

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York 19, N.Y.

ANNUAL REPORT

1948

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CHURCH STAFF

YEAR 1948

Rev. Albert L. Neibacher	Pastor
Rev. Richard Klann	Associate Pastor
Miss Mildred Holmer M. S. M.	Organist & Choir Director
L. C. Larsen	Superintendent

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Bernard K. Schaefer	President
John N. Gennerich	Vice-President
Anton Koester	Treasurer
Charles R. Redeker	Secretary
Henry Koester	Assistant Secretary
J. Louis Schaefer	Assistant Treasurer

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Henry Seng
Charles Unger
Henry Wisch
Fred Wolkin

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S REPORT

YEAR 1948

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we look back over the past year we can truly say that we have been busy with our Father's business. In the 13 years I have been at St. Luke's, there has never been a fuller or more active program of church work. The accompanying reports give a good indication of the varied activity and aliveness of our congregation. They show that we are sincerely endeavoring to meet our responsibilities to our Saviour, our membership and the community in which we are located.

A mere glance at the reports of the nine different organizations within the church enables us to see that we are endeavoring to meet the needs of all age groups (from 7 years on) within the congregation. Organizational activity is of utmost importance to a congregation like St. Luke's, which draws its membership from such a large area. Organizational activity provides a means of drawing our people closer to one another and affords the opportunity of mutual encouragement and interest in our complex church life. It is hoped that during the New Year our various groups will be able to absorb an even larger number of our people into active participation of our work.

The religious education program, which is one of the most vital phases of a church's mission, was expanded and improved during the past year. In addition to the regular Sunday School sessions, we have a Release-time School on Thursday afternoons which has served anywhere from 65 to 80 children. In the Fall of the year we engaged a Spanish-speaking instructor to serve 25 Puerto Rican children. Both the English and Spanish classes have a program of visual education which has added much to the interest and enthusiasm of our children. In addition we, of course, have regular confirmation classes for our Junior High School age group and private instructions for the adults. Of the 32 adults we received into membership during 1948, sixteen were given a thorough course of instruction in Christian doctrine, eleven for confirmation and five for baptism. In the Fall of the year we started a mid-week Bible Class, which meets once a month with Pastor Klann. Though this group has met only a few times, there is real interest and we look forward to expanding this program during the coming months. The various organizational reports give further indication of religious education, which we hope in time will include all groups within the church.

The mission program of expansion in the community, which we adopted more than a year ago when Mr. Harold Hass of Concordia Seminary came to us, was neither developed nor continued as we had anticipated. A large portion of Protestantism in this community still remains untouched and unserved. It is hoped that during 1949 we will be able to accept the challenge of this particular phase of our church's mission.

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PASTOR'S REPORT

YEAR 1948

Though I hesitate to single out any particular group within the church, I feel constrained to commend the Senior Young People's Guild for the contribution of time and effort and talent that its various members have made to the work of our church. During the past year more than half of our Sunday School Teacher's Staff and the Choir came from this group. In addition the Guild supplies all the leadership for our Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Brownie Troops, along with the leadership for our High School Group, the Junior Christians. Many members of the Guild are giving 3 and 4 nights every week to the work of their Church. Indeed the interest and activity of this group should be commended and serve as a source of inspiration to our entire membership.

As we look forward into the New Year, we see a glorious mission for St. Luke's. The opportunities to serve Christ and our fellow-man are numerous. The Lord is constantly opening new doors to us. However, many problems also present themselves. The distance at which our membership lives makes it extremely difficult for me to make as many calls as I would like and as good church work requires. Our financial income for current expenses, though it has doubled itself in the past 10 years, is far from what it ought to be in order to intelligently and effectively carry on the present program of activities of our church. Our work has so developed during the past decade that it is physically impossible to continue and do effective work with our present staff. We are constantly being forced to spread ourselves so thin that in all too many instances we are only scratching the surface. We must, therefore, honestly face the alternative of either curtailing our program of work, which means going backward, or we must raise necessary funds to obtain, at least, one more worker. With help we could not only do our present work more effectively, but we could also take advantage of some of the mission opportunities which are confronting us. May God give us all the wisdom and the love for Christ to solve the problems confronting us and to ever go forward with the banner of the Cross.

