

Names and Addresses of Members of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the City of New York, for the year 1944.

ELDERS.

III	Harry Puckhaber	56 Bell Street, Belleville, N. J.
II	Herman Von Hinken	1461 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
I	John W. Longemann	8433 - 165th Street, Jamaica, N. Y.

DEACONS

III	Frank J. Burger	160 Bertha Place, Grymes Hill, S. I. N. Y.
III	William J. Kcepchen	27 Rebbins Ave., Amityville, N. Y.
III	Henry Wisch	6735 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, N. Y.
II	Fred W. Olklin	389 Washington Ave., Grantwood, N. J.
II	Paul Kcepchen	367 East 198th Street, New York.
II	J. L. Segelken	2040 Amsterdam Ave., New York.
I	John M. Friedrichs	2635 Davidsen Ave., New York.
I	Walter E. Schussler	3060 - 44th Street, Astoria, N. Y.
I	George Unsold	604 Ninth Ave., New York.

TRUSTEES

III	J. Louis Schaefer	99 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y.
III	Anton W. Koester,	3439 - 30th Street, Long Island City 1, N. Y.
III	Joseph Dorfmueller	508 - 54th Street, West New York, N. J.
II	C. R. Redeker	3435 - 30th Street, Long Island City 1, N. Y.
II	E. K. Schaefer	99 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y.
II	C. W. Wohlberg	114-39 - 149th Street, Jamaica 20, N. Y.
I	John N. Gennerich	461 West 47th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
I	Henry J. Koester	4273 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, N. Y.
I	Dr. Henry W. Holling	414 West 43rd Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, 316 West 46th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

January 5th 1944.

A regular meeting of the Church Council of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in the Sunday School rooms on Wednesday evening January 5th 1944, at which the following members were present:

Frank J. Burger, Joseph Dorfmueller, John N. Gennerich, Dr. Henry W. Holling, Paul Koepchen, Anton W. Koester, Henry J. Koester, John W. Lengemann, Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, C. R. Redeker, Walter E. Schussler, J. L. Segelken, Herman Von Hinken, Henry Wisch and Fred Wolklin.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Albert L. Neibacher. Mr. John N. Gennerich, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Frank J. Burger and Henry Wisch, our new Council members. William J. Koepchen the 3rd new member of our Council was prevented from attending this meeting by illness.

The Chairman reported that the Trustees at their meeting held earlier in the evening had elected the following as their Officers:

President	-	Bernhard K. Schaefer
Vice President	-	John N. Gennerich
Secretary	-	C. R. Redeker
Treasurer	-	Carl W. Wohlberg
Assistant Treasurer	-	Anton W. Koester
Assistant Secretary	-	Dr. Henry W. Holling.

The Council then adjourned for the year 1943 and immediately re-organized for the year 1944.

Election of President and Vice President of the Council was in order. Anton W. Koester presided as temporary Chairman for the purpose of conducting the election. The Council unanimously re-elected Bernhard K. Schaefer as President and John N. Gennerich, as Vice President.

The Elders were requested to visit Safe Deposit Box and examine securities held by the Trustees, and also to audit books of the Treasurer. Report is to be made at the next Congregation Meeting.

It was agreed that Wednesday evening Services be held during Lent, beginning at 8 P. M.

The usual Lenten Collection Boxes are to be mailed to all members on our mailing list.

The usual Annual Collection for our Bethlehem Orphan Asylum is to be held on Sunday February 20th 1944.

The Annual collection for the Lutheran Welfare Council, is to be held on Sunday January 23rd 1944.

The Council approved the motion that the Chairman be empowered to appoint two Alternate Delegates representing St. Luke's at the Bethlehem Orphan Asylum meetings, with full power of Delegates, and the Secretary was instructed to so advise the Home. The Chairman thereupon appointed Paul Koepchen and Joseph Dorfmueller, as Alternate Delegates to the Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Congregation would be held on Monday evening January 31st 1944, at 8 P. M.

The Council extended to Mrs. Margaret Savio, a vote of thanks in appreciation of all her work at St. Luke's among the Service Men.

We then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

C. Redeker
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Secretary.

January 31st 1944.

A regular meeting of the Congregation of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in the Sunday School rooms, on Monday evening January 31st 1944. The meeting opened with singing of three verses of Hymn #290. Pastor Albert L. Meibacher read the 67th Psalm, which was followed by Prayer.

The Vice President, Mr. John N. Gennerich, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

A report of the Benevolent Society read by Mr. Herman Von Hinken showed balance on hand Jan. 1st 1943 of \$1102.99

Receipts 262.01

Disbursements 16.00

Balance Jan 1 1944 \$1349.-

This report was accepted with thanks.

The report of Mr. John W. Lengemann, as Superintendent of the Sunday School followed, covering the period from Jan. 10th 1943 to December 31st 1943. Sessions were held on 42 Sundays. Number of pupils on register during year 91. New pupils 33; reinstated 7; moved away, etc. 20. Receipts were \$461.62. Disbursements \$334.34 and balance on hand Jan. 1st 1944 \$422.57. This report was accepted with thanks.

Henry J. Koester, delegate to the Lutheran Welfare Council, rendered a verbal report on the activities of this organization.

Mr. Herman Von Hinken, delegate to the Old Folks Home advised the Congregation that the Home was in normal condition, and that all rooms were occupied at present, and that there also were many old folks on a waiting list.

Mrs. William Wiley, for the Altar Committee reported on their activities during the year. There are still many Sundays for 1944 available to those that wish to place flowers on the Altar.

