

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE PASTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947

Dear Fellow-Christians:

While Jesus walked among men, He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work". Here the Savior aptly says that His prime mission in life is service and that He can waste no time in performing that mission because His days in this world are limited.

This same spirit of service and urgency characterized the entire program of Saint Luke's during 1947. In every organization there was a consecrated determination that we "must be about our Father's business". This attitude not only increased the individual's interest in and love for Saint Luke's, but it also opened the way to building a stronger and healthier Saint Luke's for the future. The desire to do this was tangibly expressed in the adoption of a Centennial goal of \$100,000 to be raised for the Trust Fund, and the organization of a committee consisting of approximately fifty people who are all actively engaged in this project.

A mission program of ¹⁹⁴⁷ expansion, spoken of in 1946, was inaugurated in the Fall of the year when Mr. Harold Haas took up his duties in our midst. Already after only a few months we are able to see concrete evidences of the need of this program both in the congregation and in the Sunday School. We trust that during the New Year this work will be further developed and become a vital part of our regular work.

In order to absorb these newer members into normal congregational life a reception and tea was held on a Sunday afternoon in the Fall, thus giving all an opportunity to meet socially and become better acquainted with one another. We hope to make these receptions a regular part of our activities.

During 1947 great stress was again laid on our youth work, which is of utmost importance in any church. In order to stimulate interest and better indoctrinate our children in the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, a program of visual education was introduced in the Sunday and Released Time Schools of the Church. A slide projector and a sound motion picture projector were purchased for the Church with gifts of the Sunday School, the Ladies' Aid, the Dorcas Guild and the Senior Young People's Guild, which equipment we hope to use in every activity within the congregation.

Realizing that there was a serious gap in the youth program of the Church, and that a large number of girls were not being served, a Girl Scout Troop was organized under the leadership of Miss Genevieve Savio and Miss Ann Beyer. The project met with immediate success, 18 girls registering the very first night. The troop meets weekly; and we are happy to have this group officially organized for it gives us a well rounded program for every age group within the Church.

Perhaps the outstanding individual service of the entire year was our Christmas Candle Light Service, which was again enlarged and improved upon. Several new speaking parts were added and several new costumes were furnished by the Dorcas Guild. Increased interest was also expressed in our Holy Week Noon Day Services, which reached more people this year than ever before.

During the year Saint Luke's again opened her doors for many meetings and conferences of various Lutheran activities, thus placing at the disposal of the Church at large our splendid facilities and thus also making Saint Luke's a center of Lutheranism in New York City. Outstanding of the groups that meet here regularly is the Lutheran Student Rally, which takes place on the first Sunday of each month and which attracts 250 to 300 young college students.

The Lord was indeed good to Saint Luke's during 1947. He blessed us in many ways, especially giving us a deeper love and a greater willingness to serve Him and our fellow-man. I sincerely believe Saint Luke's means much more to her membership today than it has in many years. There is a real pride and an eagerness to promote the welfare of the Church, something absolutely essential to progress.

Your Pastor wishes to thank all for the loyal cooperation and the real devotion to him which has made his work easier and a real joy. We pray God to give us health and strength and wisdom to labour together with you in the Savior's vineyard during the New Year.

The following official acts were performed during 1947:

Baptisms	18
Confirmations	7
New Members Received	37
Weddings	19
Funerals	19
People Communed	1,591
Total Attendance	10,158
Average attendance for 63 Services	161

Faithfully your Pastor,

Albert L. Neibacher.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A year ago there was presented to you for the first time a printed record of the various activities of your Church. Again the Church Council has authorized the publication of this pamphlet in the firm belief that the report of our financial condition at the year end, and of the various organizations within our ranks, will be of real interest to you.