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

Baptisms	16
Confirmations	19
New Members Received	32
Weddings	11
Funerals	19
People Communed	1701
Total Attendance	9477
Average attendance for 63 services	150

May God continue to bless St. Luke's and use us all in the spreading of His Kingdom on earth is the prayer of

Your Pastor,

Albert L. Neibacher

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report of St. Luke's Church as of December 31st 1948, is submitted to acquaint you with the progress which your Church has made during the past calendar year.

It is gratifying to report that the year just ended has been one of steady growth and progress. In the accompanying report of our Pastor, the spiritual accomplishments of the year are detailed and in the Treasurer's Report, and those of our many supporting organizations, you will find the details of our material progress. All are worthy of your careful attention and study.

The Treasurer's Report reflects the inflation which has existed in our economy these past few years and which has so seriously affected all our lives. We are all gravely concerned with this matter of the high-cost-of-living and no where more so than in the discussions and deliberations of your Board of Trustees and Church Council.

Current expenses are again high, but reflect the present high level of goods and labor. Our Budget is not "balanced" and danger lies ahead if this condition is permitted to continue. Every effort is being made to reduce and check the high cost of operating our Church but any substantial cuts are impossible without seriously restricting our work and activities.

The answer to our problem is not in reducing our expenses but in seeking additional income. In keeping with this policy, your Pastor and Church Officers have appealed to you for larger contributions, and a short time ago, your Treasurer presented you with a Budget pointing out the urgent need for increasing your regular giving. The future of St. Luke's rests upon your response to these appeals.

As anticipated, the Centennial Committee is making splendid progress toward achieving its goal of raising a fund of \$100,000.00 to be presented to the Church at its 100th Anniversary celebration in 1950. A separate report on that fund is presented by its Chairman, and shows we are almost at the half-way mark in our efforts.

The future is still filled with uncertainty, but we intend to carry out the traditions of St. Luke's and to meet the problems ahead with the faith and courage of our ancestors. With that same courage and ability, and with the continued splendid support of our Church Council, Ladies Aid Society, Dorcas Guild, Men's Club and other organizations in our midst, I am confident we can meet whatever uncertainties may lie ahead.

Faithfully yours,

Bernhard K. Schaefer

ST.LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURE'S REPORT

YEAR 1948

The financial statement of St. Luke's and a report of funds collected for other charitable organizations will be found on the attached schedules.

If you will analyze them carefully you will find that our income did not keep up with the increase in our expenditures. This is unfortunate as it naturally has a tendency to curtail progress whereas St. Luke's should maintain its position and stand out as a leader among the various churches in the city.

Let each of us during the current year make every effort to do our best so that all of us pulling together can erase a good part if not all of the deficit by the end of 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton W. Koester, Treasurer

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ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1948

ASSETS

Current Assets:

1948

1947

Cash:

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.	\$ 1,790.43	\$ 2,288.17
Grace National Bank	3,612.92	2,501.69
Petty Cash	20.00	20.00
Accounts Receivable	10.86	297.20
Securities at Cost	<u>89,950.22*</u>	<u>90,771.90</u>
	\$ 95,384.43	\$ 95,878.96

Fixed Assets:

Land	125,921.89	125,921.89
Building & Fixtures	<u>244,926.42</u>	<u>244,926.42</u>
	370,848.31	370,848.31
Less: Depreciation	<u>107,767.66</u>	<u>102,869.13</u>
	263,080.65	267,979.18
Prepaid Insurance	535.88	93.00

Centennial Fund

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.		320.25
Grace National Bank	2,859.30	2,500.00
Franklyn Saving Bank	3,531.51	5,531.51
Securities	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	26,390.81	11,351.76

TOTAL ASSETS

\$385,391.77

\$375,302.90

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Collected for A/o of others	863.14	828.81
Accounts Payable	<u>39.00</u>	<u>779.40</u>
	902.14	1,608.21
		11,351.76