The delegate to the Bethlehem Orphan Home, Mr. Henry J. Koester gave a report on conditions at the Home, which is occupied by 60 children at present. A new constitution and By-Laws has recently been submitted to the member Congregations for approval, but that this had not as yet been completed. The meeting was reminded that the third Sunday in February was set aside by St. Luke's as Orphan

Collection Sunday..

Pastor Albert L. Keibacher reported on the activities of the Junior Christians of St. Luke's, which is led by Henry Theurer. Upon motion duly made and seconded a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Theurer for his splendid and faithful work with the Junior Christians.

Mrs. Elsie Rahaeuser, President of the Dorcas Guild submitted a lengthy report on the various work of this group, which showed a considerable amount of sewing and knitting completed during the past year for the Red Cross, as well as for our boys in the Service, and the Ladies Aid Society. Christmas Boxes were sent to our boys in the Armed Services, and members of the Guild served Sunday Evening suppers to Service Men, in conjunction with the Senior Young Peoples Guild. Their financial report showed receipts of \$433.96; Expenses of \$388.31 and a balance on Jan. 1st 1944 of \$102.66. This report was accepted with thanks.

The Young Peoples Guild report read by Miss Mildred Holling, President, covered their two-fold activities - that of supplying Service Men and Women with opportunity for recreation and for fellowship among the Young People of St. Luke's. Their program for Service Men and Women, include Sunday dinners, Sunday evening suppers, Thursday evening open house, and Saturday evening entertainment. Miss Genevieve Savic, Chairman Service Committee of the Guild rendered a financial report showing receipts of \$1309.36 - Expenditures of \$1274.59 leaving a balance on hand of \$32.12 on Jan. 1st 1944. This report also showed that a total of 1595 Service Men and Women were guests of St. Luke's for Sunday Dinner during 1943. These reports were both accepted with thanks.

A motion was duly made and seconded that a Special Collection be held on Mothers' Day, the proceeds to be given to the Service Men's Fund.

Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer, President of the Ladies Aid Society submitted a report showing some of the work in which this Organization was engaged during the past year. Their membership at present is 47 and during the year held 10 meetings. Their financial report showed receipts of \$647.57 - Disbursements of \$564.15, leaving a balance on hand on Dec. 31st 1943 of \$745.96. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Schaefer for her report and also thanked the Ladies Aid Society for their splendid work on behalf of St. Luke's.

Mr. Henry J. Koester, Chairman of the Pew Renting Committee rendered a report, in which he observed that the collection from this source was getting smaller each year, and he suggested that members in arrears arrange to pay their pew rents in the near future.

Mr. John W. Lengemann stated that the Elders had visited the Safe Deposit Box, and found therein all the securities listed on the Treasurer's books. An audit was also made of the Treasurer's books, and they were found correct.

The report of the Treasurer was given by Mr. Carl W. Wohlbergm which showed total income for 1943 of \$7208.03

Expenses	10782.68
Leaving an excess of expenses over receipts of	\$3574.65
Special XXXXXXXXXXXX Donations were	\$3040.00
which left a deficit for the year of	\$ 534.65
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1943 was	\$869.37 and
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1944 was	\$534.72

Collections for other purposes were	
Missions	\$ 853.68
Bethlehem Orphan Home	482.75
Wheat Ridge Sanitarium	269.75

Lutheran Welfare Council	\$ 146.00
Wartburg Old Folks Home	142.50
American Red Cross	221.50
Service Men's Fund	618.43
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Total	\$2734.61

This report was accepted as read

Mr. Joseph Dorfmueller, Chairman of the House Committee reported on various items taken care of by the House Committee. At present the House Committee was engaged in having portions of our building waterproofed, some of which had been done during the past year.

The meeting extended to Mr. Joseph Dorfmueller, a vote of thanks for his untiring effort in behalf of the betterment of St. Luke's.

The Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Anton W. Koester rendered his report which showed that 258 weekly collection envelope boxes were issued during 1943. Of these 198 were returned with funds; 164 members contributed specified sums regularly and 34 contributed irregularly. The number of members who increased their contributions during 1943 were 73. During 1943 - 19 contributing members were lost due to death, removal, etc. For 1944, 319 boxes were issued, which included 79 new members. This report was also accepted with thanks.

Pastor Albert L. Neitacher rendered his report for the year 1943, which was accepted with thanks, and ordered incorporated in the minutes:

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1943.

January 31, 1944

To the members of St. Luke's Church:

Upon completion of the second year of America's active participation in the global war, St. Luke's has not escaped unscathed. 48 of our members have been called into the service; and at present 19 of these are overseas. During the year it pleased Almighty God to call one of these youths home to his eternal rest. Robert Kriete was killed in action on the Italian front. Another, Harry Jetter, has been officially declared missing in action. We pray Almighty God that, where'er he is, he is safe and that the end of hostilities will bring his return to loved ones.

Indirectly we have also felt the effects of the war. Increased problems of transportation, the demotions, longer working hours, volunteer civilian defense programs and the like have made our work more difficult and have effected attendance at services and meetings, particularly those held in the evening.

However, despite those problems the Lord has particularly blessed us with increased opportunities of service to others. He has opened for us a field of work among men and women in the armed forces which very few churches are privileged to have. During the past year scores of men and women have come to us, thanking us for the spiritual ministrations of St. Luke's. Indeed, the Lord has used our Church to bring many distraught souls a little closer to their savior, Jesus Christ. He has given us the opportunity to give men and women a real church life away from home. This of course, is possible only because of the self-sacrificing efforts of our young people, the cooperation of members of the Ladies Aid Society and Dorcas Guild, and the general interest and support of many of our members. To all those who have in any way shared and helped in our Service Men's Program, I personally extend my appreciation.