

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

316 West 46th Street

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ANNUAL REPORT

1949

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THE PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends in Christ:

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". With those words we conclude the 99th year of St. Luke's existence, and give all glory and honor to Him who has so richly blessed our congregation during the past twelve months. Church work at St. Luke's during 1949 was a very happy and blessed experience; and we feel that not only was it the richest and most fruitful year of our ministry in your midst, but also that the Lord of the Church used and singularly blessed us in our work.

1949 found St. Luke's stronger in every phase of its ministry and activity than it has been for many years. Our spiritual advancement has reflected itself in the congregation as a whole and in the various organizations within the Church. There has been a definite and steady improvement in attendance at our regular services, though many of our people are still found in their pew only occasionally or only for the high festivals of the Church year, which, of course, is most pathetic. Our communion records indicate that again this year our people have more readily received the blessed Sacrament, which fact is always a good indication of the spiritual health of the individual and the congregation. Financially, though we still have not solved all of our problems, St. Luke's during 1949 raised more money for current expenses than it has ever raised in her long history. Our upward trend has been steady and, therefore, healthy. Organizationally there was also definite progress during the past year. Though numerically there may not have been phenomenal growth in the various organizations within the Church, still there was growth, added interest and increased internal solidity. Each organization had a strong program in which individual members were drawn closer to one another, to their Church and to their Savior. When that happens, the entire life of a congregation is strengthened.

This inner organizational strength clearly showed itself in the marvelous spirit of cooperation on the part of the various organizations in making possible a summer program of movies for the children of the community. Each of the organizations contributed to a general fund which paid for a program of movies for each Thursday evening from the end of June to the middle of September. The Senior Young People's Guild sponsored and supervised the project. Though such a program may seem insignificant on the surface, it was more far reaching in its accomplishments than we perhaps realize. First of all, it proved the value of joint activity on part of the various organizations within the Church. Secondly, it resulted in a splendid mission project for upwards of 20 children were gained for the Sunday School. And in the third place it created an immeasurable amount of good will in the community itself, which, of course, is of utmost importance to St. Luke's in her community relationships. Our geographical location is of no value to us unless we serve the immediate community and are received by the community.

During the past year again our choir, under the direction of Mildred Holmer, made an invaluable contribution to our regular worship services. The time and effort that the choir gives to make our services beautiful and inspiring can never be overlooked. We are deeply grateful for the loyalty and unselfishness of this group and we trust that their efforts will inspire others to help them in our ministry of music. Two concerts, one for the benefit of the Metropolitan Inner Mission Society and the other for the Lutheran Child Welfare Association, were given and well received.

One of the most difficult phases of our Church work is still the work among our children. With 90% of our children coming from unchurched homes, cooperation between the home and the Church, which is so important for the full development of the child, is practically non-existent. Nevertheless, due to the untiring efforts and exceptional faithfulness of our teachers and leaders in youth activities, we have been able to touch and influence the lives of well over 150 different children.

Spiritually we have brought these youngsters in touch with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and socially we have given them good wholesome Christian activity, showing them that Christianity is a practical thing and that it can truly be fun to be a Christian. To the many volunteers who have made our educational and social program for the children of the Times Square area possible, is extended our heartfelt gratitude.

Associated with me in the full program of varied activities at St. Luke's during a good part of 1949 has been Miss Martha Hoffmann our Parish Worker. Coming to us during the summer Miss Hoffmann has obtained a full grasp of our work and has not only taken full charge of our office routine but has also entered into the spiritual ministry of the Church. Her willingness to serve, her consecrated devotion to her Savior and her invaluable experience as a Parish Worker will not only mean much to me personally but, will also mean much to her Savior and the general welfare of St. Luke's during the years to come. We pray that her association with us will be a happy one and a blessed one to her; and we thank Almighty God that He has added such an able and devoted member to the staff of St. Luke's.

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

Baptisms	11
Confirmations	5
New Members Received	36
Weddings	22
Funerals	16
People Communed	1736
Pastoral Calls Made (approx)	550
Total Attendance	11281
Average Attendance for 66 Services	171

God has been good to St. Luke's during 1949 and we ask Him that He would make both Pastor and congregation worthy of His continued blessings. 1950, the Centennial year of our Church, will not be an easy one. Many great responsibilities will be placed on each of us. Much work will have to be done. However, these responsibilities and this work must be assumed, not by a select few, but by the entire membership. Only as we work together, each doing our share and uniting our efforts, will the Lord continue to bless our Church and use it to His glory and honor in the Times Square area of New York.