Centennial Fund

26,390.81

Surplus

358,098.82

362,342.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$385,391.77

\$375,302.90

* Market Value 12/31/48 - \$82,784.50

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REPORT OF INCOME

YEAR 1948

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>
Envelopes	\$ 5,424.85	\$ 5,265.16
Plate	1,953.35	2,120.73
Pew Rent	777.50	781.50
Christmas	474.02	541.35
Easter	1,114.35	1,260.11
Noon Day Lenten Services	205.20	215.70
Thanksgiving	216.85	195.75
98th Birthday	409.69	315.10
Musicals	115.03	230.07
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TOTAL INCOME	10,690.84	10,925.47
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<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries	9,890.49	9,099.56
Printing	1,021.17	769.64
Insurance	487.80	423.48
Heating	1,421.37	737.87
Gas & Electricity	620.91	480.43
Elevator Repairs	135.00	- - -
Repairs	1,539.79	9,786.45
Organ & Piano Tuning	129.00	106.00
Real Estate & Water Taxes	300.72	303.48
Expense of Envelopes	7.47	8.95
Telephone	261.96	253.05
Postage	222.05	148.90
Advertising	711.99	653.34
Devotional Booklets	26.58	5.41*
Communion Wine & Wafers	30.19	17.74
Choir Music	48.50	48.44
Candles	55.85	65.66
Safe Deposit Box	24.00	21.60
Flowers	- - -	67.00
Sunday School Altar	540.83	- - -
Miscellaneous	268.98	122.52
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TOTAL EXPENSES	17,744.65	23,108.70
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Operating Deficit	7,053.81	12,183.23
Income from Securities	3,598.47	3,435.82
Special Donations	3,536.00	4,071.50
Profit or Loss on Sale Investments	641.62	2.50*
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Excess of Income or Expense	7,776.09	7,504.82
Depreciation	722.28	4,678.41
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Deficit Carried to Surplus	\$ 4,176.25*	\$ 9,576.94*
* In Red		

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SECURITIES HELD IN SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

YEAR 1948

DECEMBER 31, 1948

1. Centennial Fund			
3000.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	4/1/55	
7000.00 "	G 2 1/2s	1/1/60	
10000.00 "	G 2 1/2s	10/1/60	
2. Benevolent Society			
1000.00 U.S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72	
500.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	12/1/56	
3. Sebastian and Margareta Dorfmueller Fund			
Income to Pew Rent			
2000.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	10/1/54	
1000.00 "	G 2 1/2s	2/1/58	
4. Gerhardt Fund			
Income to Ladies' Aid			
200.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	1/1/60	
5. Hochhalter Hellenschmidt Fund			
Income to Benevolent Society			
2000.00 U.S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72	
1700.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	12/1/56	
6. Bernard Karsch Fund			
Income up to 75.00 to Pew Rent-Balance to Benevolent Society			
3000.00 U.S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72	
7. Catherine Karsch Fund			
Income to Ladies' Aid			
1000.00 Baltimore & Ohio RR	5s	12/1/95	
1000.00 U.S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72	
8. Ladies' Aid Society			
1000.00 Western Union Telegraph	5s	12/1/51	
1500.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	7/1/56	
9. J. Louis Schaefer Fund			
Income up to 75.00 to Pew Rent-Balance to Benevolent Society			
5000.00 American Tobacco	3s	10/15/69	
1. Katherine Wendell Fund			
Income to Ladies' Aid			
200.00 U.S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	12/1/56	

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COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS

YEAR 1948

Missions	\$1,356.89
Bethlehem Children's Home	703.50
Lutheran Welfare Distribution Fund	737.25
Wheatridge Sanatarium	277.50
Wartburg Old Folks Home	160.00
Valparaiso University	200.00
Red Cross	181.00
Lutheran Hospital Brooklyn	5.00
Lutheran Radio Hour	20.00
Lutheran Welfare Association N.J.	5.00
Concordia College	150.00
Service Men's Fund	6.49
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TOTAL	\$3,802.63

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 1948

Under the leadership of Pastor A. L. Neibacher and the help of Pastors Hass and Klann and ten teachers, forty sessions of the Sunday School were held.