The slow but steady increase in our Income in 1947 was considerably offset by heavy expenditures by the House Committee. As mentioned in my previous report, our Church building has been rapidly deteriorating and by summer time had reached such a critical condition that further delay in making essential repairs could not be tolerated. Your Trustees and Church Council authorized the House Committee to proceed with an immediate program for installing a new roof and a new oil-burning furnace as well as reconditioning some of the interior of the Parish House. These items were satisfactorily completed by the time our Church resumed its normal services in Fall. The high cost of such repairs however, have caused the unusually large deficit for this year's financial report.

Faced with the fact that our Church can no longer remain solvent and carry on its essential activities, the Church Council determined to meet the situation by enlarging its Trust Fund. As a part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1950, it was decided to create a "Centennial Fund" of \$100,000 and to ask our Congregation to contribute that sum to their Church. The campaign is well under way and a separate report on its progress is found on another page of this report. The income from this sum of money will not solve all our financial problems but it will contribute greatly toward their solution and should inspire this and future generations to continue the great work started by our predecessors almost 100 years ago.

During 1948, and no doubt thereafter, we shall still be confronted with many difficult and complicated situations as well as some problems which, for the most part, are consequences of World War II. Inflated values and the necessity for reconversion to more normal times call for prudent judgment. The affairs of your Church, in my opinion, have been conducted in that manner during 1947 and we shall continue to pursue the same course during 1948.

Faithfully yours,

Bernhard K. Schaefer.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The following pages constitute a report showing the financial position of St. Luke's at the close of 1947. It is gratifying that our income increased \$1100. during the year which is due to a large extent to the open hearts of a number of our members. We extend our thanks to each one of you. It is hoped that those members who have not yet increased their weekly contributions, consider the matter seriously in order that we may meet our increasing expenditures.

There was \$3,893.82 collected for special purposes. This is more than 26% of the total amount collected.

The Centennial Fund has pledges in the amount of \$38,136. of which \$11,351.76 has already been paid. We expect that with the coming weeks, both the amount of pledges as well as funds received will increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton W. Koester

Treasurer.

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ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1947

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash:	1947		1946	
Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.	\$ 2,288.17		\$ 1,305.43	
Grace National Bank	2,501.69		6,589.33	
Petty Cash	20.00		10.00	
Franklin Savings Bank	--		250.64	
Smith Barney & Co.	--		2,484.38	
Accounts Receivable	297.20		--	
Securities at Cost	<u>90,771.90*</u>		<u>92,796.90</u>	
		\$95,878.96		\$103,436.68

Fixed Assets:

Land	125,921.89		125,921.89	
Building	244,926.42		244,926.42	
	<u>370,848.31</u>		<u>370,848.31</u>	
Less: Depreciation	<u>102,869.13</u>	267,979.18	<u>97,970.60</u>	272,877.71

Prepaid Insurance

93.00 225.00

Centennial Fund

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.	320.25			
Grace National Bank	2,500.00			
Franklin Savings Bank	5,531.51			
Securities	<u>3,000.00</u>			
		<u>11,351.76</u>		

TOTAL ASSETS

\$375,302.90 \$376,539.39

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Collected for A/c of Others	828.81		1,350.98	
Accounts Payable	<u>779.40</u>		<u>29.40</u>	
		1,608.21		1,380.38

Centennial Fund

Surplus 11,351.76 375,159.01

TOTAL LIABILITIES

375,302.90 376,539.39

*Market Value 12/31/47 - \$82,503.00.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME

YEAR 1947

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
Envelopes	\$ 5,265.16	\$ 4,601.77
Plate	2,120.73	2,705.27
Pew Rent	781.50	692.00
Christmas	541.35	454.55
Easter	1,260.11	1,022.14
Noon Day Lenten Services	215.70	156.66
Thanksgiving	195.75	174.85
97th Birthday	315.10	
Musicals	230.07	
	<u>\$10,925.47</u>	<u>\$ 9,807.24</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries	9,099.56	8,010.95
Printing	769.64	980.95
Insurance	423.48	610.41
Fuel	737.87	722.82
Gas & Electricity	480.43	419.40
Elevator Repairs		
Repairs & Replacements - (new roof 5,078.00)) <i>Organ repair</i> (oil burner 2,750.00) <i>1000-</i>	9,786.45	3,262.76
Organ & Piano Tuning	106.00	131.50
Real Estate & Water Taxes (Parish House)	303.48	327.68
Expense of Envelopes	8.95	13.00
Telephone	253.05	191.30
Postage	148.90	172.25
Advertising	653.34	586.67
Devotional Booklets	5.41*	21.59
Communion Wine & Wafers	17.74	28.67
Choir Music	48.44	50.42
Candles	65.66	48.05
Safe Deposit Box	21.60	21.60
Flowers	67.00	76.00
Miscellaneous	122.52	60.98
	<u>\$23,108.70</u>	<u>\$15,815.83</u>
Operating Deficit	<u>\$12,183.23</u>	<u>\$ 6,008.59</u>
Income from Securities	\$ 3,435.82	\$ 3,304.84
Special Donations	4,071.50	2,892.50
Profit or Loss on Sale Investments	2.50*	912.31
	<u>\$ 7,504.82</u>	<u>\$ 7,109.65</u>
Excess of Income or Expense	4,678.41*	1,101.06
Depreciation	4,898.53	4,898.53
Deficit Carried to Surplus	<u>\$ 9,576.94*</u>	<u>\$ 3,797.47*</u>

* In Red.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECURITIES HELD IN SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 1947

1. Centennial Fund
 - 3000 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 4/1/55

2. Benevolent Society
 - 1000 U. S. Treasury 2 1/2s 9/15/72
 - 500 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 12/1/56

3. Sebastian and Margareta Dorfmuller Fund
 - Income to Pew Rent
 - 2000 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 10/1/54
 - 1000 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 2/1/58

4. Gerhardt Fund
 - Income to Ladies' Aid
 - 200 On deposit in Franklin Savings Bank

5. Hochhalter, Hellenschmidt Fund
 - Income to Benevolent Society
 - 2000 U. S. Treasury 2 1/2s 9/15/72
 - 1700 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 12/1/56

6. Bernard Karsch Fund
 - Income up to 75.00 to Pew Rent-Balance to Benevolent Society
 - 3000 U. S. Treasury 2 1/2s 9/15/72

7. Catherine Karsch Fund
 - Income to Ladies' Aid
 - 1000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 5s 12/1/95
 - 1000 U.S. Treasury 2 1/2s 9/15/72

8. Ladies' Aid Society
 - 1000 Western Union Telegraph 5s 12/1/51 *Hochhalter, L.A.*
 - 1500 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 7/1/56 *Bernard Karsch*

9. J. Louis Schaefer Fund
 - Income up to 75.00 to Pew Rent-Balance to Benevolent Society
 - 5000 American Tobacco 3s 10/15/69

10. Katherine Wendell Fund
 - Income to Ladies' Aid
 - 200 U. S. War Savings G 2 1/2s 12/1/56

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

YEAR 1947

Bethlehem Children's Home	\$ 1,141.81
Missions	1,266.81
Lutheran Welfare Council-Distribution Fund	763.00
Wheatridge Sanatarium	240.75
American Red Cross	237.25
Peace Offering	120.53
Wartburg Old Folks' Home	107.00
Metropolitan Inner Mission	7.00
Lutheran Hour	5.00
Service Men's Fund	<u>4.67</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 3,893.82</u></u>

REPORT OF SAINT LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR 1947

With the Pastor and a staff of eleven teachers the number of sessions held was forty.

The average attendance for the year was 73, the primary department having the best attendance. The total enrollment was 112.