May the year 1950 be a truly great one in the history of St. Luke's is the prayer of

Your Pastor,

Albert L. Weibacher

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report covers the results of your Church's operation for the year 1949 - the 99th year of its service to its members and to the residents and transients of the Times Square area.

The accompanying reports of our Pastor, Treasure, and representatives of the many organizations within our midst will give you a detailed account of what has been done in the past year. Those reports are worthy of careful study.

The Treasurer's Report again reflects the ever mounting operating costs which still remain the major problem of your Board of Trustees and Church Council. As desirable as it may be to keep these costs down, there is a limit as to how far we may go without seriously affecting the welfare and demands of our Congregation. As pointed out in my last annual report, the answer to our problem is not in reducing expenses but in seeking additional income. With that policy in mind, your Treasurer has made unusual and successful efforts to increase our revenue.

In the year 1949 members and friends contributed thru our envelope and plate collections the largest amount of money ever received by our Church in one year. In addition, they have pledged or contributed over \$50,000.00 to the Centennial Fund during the past three years. This remarkable achievement is the result of the generosity and devotion of all of our members and friends.

Our Superintendent, Mr. L. C. Larson and his wife, retired during the last year and have been replaced by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Drow.

We have also been fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Martha Hoffmann, an able and experienced Parish Worker to assist our Pastor in his many administrative and clerical duties.

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths during the past year of three members of our Church Council. On February 6, 1949, we lost our new Deacon, Mr. Alfred Holling. His death was followed not long after on October 3, 1949 by that of his father, Dr. H. L. Holling, a Deacon and Trustee of our Church for many years, whose loss is keenly felt. It is also with deep sorrow that we record the death on March 29, 1949 of our greatly beloved associate Mr. C. R. Redeker. Mr. Redeker was Secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the Church Council when he died. He will be affectionately remembered by all.

While the achievements of the past year are indeed encouraging, the Centennial Fund is still far from its goal and until enough income has been secured to provide for our increased costs we must depend upon "special contributions" to bridge the gap. Our task for the coming year will be to provide that income. The situation will continue to require the same full measure of devotion and determination on the part of St. Luke's Members and friends that brought such gratifying results last year.

Bernhard K. Schaefer, President

TREASURER'S REPORTREPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>
Envelopes	6181.22	5424.85
Plate	2167.98	1943.35
Pew Rent	691.50	777.50
Christmas	716.31	474.02
Easter	1255.94	1114.35
Lenten Services	187.34	205.20
Thanksgiving	316.55	216.85
99th Birthday	469.25	409.69
Musicals		115.03
Income from Securities	3484.00	3598.47
Special Donations	1065.00	865.00
Special for Music	2719.00	2671.00
Profit on sale investments		641.62
TOTAL INCOME	<u>19256.09</u>	<u>18466.93</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	10266.26	9890.49
Travel Allowance	400.00	
Printing	1053.04	1021.17
Insurance	651.64	487.80
Heating	1545.94	1421.37
Gas & Electricity	470.91	620.91
Elevator Repairs	198.85	135.00
Repairs	2748.43	1539.79
Organ & Piano Tuning	106.00	129.00
Real Estate & Water Taxes	291.60	300.72
Expense of Envelopes	4.90*	7.47
Telephone	324.28	261.96
Postage	305.68	222.05
Advertising	663.56	711.99
Devotional Booklets - Net Expense	28.07	26.58
Flowers	96.00	
Sunday School Alter		540.83
Note - Miscellaneous	875.29	427.52
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>20020.65</u>	<u>17744.65</u>
Excess of Income or Expense	764.56	722.28

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NOTE INCLUDES

Termite Expense	359.94
Larsen Rent - Aug/Sept/Oct.	110.00

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECURITIES HELD IN SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 1949