The secretary, Mr. Henry Theuerer, reports that as of December 31, 1948, there were:

109	pupils on register
27	new pupils during the year
34	moved away and taken off the roll
68	was the average attendance
79	was the highest attendance any Sunday
30	was the lowest

The treasurer, Mr. Edwin Kynast, reports as follows:

RECEIPTS

Sunday Collections	\$ 416.69
Easter Collections	51.25
Christmas Candle Light Service Collection	72.94
Children's Benevolence Collection	58.15
Visual Education Collection (From an individual member and the Senior Young People's Guild)	<u>95.00</u>
	\$ 694.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature for class use	\$ 211.65
Visual Education equipment & film rental	260.62
Furniture & equipment	22.85
Attendance Pins	34.16
General expense	34.78
June Walk "	66.46
Christmas "	140.58
Confirmation gowns and photo's	19.50
Parent-Teacher's meetings	26.11
Foreign student support	25.00
Bethlehem Childrens Home	<u>26.25</u>

\$ 867.96

Excess Disbursements over receipts	\$ 173.93
Balance December 31, 1947	<u>704.37</u>
Balance December 31, 1948	

\$ 530.43

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 1948

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Balance:	
General Funds	\$ 214.76
Benevolence "	273.60
Visual Education "	<u>42.07</u>
	\$530.43

In addition \$79.00 was collected by the Sunday School for Bibles for the Blind from the sale of Bible stamps and sent to the American Bible Society.

Under the auspices of the Church Council, a beautiful Altar was erected in the Sunday School rooms and dedicated in a special service held there on the evening of October 20th. The altar is a memorial to three sons of St. Luke's who died in the service of their country during the great war.

This year the June outing had to be held in the school rooms because of rain.

The attendance at the Candle Light Christmas Service of the Sunday School was somewhat less this year because of a heavy snow storm.

Respectfully,

John W. Lengemann, Superintendent

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE ALTAR COMMITTEE

YEAR 1948

To the members of the Congregation of St. Lukes:

For the year 1948 the Altar Committee had quite a successful season. For the entire year only four Sundays were filled by the Committee; however, through the generosity of the other subscribers the cost of these flowers was met.

Without including Palm Sunday, Easter, or Christmas the Committee received \$342.00 and spent \$335.00. This left a balance of \$7.00.

I trust that my successor on the Altar Committee, Mr. Henry Wisch, will be as happy as I have been in serving my Church to beautify its inspiring Altar at our regular services.

Sincerely yours,

Howard J. Johnson, Chairman

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

YEAR 1948

Balance on Hand January 1, 1948		\$ 1,986.52
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Investments	\$ 205.00	
Sunday Collections	4.00	
Interest Franklin Savings Bank	<u>30.42</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>239.42</u>
		\$2,225.94
DISBURSEMENTS		
Thanksgiving Baskets	<u>40.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>40.00</u>
Balance On Hand December 31, 1948		\$ 2,185.94

During the year 1948, the Society aided several families to observe Thanksgiving in a better way. The balance of the funds will be kept on hand for future need.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reichert
Secretary - Treasurer

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

YEAR 1948

We are glad to report that since our report of last year, pledges have been received in excess of \$45,000 against which we have actually collected more than \$23,000 toward our Centennial fund.

While we are still far from our goal of \$100,000, we of the Centennial Committee, are very optimistic and fully expect to reach our goal before the end of 1950.

Your Committee is not only working on the monetary angle of our Centennial Celebration but we are also laying plans for various events to be held in the Fall of 1950.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who have contributed toward our fund as well as to those who have worked so hard. However, we cannot overlook the fact that it is absolutely necessary for us to raise this \$100,000 for when we look at the Treasurer's report, we have the answer in cold figures.

In a recent publication, it was noted that Fritz Kreisler was quoted as saying, "I never look upon the money I earn as my own - it is a fund entrusted to my care for proper disbursement." We cannot all be violinists as Fritz Kreisler, but we can all set aside a certain sum toward the maintenance of our Church.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Burger, Chairman

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ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOUSE COMMITTEE

YEAR 1948

Your committee endeavored to the best of its ability to maintain our Church Building and Parish House in good condition. Many minor, but essential repairs were completed as well as larger ones such as painting and repairing our masonry. The cost of the last two items alone amounted to \$1,000.00. In an effort, however, to cooperate with the Church Council in their insistence that expenses be kept within the budget, we were unable to undertake certain repairs which are necessary and which must be undertaken by the new House Committee. We would like to point out that the maintenance of our building and property is a costly matter and that any postponement of necessary repairs may lead to even greater expense in the succeeding years.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl A. Koepchen, Chairman

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

YEAR 1948

The past year has been an unusually active one. We held nine regular meetings in the parish house and one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dahlen.