During the year 30 pupils moved away or were dropped from the rolls and 27 new members were added.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Edwin Kynast shows:

RECEIPTS:

Sunday Collections	\$385.61
Easter Collection	17.06
Children's Christmas Benevolence	51.68
Christmas Church Collection	163.36
Bethlehem Children's Home Collection	26.25
A contribution by a member of the Church toward the purchase of a piano for the Primary Department	125.00
TOTAL	\$768.96

DISBURSEMENTS:

Literature	226.47
Furniture & Equipment	
Piano, Film Projector and slides	136.00
June walk expense	97.50
Christmas expense	180.72
Christmas Benevolence 3 children	50.00
Bethlehem Children's Home	50.00
Collection Envelopes	43.32
General Expense	25.20
TOTAL	\$809.21
Excess Disbursements	40.25
Balance December 31, 1946	744.61
Balance December 31, 1947	\$704.36

On June 14th a pleasant day's outing was enjoyed by the children at Cunningham Park.

The Christmas Pageant given by the Sunday School was well attended as usual and our thanks are extended to the Ladies' Aid for their kind assistance.

JOHN W. LENGEMANN,
Superintendent

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1947		\$1,864.46
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Interest on Investments	\$167.50	
Sunday Collections	5.00	
Interest Franklin Savings Bank	<u>27.56</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>200.06</u>
		\$2,064.52
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Doctor's Fees	\$ 5.00	
Needy Families	23.00	
Overseas Packages	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>78.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1947		\$1,986.52

During the year 1947, the Society aided families here and overseas. The balance of the funds will be kept on hand for future need.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reichert,
Secretary & Treasurer.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

In the past, we have told you what we hoped to accomplish and what plans we were making to fulfill our hopes.

We can now tell you that we have since the first half of December, been very active and now have a Centennial Committee numbering about 35 people. This Committee has grown from an expression made at a Church Council meeting last Spring when the idea was born that we would like to present our Church with a gift of \$100,000 on her 100th Anniversary.

This Committee, which has been working a little over two months has brought in pledges as well as donations which have proven very satisfactory. We are pleased to announce that we have pledges in excess of \$38,000 which when we consider the Christmas holidays, the heavy snowfall immediately following Christmas, and the near zero temperatures in the second half of January is an excellent showing. Our congratulations to those on the Centennial Committee who have worked so hard to accomplish these results and our sincere thanks to those who have received our workers so hospitably and donated so generously.

While we still have over two years before we reach the zenith of our Centennial, we must not rest on past laurels and must exert every effort to reach our goal. Our Treasurer's report will show the dire need for an increased fund in order to maintain our Church in its present locality to carry on her important work in the Times Square Area.

As we all know, the Church is our foundation, so let us give our Church a good foundation in order that we will be strong and enable our followers to carry on into posterity. Give to your Church as generously as the Lord has been to you. More we do not ask.

FRANK W. BURGER

Chairman.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

We wish to submit this as the Annual Report of the Altar Committee for the year 1947.

On the whole, the year was most successful with only one Sunday lacking. At times the flowers were not to everyone's liking but as we rely upon the florist to send suitable decorations, we believe that for the greater part of the time and for what money we spend the flowers are very lovely and add to the beauty of the service.

For the year 1948 we wish to report that we have the following dates available:

April 11th	September 26th
June 27th	October 10th
July 25th	October 31st
August 22nd	November 21st
September 19th	December 12th

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Johnson
Chairman.

Sylvia Cawley,
Secretary.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

On December 31, 1947, the General Treasury of the Society showed a balance of \$796.01, and the Investment Account a balance of \$875.00. This totals \$1,671.01 as represented by bank balances as follows:

Franklin Savings Bank	\$1,379.25
Manufacturers' Trust Company	91.76
	\$1,471.01
Franklin Savings Bank..(in custody of Church Treasurer, interest not included)	200.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	\$1,671.01

There has been no change in the Investment Account during 1947.