1. Centennial Fund		
3000 U. S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	4/1/55
7000 " "	G 2 1/2s	1/1/60
10000 " "	G 2 1/2s	10/1/60
5000 " "	G 2 1/2s	3/1/61
2. Benevolent Society		
1000 U. S. Treasury Bond	2 1/2s	9/15/72
500 U. S. Savings Bond	G 2 1/2s	12/1/58
3. Sebastian & Margarita Dorfmueller Fund		
Income to Pew Rent	-	-
2000 U. S. Savings Bond	G 2 1/2s	10/1/54
1000 " "	G 2 1/2s	2/1/58
4. Gerhardt Fund		
Income to Ladies Aid Soc.	-	-
200 U. S. Savings Bond	G 2 1/2s	1/1/60
5. Hochhalter Hellenschmidt Fund		
Income to Benevolent Soc.	-	-
2000 U. S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72
1700 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 Soc.		
3000 U.S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	9/15/72
7. Catherine Karsch Fund		
Income to Ladies Aid Soc.		
1000 Balt. & Ohio R. R.	5s	12/1/94
1000 U. S. Treasury Bond	2 1/2s	9/15/72
8. Ladies Aid Society		
1500 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 Soc.		
4000 American Tobacco	3s	10/15/69
1000 U. S. Treasury Bonds	2 1/2s	12/15/72
10. Katherine Wendell Fund		
Income to Ladies Aid Soc.	-	-
200 U. S. Savings Bonds	G 2 1/2s	12/1/56

COLLECTION FOR OTHERS

	1949	1948
Missions	1495.77	1356.89
Lutheran Child Welfare Assn.	1247.66	703.50
Lutheran Welfare Distribution Fund	849.75	737.25
Wheatridge Sanatorium	306.65	277.50
Wartburg Old Folks Home	143.60	160.00
Valparaiso University	10.00	200.00
Red Cross	193.80	181.00
Lutheran Hospital Brooklyn	75.90	5.00
Lutheran Radio Hour	20.00	20.00
Concordia College	2600.00	150.00
Bethel Lutheran Church - Kansas	176.40	
Metropolitan Inner Mission Society	255.00	
Assn. for Works of Mercy	58.35	
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	100.00	
Lutheran Welfare Council	250.00	
Misc. Items (Less than 10.00)	49.49	11.49
TOTALS	<u>\$7833.32</u>	<u>\$3802.63</u>

Anton W. Koester, Treasurer

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Balance on Hand January 1, 1949 \$2185.94

Receipts

Interest on Investments	\$317.50	
Sunday Collections	63.16	
Interest Franklin Savings Bank	59.39	
Total Receipts		<u>440.05</u>
		2625.99

Disbursements

Financial Aid	252.00	
Christmas Gifts	65.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>317.00</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1949		2308.99

During the year 1949, the Society gave financial aid, also clothing and meals. The balance of the funds will be kept on hand for future need.

Herman Reichert, Secretary-Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The secretary, Mr. Henry Theurer, reports the following as of December 31, 1949:-

115 pupils on register
 15 staff members
 45 new pupils gained or reinstated
 39 moved away and taken off roll
 62 was the average attendance
 91 was the highest attendance any Sunday
 38 was the lowest

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

RECEIPTS

Sunday Collection	360.32	
Easter (55,48) and Christmas Collection	176.23	
Confirmation Gowns and Pictures	18.75	
Miscellaneous Income, Literature etc.	9.10	
Benevolence Fund (from the children)	58.07	
Mission Collection	<u>170.01</u>	
Total Receipts		752.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	123.73	
Collection Envelopes, Pins & General Expense	48.79	
June Walk (95.35) & Christmas Expense	293.01	
Confirmation Pictures & Gowns & Easter Expense (5.00)	23.75	
Visual Education-film strips-movies	21.00	
Mission Expense (two boys in India)	<u>70.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>580.28</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements		172.20
Balance December 31st, 1948		<u>530.43</u>
Balance December 31st, 1949		702.63

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Lengemann, Superintendent

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The House Committee is pleased to report that during the past year, many repairs and improvements have been made in and outside of our Church building.

All window frames and wooden doors on the outside of our building have been repaired and painted. The hot water system has been modernized by connecting it to our oil heating system. This was a costly improvement, but it eliminates excessive gas bills for the heating of hot water. The elevator has been repaired to keep it in good working condition. Unfortunately, termites were discovered in one corner of our Sunday School room. This was remedied at a cost of \$359.00. Altogether the cost of maintenance for the past year, including the above repairs and many others, totaled a little in excess of \$3,300.00.