It is customary to have our June meeting in the form of an outing. This year we were very fortunate to receive an invitation from Mrs. Neibacher to hold the meeting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dahlen, at Lake Mohawk, New Jersey. Here we received a most hearty welcome and were served a most delicious luncheon.

A special program was planned for each of our meetings during the year. On two occasions we had outside speakers. Paster Stieve of Metropolitan Inner Mission Society spoke to the ladies about the work of his society. A most instructive and interesting lecture on the work of the American Bible Society among the blind was given by Miss R. Serio of the Society. At other meetings Pastor Neibacher led a discussion on some particular problem of the day or he gave us an illustrated lecture, using the motion picture projector for which the ladies contributed so generously.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of which we are a member held their annual convention in Boston, Mass., and requested us to send a delegate to represent our society. Mrs. Henry Koester very kindly consented to attend the convention and brought back a most detailed and informative report.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave the congregational dinner last fall. It was indeed a privilege to honor Mr. John Lengemann who has served St. Luke's Sunday School for fifty-two years.

We also have been doing some sewing. Several ladies have been keeping the Altar cloths in repair with the hope that they will last until we can replace them for the Church's centennial celebration. Some members also assisted in mending torn and worn clothing for the Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home. The Home had difficulty in hiring people to do this work and appealed to some of the women of our churches. There were still others who sewed and worked for the sale which was given in conjunction with the Dorcas Guild.

We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. Carl Wohlberg, our former secretary. Mrs. Henry Wisch succeeded her.

A Christmas party was arranged for the release-time public school children who meet each Thursday afternoon for religious instruction. Included is a group of Puerto Rican children who have a special Spanish teacher.

The members of our society had a surprise luncheon for Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer in honor of her 25 anniversary as President of St. Luke's Ladies' Aid Society.

In closing, I wish to thank the members for their cooperation and generous support throughout the year. May we, with God's help, always be of service to our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Schaefer, President

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ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR 1948

On December 31, 1948, the General Treasury of the Society showed a balance of \$618.75, and the Investment Account a balance of \$675.00. This totals \$1,293.75 as represented by the following bank balances:

Franklin Savings Bank	\$1,079.25
Manufacturers Trust Company	<u>214.50</u>
	\$1,293.75

A statement of the Investment Account is attached. The receipts and disbursements of the General Treasury for the Year 1948 are as follows:

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 240.50
Bond Interest	186.94
Coffee Table Income	35.40
Sale of Excess Cake	9.85
Christmas Envelopes--1947	21.60
Coin Folders	20.95
Birthday Box	14.00
Proceeds Congregational Dinner Oct. 20th	39.35
Proceeds Congregational Bazaar Nov. 10th	99.27
In memory of Mrs. Anna Tietjen	6.00
Miscellaneous Income	5.01
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Collection	<u>28.70</u>
	\$ 707.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage & Stationery	\$ 13.14
Coffee Table Expenses	41.56
Meeting Expenses	98.75
Florist--Church Decorations	100.00
Sunday Toddlers Group Supervisor	25.00
Share in Congregational Sound Motion Picture Projector	300.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	25.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home for Aged	110.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home	10.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home--Memorial Wreath in Memory of Mrs. George Schroeder	10.00
Lutheran Women's Missionary League	28.70
Lutheran Hospital, East New York	25.00
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
Lutheran Student Foundation	10.00

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LADIES' AID SOCIETY

YEAR 1948

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Christmas Gifts	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	<u>17.68</u>
	\$ 884.83
Excess Disbursements over Receipts	((177.26))
Balance - December 31, 1947	<u>796.01</u>
Balance - December 31, 1948	\$ 618.75

INVESTMENTS

On December 31, 1948, the Investment Account of the Society showed a total of \$4,900.00 par value of securities and \$675.00 cash in bank.