The receipts and disbursements of the General Treasury for the year 1947 are as follows:

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$254.00
Bank Interest	20.44
Bond Interest	149.17
Coffee Table Collection	60.65
Sale of Excess Cake	3.95
Birthday Boxes	45.00
Coin Savers	46.80
Miscellaneous Income	7.20
Penner's Grove Collection	38.50
Benevolent Society of Church	50.00
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Collection	16.57
Congregational Meeting, November 12th ..	23.30
	\$715.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage & Stationery	\$ 18.36
Coffee Table Expense	49.30
Meeting Expenses	100.76
Florists--principally for Church Decorations	105.00
Service Men's Christmas Boxes	13.79
Children's Christmas Party	7.70
Christmas Gifts.....	20.00
Outing Expenses	53.20
Surplice for Pastor's Assistant	15.00
Lutheran Women's Missionary League	32.57
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
Lutheran Hospital, East New York	25.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	25.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home	60.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home for Aged	10.00
Friends of Lutheran Students	10.00
Benevolence: Rev. Busse's daughter	10.00
Mr. Wm. McDonnell.....	24.23
CARE gift package	20.00
A needy person	10.00
A needy family	20.00
	\$679.91
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	35.67
Balance, December 31, 1946	760.34
Balance, December 31, 1947	\$796.01

Jan. 27, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISE NUSSKERN, Treasurer

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

INVESTMENTS

On December 31, 1947, the Investment Accounts of the Society showed a total of \$4,700.00 par value of securities and \$875.00 cash in bank. This reflects no change since 1944.

The securities are held in custody for the Society by the Treasurer of the Congregation. His financial statement for 1947 will reflect the securities held for our account.

The above totals are accounted for as follows:

Funds invested in securities for the Memorial Accounts of:

\$2,000. -- Mrs. Catherine Karsch
1,500. -- Mr. Bernhard Karsch
600. -- Miss Anna Hochhalter
400. -- The Ladies' Aid Society
200. -- Mrs. Katherine Wendel

Cash uninvested for the Memorial Accounts of:

\$ 500. -- Mr. Bernhard Karsch
75. -- Mrs. Emilie Scommadau
50. -- Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Brummer
50. -- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Groll, Sr.
200. -- Mrs. Minna Gerhard -- in a special account at the Franklin Savings Bank. The book is in possession of the Church Treasurer. Accumulated interest is not included in this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE NUSSKERN
Treasurer.

January 27, 1948.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE DORCAS GUILD
FOR THE YEAR OF 1947

Red Cross Collection

Collections for the Red Cross amounted to \$237.25 which was a gain over last year's drive. The Guild expects to continue this work in 1948.

Smorgasbord Dinner

From the proceeds of this dinner we were able to set aside \$75.00 as our donation for 1947 to the 100th Anniversary Fund.

Children Sent to Camp

6 boys and 7 girls were sent to the Gould Foundation Camp for two weeks in July. All gained weight and expressed the wish that they be permitted to go again next summer.

Bazaar

\$150.00 was given towards the purchase of the movie projector out of the money made at our fall sale.

Girl Scouts

We are now sponsors for the Girl Scout Troop. 18 girls registered the first night. Our thanks to Miss Savio and Miss Byers for their good work in organizing the Troop.

Bethlehem Children's Home

A Christmas package was sent to the home. The ladies of the Dorcas Guild are now working on layettes for the babies of unwed mothers who are now being cared for at the Home.

Candlelight Service

Several of our members spent a good deal of time in helping to make our Christmas Pageant a success. The three new angel and one shepherd costumes were made by Mrs. Clark. Donation made by a friend and also a donation of the Dorcas Guild defrayed the costs of these garments.

Drapes

The new drapes in the Church parlor were made up by the ladies of the Dorcas Guild. The material was donated by a member.

Clothing for the Needy

Clothes are still being collected and distributed to needy persons.

Members

At present we have 24 active members. We are striving to get new members to help us with our various activities.

