showed

Receipts for the year 1940 of	\$ 812.59
Disbursements for the year of	786.58
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements of	26.01
Balance, December 31st 1940	548.81

Total Investments were shown as	\$ 5575.00
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The report was accepted as read.

A report of the delegate to the Lutheran Welfare Council, Mr. J. L. Schaefer, was read, and accepted as read.

The President then appointed the following Committee Members:

House Committee - Anton W. Koester
John N. Gennerich
Joseph Dorfmueller

Liturgical Committee - Henry B. Thoele
Pastor Albert L. Neibacher
Bernhard K. Schaefer
Henry J. Koester

Altar Committee - John N. Gennerich

Publicity Committee - Bernhard K. Schaefer
Carl W. Wohlberg
Pastor Albert L. Neibacher

Pew Renting Committee - Carl W. Wohlberg
C. R. Redeker
Raymond Shand
Pastor Albert L. Neibacher

Chief Usher - John N. Gennerich

Benevolent Society - Paul Overhage for two years
Herman Von Hinken for two years

Delegate to Bethlehem Orphan Home - John M. Friedrichs for 2 years

Delegate to Lutheran Welfare Council - J. Louis Schaefer

After considerable discussion it was decided that Church Services be held during the month of August and also on the first Sunday in September.

On motion duly made and passed a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer for her generous support and work on behalf of St. Luke's for the past year.

Pastor Albert L. Neibacher then spoke on the possibility of doing Community Welfare Work by the Ladies of our Congregation.

The meeting then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Refreshments were/served by the Young People's Guild.
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Secretary.

February 5th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at the Parish House, #316 West 46th St., New York, on Wednesday evening February 5th 1941, at which the following members were present:

John N. Gennerich,
Joseph Dorfmueller, William J. Koepchen, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, William Miley, Rev. Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, Henry Rieth, J. Louis Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Raymond Shand, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. Mr. A. B. Schmidt, the President, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The request of the Lutheran Alumni Fellowship for the use of a meeting room at St. Luke's to hold a social tea, on a Sunday in March, was granted.

It was decided to send out "Easter" banks to all Communicate members.

The question of advertising during the Lenten Season on Billboards in the neighborhood, was submitted to the Publicity Committee for attention.

A report of the Altar Committee was rendered by Mr. John N. Gennerich, and it was agreed that their deficit was to be made up by voluntary contributions from members of the Council. The Committee was also instructed to place flowers on the altar only on such Sundays for which they have a sponsor, or for which they have funds in their Treasury.

The Treasurer was instructed to reimburse our Superintendent, Mr. Larsen, for the amount paid to a substitute while he was ill.

Pastor Neibacher stated that Rev. Victor Albers had been engaged to do Home Mission work, and also to assist in the mid-week religious instructions of children, who are released from Public Schools for this occasion. This mid-week program was started ~~today~~ this afternoon, and the initial attendance was 27 pupils.

The Treasurer was also instructed to pay bills for bibles, and other similar necessities required for this mid-week instruction, which would total approximately \$30.-

Permission was also granted to the Lutheran Welfare Council, to hold a supper meeting at St. Luke's on Friday evening February 7th.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. Redeker
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Secretary.

March 6th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at the Parish House, #316 West 46th St., New York, on Wednesday evening March 6th 1941, immediately following the mid-week Lenten Service, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Doffmuller, Emil Feitusch, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, William Miley, Rev. Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, Henry Rieth, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was conducted by the President, Mr, A. B. Schmidt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The request of the Friends of Lutheran Students in Greater New York, for the use of a meeting room in St. Lukes on Tuesday evening May 6th, 1941, was granted.

After some discussion it was resolved and passed that Noon-Day Lenten Services be held during Holy week from Monday to Friday inclusive.

Pastor Neibacher rendered a report on the activity of the Mid-week religious instruction for public school children.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

C. Redeker
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Secretary.

April 2nd 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held on Wednesday evening, April 2nd 1941, in the Parish House, at 316 West 46th Street, New York, immediately following the evening Lenten Service, at which the following members were present:

Dr. Henry Holling, Henry J. Koester, Henry Puckhaber, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Rieth, C. R. Redeker, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

After some discussion, it was decided to have a Congregational Dinner, in May. John N. Gennerich was chosen chairman, with power to augment the committee, and the date of the dinner was left to the discretion of the Committee.

Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, spoke on the local canvas now being conducted with the assistance of Pastor Albers, to obtain new members for St. Luke's.

Pastor Neibacher advised the Church Council that a printer in the adjoining building was running his plant nights as well as Sunday's, which caused an unbearable amount of noise in his apartment. After some discussion, it was decided to engage an attorney to see if this annoyance could be eliminated. The President appointed Mr. B. K. Schaefer and Mr. Carl W. Wohlberg, as a committee to take care of this matter.