The securities are held in custody for the Society by the Treasurer of the Congregation. He reports the following securities, which according to the Society's records are allocated as follows:

FUND	SECURITIES
\$ 2000 Mrs. Catherine Karsch	
\$1000 - Baltimore & Ohio RR	"G" 5% '95
1000 - U.S.Treasury	2½% 9/15/72
1500 - Mr. Bernhard Karsch	
1500 - U.S.Savings	"G" 2½% 7/1/56
600 - Miss Anna Hochhalter	
1000 - Western Union Telegraph	5% 12/1/51
400 - The Ladies' Aid Society	
200 - Mrs. Katherine Wendel	
200 - U.S.Savings	"G" 2½% 12/1/56
200 - Mrs. Minna Gerhard	
200 - U.S.Savings	"G" 2½% 1/1/59

The records allocate the uninvested cash in the bank as follows:

- \$500 - Mr. Bernhard Karsch Fund
- 75 - Mrs. Emilie Soomadau Fund
- 50 - Mr. & Mrs.H.A.Brummer Fund
- 50 - Mr. Mrs.Charles Groll, Sr. Fund

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Nusskern, Treasurer

ACTIVITIES REPORT

THE DORCAS GUID

YEAR 1948

RED CROSS COLLECTION

Collections for the Red Cross totalled \$190.06.

CHILDREN SENT TO CAMP

About 30 children were sent to camps or private homes through the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund and the Hartley House. For their cooperation, a donation of \$50.00 was sent to the Hartly House and \$25.00 to the Fresh Air Fund.

BAZAAR AND DINNER

From the money taken in at our sale, \$100.00 has been placed in escrow towards the purchase of new altar cloths.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout Troop was formally organized in February and the the Dorcas Guild assumed sponsorship. A donation of \$50.00 was made to pay for the Troop Flag and the leaders' uniforms.

BETHLEHEM CHILDREN'S HOME

Clothing was collected for the Home. Sewing and mending has also been done by the ladies.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Several of our members have spent a good deal of time in preparing the gowns and costumes for our annual Christmas Pageant. Mrs. Clark was in charge of staging.

CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY

Clothes are still being collected and distributed to needy persons here and abroad.

OLD FOLK'S HOME

A check for \$50.00 was mailed to the home in March and another in the same amount went to them at Christmas.

MEMBERS

At present we have 27 active members. We hope to add more new members to help us in various activities.

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DORCAS GILD FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR 1948

RECEIPT 1948

Dues	\$ 79.00
Birthday Collection	7.00
Bank Interest	3.29
Sold Personal Postals & Labels	3.30
Donations	17.00
Collection For Social	6.00
Cake Sold	.95
Sale November 10th	<u>345.05</u>
	\$ 461.59

DISBURSEMENT

Postage & Printing	\$ 10.98
Christmas Party & Social (Girl Scouts)	16.34
Steam Iron	7.00
General Soap Co.	5.34
Social	6.03
Accessories For Mending For Cildren's Home	2.41
Social Work	3.00
Accessories For Sewing	3.15
Expenses For Sales	105.30
Old Folks' Home	100.00
Girl Scouts	50.00
Hartley House	50.00
Fresh Air Fund Herald Tribune	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 384.55
Excess Receipts Over Disbursements	\$ 77.04
Balance December 31, 1947	\$ 326.01
Balance December 31, 1948	\$ 403.05

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Neher, Treasurer

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THE MEN'S CLUB

YEAR 1948

The Men's Club of St. Luke's was organized three years ago with a membership of twenty members. While we are small in numbers we are striving to create a Christian fellowship among our men. During the past year our meetings were held on the second Monday of each month with various programs both social and educational.

We hope that during the coming year more of our men will join us in Christian fellowship and in service to our Saviour and our Church.

Respectfully,

Frederick A. Wolkin, President

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MEN'S CLUB

YEAR 1948

Balance on hand January 1, 1948	\$ 67.26	
Dues collected for the year	137.00	
Chinatown dinner tickets	<u>6.00</u>	
Total receipts for the year 1948		\$ 210.26
Disbursements to December 31, 1948		
Refreshments	17.07	
Contribution to True Light Mission	10.00	
Contribution to European Relief	10.00	
Gift to a member	5.10	
Postage etc.	<u>6.00</u>	
		48.17
Deposited in Franklin Savings Bank	130.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1948	<u>32.09</u>	
		162.09
Total receipts for the year 1948	210.26	
Total disbursements for the year 1948	<u>48.17</u>	
Cash on hand December 31, 1948		\$ 162.09

Respectfully submitted,

George Schroeder, Treasurer

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THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD REPORT

YEAR 1948

The chief aim of the Senior Young People's Guild is to encourage Christian Fellowship among the younger members of St. Lukes. This is being done through a Tuesday evening program of planned activities and recreation. In addition, every Sunday evening the Guild meets for a fellowship supper and discussion of Bible Topics led by Pastor Neibacher.