THE DORCAS GUILD

DISBURSEMENTS 1947

INCOME 1947

January	\$ 25.00	January	\$ 19.79
February	--	February	23.25
March	30.76	March	11.35
April	40.88	April	141.13
May	17.48	May	13.00
June	15.00	June	10.40
July & August	--	July & August	--
September	15.28	September	21.00
October	17.91	October	5.57
November	167.05	November	312.85
December	<u>110.65</u>	December	<u>82.25</u>
	\$440.01		\$640.59

440.01

 \$200.58

Balance January 1, 1948 - - - \$326.01
 Balance January 1, 1947 - - - 125.43
 Gain - - - - \$200.58

Gift to Boy Scouts - - - - - \$ 25.00
 Gave toward movie projector- 150.00
 Gave to Centennial Fund - - 75.00

 \$250.00

Collected at St. Luke's
 for Red Cross..... \$194.32
 In cans..... 42.93

 \$237.25

ANNUAL REPORT
of
THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

The Men's Club of St. Luke's, now in its second year has not grown as fast as we had hoped, but it does have a working nucleus of about twenty active members.

During the past year we have had monthly meetings with varied social and educational programs which were an inspiration to us and would have been to all the men of St. Luke's had they been there. We hope that during the coming year more of our men will avail themselves of this opportunity for Christian fellowship, and service.

Appended hereto is the financial statement prepared by our Treasurer for the period November 1946 to December 31, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Theurer,

President.

MEN'S CLUB OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH

As the Men's Club was organized in November 1946, this report covers the period from November 1946 to December 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS

Dues \$ 126.50

EXPENSES

Postage and Stationery \$ 18.95

Refreshments after meetings 18.02

Flashlights for Boy Scout Troop 10.77

Contribution - Chinese Lutheran Mission 10.00

Gift for a sick member 1.50

Total Expenses \$ 59.24

Balance on hand December 31, 1947 \$ 67.26

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Wisch,
Treasurer.

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOY SCOUTS
TROOP NO. 314

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1947 \$ 24.72

INCOME

Committee Men's Reg. Fees	\$ 7.00
Boy Scouts' Dues	33.00
Scrap Sales	6.58
Donations	<u>86.70</u>

Total Income \$133.28

\$158.00

Expenditures

Registration Fees	\$15.00
Badges & Insignias	6.19
Camping Fees	8.00
Entertainment	5.90
Troop Equipment	<u>45.91</u>

Total Expenditures \$ 81.00

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1947 \$ 77.00

During the year 1947, our boys gave a night of entertainment called "Parents' Night", which many of our congregation attended and enjoyed. One of the boys went to France for the "World Scout Jamboree", while seven other boys went to scout camp here in New York State.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reichert
Secretary & Treasurer.

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ALBERT L. NEIBACHER, PASTOR

December 29, 1947

Dear Fellow Member:

A new year is fast approaching, and many of us will make some resolutions which we as individuals hope to carry out through the coming year. Saint Luke's too has a standing resolution that all salaries and bills to be paid promptly.

In order for you to appreciate what your church expects to spend during 1948, a copy of an estimated budget for the coming year is enclosed for you to study. Our records indicate that from past experience, the approximate income could be as follows:

Weekly Envelopes	\$5000
Pew Rent	700
Plate Collections	2200
Musicals	100
Christmas	450
Easter	1100
Thanksgiving	150
Noon Day Lenten Services	150

These receipts total \$9850, which together with the income of \$3450 from our investments, make the total receipts \$13,300 against anticipated expenditure of \$17,100. Yes, we will be about \$3800 short. Therefore, please place your church on the top of the list to receive special consideration.

It is our hope that the income figures listed above are underestimated. When we fill our envelopes for the coming year, let each one of us give according to the measure in which the Lord has blessed us. Surely His blessings have been in great measure.

Cordially yours,

Anton W. Koester
~~The~~ Treasurer

BUDGET OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1948

Salaries	Pastor	\$4000	
	Ass't. to Pastor	1800	
	Superintendent	1800	
	Organist	1200	} 2700-
	Choir	1500	
	Substitute Organist and Visiting Ministers	<u>150</u>	
			\$10450
Printing			1000
Insurance			600
Heating			725
Gas and Electricity			500
Organ and Piano Tuning			125
Real Estate Taxes			325
Telephone			250
Postage			175
Advertising			600
Repairs			2000
Flowers			100
Miscellaneous, including: Safe Deposit Box, Candles, Communion Wine and Wafers.			<u>250</u>
		Total	\$17100