Pastor Neibacher also advised the Council, that seven (7) children would be confirmed on this Palm Sunday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

C. R. Redeker
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Secretary.

April 30th 1941.

A meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday evening April 30th 1941, in the Parish House, 316 West 46th Street, New York, at which the following members were present:

John N. Gennerich, Anton W. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, L. Louis Schaefer, Raymond Shand, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, was chosen Chairman, for this meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

It was decided that Sunday Services begin at 10.00 A. M. during July and August, and on the first Sunday in September.

It was also decided that a copy of Lutheran Witness Army and Navy issue, together with a collection envelope be ^{sent} ~~sent~~ to our communicate members.

Pastor Neibacher informed the Council that our Organist, Mr. Clarke, had resigned his position as of the 18th of May. After some discussion it was agreed that Pastor Albers be engaged full time by St. Luke's, to continue his home mission work, and in addition thereto, to conduct and rehearse the choir. It was also agreed that Pastor Albers be paid a salary of \$100. monthly beginning May 1st 1941. This arrangement is for a trial period only, and subject to change at a later date. In addition it was agreed that an Organist be engaged at a monthly salary of not exceeding \$40.00. Pastor Neibacher volunteered to obtain Candidates for this position.

Mr. J. Louis Schaefer informed the Council that the Lutheran Welfare Council at their last meeting had tendered St. Luke's a vote of thanks for the use of a meeting room, ~~xxxxxxx~~

The Council voted that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday evening June 4th 1941.

Permission was given to a group of Lutheran Educators to use St. Luke's on May 15th, to discuss released time work among school children.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Secretary.

June 4th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at the Parish House, 316 West 46th Street, New York, on Wednesday evening June 4th 1941, at which the following members were present:

Dr. Henry Holling, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, C. R. Redeker, J. Louis Schaefer, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Neibacher.

In the absence of the President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt, due to illness, Mr. J. Louis Schaefer served as Temporary Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Carl W. Wohlberg, rendered a report for the five months of 1941, ending May 31st, as follows:

Total Receipts	\$ 3610.60
Expenses	4166.05
Deficit for Period	555.45

Cash on hand - Jan. 1st 1941 - \$ 748.87

Cash on hand - May 31st 1941 - 193.42

Special collections were as follows:

Missions	\$ 336.25
Orphans	257.50
Lutheran Welfare Council	77.00
Army and Navy Collection	\$ 61.75

This report was accepted as read.

Pastor Neibacher reported that the Week Day Bible School sessions held Wednesdays at St. Luke's would be discontinued for the summer season.

A request for the use of St. Luke's Church on Sunday afternoon June, 22nd for the wedding of Miss Helen Poppe, was granted.

The request of Pastor Neibacher to be absent from St. Luke's on Sunday, June 22nd 1941, to preach an anniversary sermon at his home Church in Hartford, Conn., was granted.

Mr. J. Louis Schaefer spoke at length on a proposal submitted by Mr. Burgdorf of the Walther League, and a Pastor Gallmann, to establish a Lutheran Centre for Drafted Soldiers and Sailors at St. Luke's. Considerable discussion was had, and it was finally agreed to hold a special meeting to consider the subject further, on Wednesday evening, June 18th, 1941, at 8 P. M.

The meeting then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. R. Redeker
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Secretary.

June 18th 1941.

A special meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the City of New York, was held at the Parish House, 316 West 46th Street, New York, on June 18th 1941, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmueller, John N. Gennerich, Dr. Henry H. Holling, Anton W. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, C. R. Redeker, J. L. Segelken, Raymond Shand, H. B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher.

Mr. Herman Von Hinken was chosen Chairman for this meeting owing to the absence of our President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt.

The proposal to establish a Lutheran Center for Army and Navy Service Men, at St. Luke's, was discussed in great detail. It was the opinion of the Council members present that they were heartily in favor of this idea, and that no time should be lost in establishing such a service center. However as a careful study of the subject showed that the demand was mostly for lodging for which St. Luke's is not equipped, it was suggested that the sponsors rent suitable quarters where the enlarged services could be given to Service Men, and that all Lutheran Churches be invited to participate, in which event St. Luke's would be willing to do its share.

We then adjourned.

C. R. Redeker
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Secretary.

September 10th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the City of New York, was held at the Parish House, 316 West 46th Street, New York, on Wednesday September 10th 1941, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmueller, Dr. Henry Holling, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, J. L. Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. The President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt, presided.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting, as well as of the Special meeting were read and accepted.

The Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Carl W. Wohlberg, rendered a report as of the 31st of August, 1941, which showed

Total Receipts	-	\$ 4352.54
Disbursements		6505.15
Deficit for 8 months		2152.61

Loaned from the Trust Fund - \$ 2000.