Of our active members, all are connected with some phase of church work here at St. Lukes. The Choir and Sunday School Teachers's Staff are made up mostly of Guild members, in addition the Guild also supplies leadership for the Boy and Girl Scout Troups and Junior Christians.

As a group, the Senior Young People undertake such programs as, decorating the church for the Candle Light Service, packing and mailing food parcels for the needy of Europe, and in general cooperating and participating in any other project where our service would be of help to our church.

We are especially interested in contacting and acquiring new members, so they too can share with us the joy that comes, when you serve the Lord.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hand January 1, 1948		\$ 137.35
RECEIPTS		
Dues Collected	\$ 117.30	
Christmas Card Sale	74.68	
Magazine Sub. Sale		
Bazaar	15.25	
Miscellaneous	<u>24.00</u>	
	231.23	<u>231.23</u>
		\$ 368.58
EXPENSES		
Equipment, Donations & General Expense	120.30	
Visual Education Fund	<u>70.00</u>	
	\$190.30	<u>190.30</u>
Balance on hand as of January 1, 1949		\$ 178.28

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rohrbaoh, President

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THE JUNIOR CHRISTIANS

YEAR 1948

During the past year the Junior Christian group has met on Fridays for evenings of Christian fellowship and social activities. We plan to continue during 1949 with an expanded program to include evenings for discussions, moving pictures, and other activities of interest. All communicant members of St. Luke's under 18 years of age are cordially invited to join our group activities on Friday evenings.

The following is the financial statement for the Junior Christian group for the year 1948:

Cash Balance January 1, 1948	\$ 31.90
Dues Collected During 1948	14.50
Proceeds from Christmas Card Sale	<u>47.25</u>
Total Receipts for 1948	93.65
Expenses During 1948	<u>14.96</u>
Balance on Hand January 1, 1949	\$ 78.69

Henry C. Theuerer, Senior Counsellor

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BOY SCOUTS

YEAR 1948

Under the supervision of Scout Master, Curt Wingert, and Assistant Scout Master, Reginald Warman, our troop was completely reorganized in the fall of the year. In addition to the regular program of scouting, handicraft and athletic activities are being undertaken. At the present time 15 boys are enrolled and active in the troop.

Upon encouragement of the Scout Troop a Cub Pack was organized in the fall of the year for the younger boys of the church. This group meets weekly under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph Burdi and Mrs. Albert Neibacher. 11 boys are active in this program.

The following is the financial statement:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1948		\$ 77.00
<u>INCOME</u>		
Committee Men's Reg. Fees	\$ 7.00	
Donations	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>17.00</u>
		94.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Registration Fees	<u>12.50</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>12.50</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1948		\$ 81.50

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reichert
Secretary - Treasurer

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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3-56

YEAR 1948

"On my honor, I will try:
To do my duty to God
.....And my country,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Girl Scout Laws."

In September of 1947 an Intermediate Girl Scout Troop was started at St. Luke's in order to give the girls between the ages of ten and fourteen a club of their own where they could get together one evening a week under a supervised program of work and play.

This group of sixteen Girl Scouts meets every Monday evening from seven to nine o'clock under the leadership of Miss Genevieve Savio and Miss Anna Beyer.

It is a little difficult to report on the activities of the Troop for 1948, since a great deal of the Troop's first year was spent in getting organized, letting the girls become accustomed to assuming the responsibilities involved in running their own meetings, collecting dues, etc., and learning to cooperate with one another in all phases of Scout work. They did have several spring hikes at which the girls learned to build fires, cook their own food, and did some nature study.

Girl Scouting stresses "service to others" and with this in mind the girls decided to make small Christmas novelties and then present them to the children in one of the neighborhood hospitals. In this way they were learning to be creative and certainly enjoyed making these gifts, and yet at the same time were able to bring a bit of added joy at Christmas to the children in the Polyclinic and St. Clare Hospitals.

In November the Troop participated for the first time in the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, and the girls sold over 500 boxes of cookies. The Troop treasury will receive about \$15.00 from Scout Headquarters as a rebate for selling this number of boxes.

The girls pay dues of 10 cents each week. Out of this fund is taken the Scout's yearly registration fee of \$1.00 each. What is left has to be budgeted for the year to cover any supplies or equipment the Troop may need in order to carry on its program.