The congregation is deeply indebted to the Ladies Aid for the new carpet in the church conference room. The greatest improvement during the past year is the new kitchen for our church. This includes all new kitchen equipment, new cabinets, new sinks, new stove and all new painting. The cost of this entire improvement, and it was very great, was donated by Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer. Words cannot adequately express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Schaefer, who through her kindness, generosity, and her love for our church, made this possible.

Since our last Annual Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Larsen expressed a desire to retire from their position as Superintendent. To replace such valued people as Mr. & Mrs. Larsen was indeed a difficult task. After many months of interviewing prospects, the House Committee recommended to the Church Council, a Mr. & Mrs. William Drew, as the most likely candidates. The Church Council and the Pastor agreed to our recommendation and Mr. & Mrs. Drew were engaged as of December 1st.

In closing, the House Committee would like to recommend many items of repair, too numerous to mention here, and the cleaning of the interior of our Church, so that our buildings will be in good order for our 100th Anniversary. This of course would entail a large expense, but never the less, the House Committee recommends these to be completed by next October.

The House Committee
John H. Gennerich, Chairman
George Schroeder
Karl Koepsen
Henry Seng

THE LADIES AID

The general Treasury receipts and Disbursements for 1949 were as follows:-

RECEIPTS

Dues	275.50	
Bond & Bank Interest 1948 & 1949	225.75	
Coffee table Income & Cake sold	38.05	
Birthday Box & Coin Folders	75.50	
Three Congregational Dinner Meetings	254.87	
Miscellaneous Income	20.00	
Proceeds of Sale of Bond	1000.00	
Lutheran Women's Missionary League	<u>55.95</u>	1945.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage and Stationary	36.43	
Meeting and Coffee Expense	137.16	
Gifts to our church, flowers, toddlers, Cubs	304.22	
For Various Charities, Bethlehem, Wartburg	410.95	
Carpet for church Parlor	<u>932.20</u>	<u>1820.96</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements		124.66
Balance December 31, 1948		<u>618.75</u>
Balance December 31, 1949		743.41

The Investment Account showed monies invested in securities in the amount of \$3,900.00 and uninvested in the bank \$675.00. The securities are in the custody of the Treasurer of the Congregation.

Louise Husskern, Treasurer

The Ladies Aid has again carried on through another year, with its useful and interesting activities.

The following speakers have brought us instructive and interesting messages from their field of work:- Mrs. F. Illsley, Problems of the Aged; Rev. A. Krentz, Deaconess Work; Rev. F. Possehl, The Deaf; Miss M. E. Kluge, The Work of the Metropolitan Inner Mission. We are also greatly indebted to Pastor Heibacher who with his informative and inspiring talks, brought us increased incentive to do our best for the work of the Lord at St. Luke's.

Besides our usual contributions to various organizations, we purchased the long-awaited for carpet in the conference room, a new surplice and two stoles for our Pastor, and are having two sets of altar clothes made. We gave a Christmas party to the children in our Release-time religious classes; supported the Toddler's Group; and donated funds to the summer movie program for our children, and those of the neighborhood.

We donated two beds to the Bethlehem Orphan Home, and also contributed to their Summer Camp Fund, and sent a donation to our Lutheran Church in Chanute, Kansas whose House of God was destroyed by tornado.

The congregational dinners which we served, promoted much good fellowship among our members and friends.

We were very sorry to receive the resignation of our secretary, Mrs. H. Wisch. Mrs. Fred Nagel has kindly succeeded her.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Ladies Aid for their loyalty, co-operation and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer, President

THE DORCAS GUILD

At present we have 30 members, which is an increase over last year.

This year the needy children of St. Luke's were sent to various camps and private homes thru' the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund.

A collection of clothing was made for the Bethlehem Children's Home. A donation of \$15.00 was given to enable one child from the home to be sent to camp. \$50.00 was also donated for the purchase of two beds.

Our Red Cross Collection amounted to \$193.80

A donation of \$25.00 was made to the "Brownies".

Our members have volunteered to bring cheer to former members of our Church who are now at the Old Folk's Home in Brooklyn, by visiting them at least once a month. A trip was made before Christmas and a small gift was presented to them.

A \$10.00 check was sent to the Emergency Polio Drive.

Twelve new surplices were made for the Sunday School to be used by the children in the Christmas Pageant. Mrs. Helen Clark was in charge of staging.