Cash on hand Aug. 31st 1941 was \$ 596.26

Special Collections were:

Missions	\$ 475.02
Orphans	257.50
Service Collection	67.60
Lutheran Welfare Council	<u>77.00</u>

Total of \$ 877.12

The report was received as read.

Privilege was granted to the Walther League to use St. Luke's Sunday School rooms on Sunday afternoon October 5th 1941, to serve luncheon to Service men participating in opening exercises of Walther League Service Centre on West 44th Street, New York.

Privilege was granted the Lutheran Welfare Council to use St. Luke's Sunday School room on Friday evening September 26th 1941, for annual campaign dinner.

It was decided to celebrate an Annual Communion Service on the first Sunday in October. A Thank Offering is to be lifted, and envelopes for this purpose ^{are} to be mailed to our members.

Pastor Neibacher announced that Mid-week religious instructions for "free-time" children would be re-opened on the 1st of October.

A report on the neighborhood canvas made by Pastor V. Albers the earlier part of this year was rendered by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. The Council granted Pastor Neibacher permission to purchase necessary supplies to continue this canvas.

Announcement was made of the death of Mrs. Caroline Koepchen, widow of our departed Pastor. The request of the family that the remains lie in state in our Parish House was granted. Death occurred on the 10th of September and Funeral will be held on Saturday, September 13th at 2 P. M. at St. Luke's.

Announcement was also made of the sudden death of our former Council member, Paul Overhage, which occurred on the 5th of September, 1941.

A motion was made and carried that resolutions of sympathy be forwarded to the families of both Mrs. Caroline M. Koepchen and Mr. Paul Overhage.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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C. Redeker

Secretary.

October 1st 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held in the Parish House; 308-316 West 46th Street, New York, on Wednesday evening October 1st, 1941, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmueller, Dr. Henry H. Holling, William J. Koepchen, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, Henry Rieth, Bernhard K. Schaefer, W. Louis Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. The President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The request of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Old Folks Home in East New York, to meet at St. Lukes on Friday evening, November 14th, 1941, was granted.

Pastor Neibacher stated that he had been given a sum of money by an Anonymous Donor in memory of the late Paul Overhage, and the suggestion that candle sticks be purchased and placed on the Baptistry Altar, was approved. Pastor Neibacher was requested to extend the thanks of the Church Council to this Donor for his gift.

The House Committee in co-operation with Pastor Neibacher was requested to make proper disposition of the old books in the Sunday School rooms.

Bernhard K. Schaefer, a member of the Special Committee appointed to engage an Attorney to eliminate the unnecessary noise caused by a Printer in the adjoining loft building, requested the Church Council to decide how much money they can spend in this case. It was moved and passed that the Committee be authorized to proceed to engage legal counsel, and spend up to \$150.

Mr. William J. Koepchen, thanked the Church Council on behalf of the members of his family for the privilege of having his departed mother lie in state in our Parish House.

The House Committee was authorized to have necessary work done on all window frames in our Church and Parish House, the cost not to exceed \$300.

Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, delegate to the Lutheran Welfare Council, stated that a rising vote of thanks was given to St. Luke's at the Fall campaign dinner, for the privilege of using St. Luke's Sunday School rooms for this purpose on Friday evening September 26th 1941.

The Lutheran Welfare Council was authorized to send out its usual campaign literature to members of St. Luke's mailing list.

It was voted that future Council meetings start at 7.30 P. M.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. R. Redeker
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Secretary.

November 5th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the City of New York, was held on Wednesday evening, November 5th 1941, at the Parish House, 316 West 46th St., New York, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmuller, John N. Gennerich, Dr. Henry Holling, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, Henry Rieth, Bernhard K. Schaefer, J. Louis Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken and Fred Wolkin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. The President, Mr. A. B. Schmdt, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The request of the Lutheran Students Association of Greater New York for permission to use St. Luke's for their annual conference on Sunday December 7th, 1941, was granted.

The request of Miss Elsie Friedrichs for the use of St. Luke's by a group of Lutheran Young Women for a supper meeting on November 26th 1941, was also granted.

The request of Friends of Lutheran Students for a Christmas Tea for all Lutheran Students home for the holidays, to be held at St. Luke's on December 28th 1941, was likewise granted.

Motion was carried to appropriate \$25. from the General Funds of St. Luke's to be used to purchase necessary equipment for Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Luke's.

Pastor Neibacher reported at length on the Mid-Week released time school sessions being held at St. Luke's, which are making splendid progress. The Pastor received an invitation to attend a meeting of all neighborhood Protestant Churches, the purpose of which is to consider the establishment of a Community School for released time pupils. After considerable discussshion, it was ggreed that the Pastor be instructed to invite these Churches to send their pupils to our mid-week school, provided they come under the supervision of our Pastor, and accept instructions according to our present methods.