Towards the end of 1948, five of the older Girl Scouts requested that a Senior Patrol be started in the Troop so that they could remain in scouting after they had passed the age limit of the Intermediate Group. Miss Beyer plans to take over this group and to develop a program which will interest them.

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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3-56
YEAR 1948

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In addition to the two leaders mentioned, the Troop has an adult Troop Committee which aids in any way it can when called upon. This Committee consists of the following:

Elsie Herrellers, Chairman
Mrs. E. Miller
Miss Helen Stromski
Mrs. R. Warman
Miss Dorothy Lengemann (served until November, 1948)

The Troop is indebted to Miss Helen Stromski, who assisted by attending Troop meetings every Monday evening and working along with the leaders. However, in the fall of 1948, Mrs. R. Warman volunteered to start a Brownie Troop for girls from seven to ten years of age, and Miss Stromski left the Intermediates to take over as Assistant to Mrs. Warman.

This newly organized Brownie Troop meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 o'clock. They now have the required number of eight girls to register officially with Scout Headquarters and expect to do so early in 1949. Mrs. Warman wishes to express to the Sunday School the sincere thanks of the Brownies for its donation of \$5.00 to help them get started. They have no other financial report at this time inasmuch as they had to discontinue collecting weekly dues of 5 cents from each girl when some girls found it difficult to meet this requirement.

The financial report of Troop 3-56 for the year ended December 31, 1948, is as follows:

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1948		\$ 3.60
RECEIPTS		
Donation from Dorcas Guild	\$ 50.00	
Dues collected	52.45	
Troop Committee Regis. Feed	6.00	
Miscellaneous	5.10	
		<u>113.55</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 117.15
EXPENSES		
Troop Registration	23.00	
Equipment & Supplies	59.44	
Hikes & Parties	17.28	
Miscellaneous	3.15	
		<u>102.87</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 102.87
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1948		\$ 14.28

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Herrellers, Chairman,
Troop Committee

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LUTHERAN WELFARE COUNCIL

YEAR 1948

The Council adopted late in 1947 a number of amendments to its constitution and by laws which resulted in the congregations and the synods having representation on the Board of Directors.

In addition to its usual business of coordinating the work of all the Lutheran Welfare Agencies in New York City it performed the following special services:

1. Organized a group of Lutheran women to meet at the docks all Lutheran refugees coming from Europe under the government's displaced persons program. This was done at the request of the National Lutheran Council.
2. Conducted the negro project in Harlem which no other Lutheran agency was equipped to handle but for which the funds had been provided by Lutheran synods.
3. Secured a new worker, Mrs. Illsley, to replace Miss Franzen who left New York. The new worker is to concentrate on developing improvements in the care of old people for which there is now so much demand.
4. Working with Lutheran children's agencies, it made continued progress in the program of foster homes for children. This project was originally promoted by the Council in Lutheran circles.

Our church contributed during 1948 the sum of \$737.25 to the Distribution Fund of the Council which was distributed among most of the Lutheran Welfare agencies of New York City.

We urge the continued interest of our church in the very worthwhile work being done by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Louis Schaefer, Delegate

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONCORDIA BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

YEAR 1948

The campaign for funds for the new Concordia Collegiate Institute library-science-auditorium building at Bronxville, New York, began at St. Luke's on January 16, 1948.

Your committee reports the following statistics and status of funds for St. Luke's as of December 31, 1948:

Contacted by mail and/or personal interview - 365 families.
There were 71 subscriptions received representing 92 persons.

The total subscriptions amounted to		§ 17,602.00
Fully paid subscriptions	§ 12,278.00	
Partially paid subscriptions	<u>2,543.75</u>	
Forwarded to Trustees of Concordia		<u>14,821.75</u>
Amount remaining to be collected		§ 2,780.25

Since Concordia's founding in 1881, St. Luke's has always been an active and loyal supporter. Once again our members were loyal and generous and St. Luke's ranks first among the congregational contributors, for which Concordia, thru your committee, expresses its gratitude.

Construction has been delayed by unforeseen events and excessive building costs, but the college trustees are now negotiating with contractors in the hope of effecting a not too distant beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Koepchen, Chairman
The Rev. Albert L. Neibacher
Mrs. Anna Menge
Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer
Mr. Fred Wolkin