The Council then decided to donate \$50. to St. Luke's Sunday School to help defray expenses of their Christmas Candle Light services.

The President, then appointed the following as members of a Nominating Committee, to present candidates to the Church Council for election to office for the ensuing year: Herman Von Hinken, Emil Feitusch, Joseph Dorfmuller, Anton W. Koester and Carl W. Wohlberg. The meeting then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. R. Redeker

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Secretary.

December 3rd 1941.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the City of New York, was held on Wednesday evening, December 3rd, 1941, at the Parish House, 316 West 46th Street, New York, at which the following members were present:

Joseph Dorfmueller, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Emil Feitusch, John N. Gennerich, Dr. Henry Holling, William J. Koepchen, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, William Miley, Rev. Albert L. Neibacher, Henry Puckhaber, C. R. Redeker, Henry Rieth, Bernhard K. Schaefer, J. Louis Schaefer, A. B. Schmidt, J. L. Segelken, Henry B. Thoele, Herman Von Hinken, Carl W. Wohlberg and Fred Wolkin.

This meeting was the occasion of a dinner given to our President, Mr. A. B. Schmidt, in celebration of his 50th anniversary as a member of the Church Council of St. Luke's. Our Treasurer, Mr. Bernhard K. Schaefer, ^{noted as} Toastmaster, and on behalf of the members of the Church Council of St. Luke's gave the guest of honor, Mr. A. B. Schmidt, a very fine Bible, which was suitably engraved.

We then proceeded with the business of the evening, at which Mr. A. B. Schmidt, presided.

A letter written by Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, regarding the Lutheran Parish Committee, was ordered deferred until the new Church Council meets in January.

A notice of revision of Constitution and By-Laws of the Old Folks Home in East New York, was read, and it was moved to call the attention of the President of our Congregation to these provisions.

Also read was a letter from the Old Folks Home, in East New York, soliciting Christmas gifts for the home.

The Nominating Committee then presented their list of candidates for election to office, at the meeting to be held on December 29th 1941: The candidates are as follows:

For Elder: John W. Lengemann
 John Rodenberg
For Deacons: J. M. Friedrich
 George Unsold
 Fred Balling
 Walter E. Schussler
 Paul Koepchen
 John Theurer
For Trustees: Dr. Henry Holling
 John N. Gennerich
 Henry J. Koester
 J. L. Segelken
 Fred Wolkin
 John Dettmer

The meeting then adjourned, with the Lord's Prayer.

C. R. Redeker
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Secretary.

December 29th 1941.

A regular meeting of the Voters of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held at the Parish House, #316 West 46th Street, New York, on Monday evening, December 29th 1941, at 7.30 P. M., at which 18 members were present.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. Mr. A. B. Schmidt, the President, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Pastor Neibacher, proposed as Voting Members, of St. Luke's, the three following candidates:

Reinhold Meissler

Henry Wisch

Howard Johnson

and on motion duly made and seconded, all three were unanimously elected to membership.

It was also decided that our next Congregational meeting be held on Monday evening, January 19th 1942.

On motion duly made and carried, the following was adopted:

"Whereas, the social and economic conditions of the members of our congregation have materially changed since the writing of our constitution in such manner that it is no longer a matter of necessity or expediency that the meeting of voting members to elect officers to the Church Council for the ensuing year, as provided for in article 6, Paragraph 25 of the revised Constitution dated Feb. 15, 1892, be held on the 26th of December, be it therefore hereby

Resolved that this Voting Members Meeting instruct and empower the Secretary to submit to the Church Council at its next regular meeting the following resolution, in accordance with Article 9, Paragraph 37 of the revised Constitution dated Feb. 15th 1892, of this congregation, namely, that

At a regular Voting Membership Meeting held on December 29th 1941, the motion was made, seconded and carried that the Church Council be asked to consider a resolution to amend Paragraph 25, Article 6, of the revised Constitution dated Feb. 15th 1892, in accordance with the rules laid down in Paragraph 37, Article 9 of said constitution, to the effect that such election be held on a date suitable to the majority concerned but at least seven days previous to Christmas Day but not before December first, such date to be openly discussed and agreed upon in accordance with the 'deliberation' clause in Paragraph 37, Article 9 of said constitution".

The Nomination Committee submitted their report of candidates for members of the Church Council, and the following were unanimously elected:

ELDER - John Lengemann
Deacon John M. Friedrich

Walter E. Schussler
George Unsold

TRUSTEE

John N. Gennerich
Henry W. Holling
Henry J. Koester.

It was announded that Installation Services would be held on Sunday Morning, January 4th 1942, at the 10/45 A. M. service, to be followed by Holy Communion.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. Redeker
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Secretary.