The white and purple Altar Paraments were presented to St. Luke's as a contribution to the Centennial Celebration.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance December 31, 1948	403.05	
Dues	86.75	
Birthday Collections & Donations	21.55	
Jewelry etc, sold	327.15	
Sewing machines sold	35.00	
Bank Interest	7.90	
Collections for Socials & Cake sold	14.75	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		896.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage & Miscellaneous	8.44	
2 Altar Clothes & Stoles, & 12 Surplices	240.00	
Films & Altar Flowers	25.00	
Machine Electrified & New Cabinet	68.00	
Jewelry etc.	175.72	
Refreshments & Gifts for Brownies	24.49	
Socials	11.93	
2 Beds & Recreation Fund Bethlehem Home	65.00	
Donations & Gifts	45.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		663.58
Balance December 31, 1949		232.57

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Sylvia Schroeder, President
Miss Catherine Neher, Treasurer

THE MENS CLUB

Since our inception in 1946, with a membership of twenty men, the Men's Club of St. Luke's has not grown as large as we had hoped it would. We have taken in seven members, but eight of our original members have resigned. Thanks to the loyalty of our present membership, we are still able to carry on with the work we had planned to do, if not on as large a scale, we have still accomplished some of our aims.

We hope that during the coming year more of the men of St. Luke's will join us in the work of Christian fellowship, and the service of God, and our beloved Church.

Respectfully,
Frederick A. Wolkin, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1949	162.09	
Dues Collected	<u>107.50</u>	
Total Receipts		269.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Contributions to Athletic, Summer and Inner Mission Funds	60.00	
Congregational Party	27.54	
Postage, Refreshments etc.	<u>11.12</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>98.66</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1950		170.93

George F. Schroeder, Treasurer

BOY SCOUTS

During the year 1949, the Boy Scout family grew to the extent that we now have the complete scout family at St. Luke's. In the Fall of the year our Explorer Group for senior boys was organized under the leadership of Mr. Ilmer Ploor. This with the Cub Pack, which meets under the leadership of Mrs. Albert L. Heibacher, and the regular Scout Troop, which during the past year met under the leadership of Messrs. Curtis Wingert and Reginald Warman, we have a scouting program for all boys from the age of seven years up. Though there are three distinct groups, they are all associated with Troop 314, which is officially registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

A full program of scouting with regular weekly troop meetings, periodic hikes and summer camping is promoted. Our real problem at the present is additional leadership for the 45 boys who are registered in the various groups.

Sincerely yours,
Herman Reichert, Sec., Treas.
St. Luke's Troop Committee

SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD 1949 ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of 1/1/49	178.28	
Receipts	<u>81.95</u>	260.23
Disbursements		<u>115.38</u>
Balance as of 12/31/49		144.85

1949 GUILD ACTIVITIES

In 1949 the Senior Guild numbered about twenty members, all of whom were also active in other phases of the work of St. Luke's. Four were on the Sunday School Teachers Staff; eight were members of St. Luke's Choir; and leadership for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs came from the Senior Guild.

The Guild met every Tuesday evening throughout the year for a planned program of activities. Every Sunday evening, except the first Sunday of each month, the Guild sponsored a Fellowship Supper and Devotion, which was followed by a discussion led by Pastor Helbacher on subjects suggested by the Senior Guild.

Perhaps the Guild's most successful undertaking in 1949 was the Summer Movie Program for the children of the neighborhood. Movies were shown on 12 consecutive Thursday evenings from June 23rd to September 8th. The Guild contributed \$30.00 to this project, and about seven Seniors were present every Thursday to supervise the program. There was a total attendance at the twelve showings of 1,882 children, or a weekly average of 157. An admission fee of 5 cents was charged each week. The project was very successful, and the Guild looks forward to sponsoring a similar program this coming summer.

For the past few years the Guild has been helping to support the Adirondack Tubercular Mission, and in 1949 contributed \$20.00 to it.

At the request of Chaplain VanSchlichten for contributions to assure the children of Germany a happy Christmas, the Guild sent 25 lbs. of candy at a cost of \$7.00

The 1949-50 proceeds from the sale of Christmas Seals for Wheatridge Sanitarium amounted to \$401.65. The Senior Guild was again privileged to help this worthy cause by assuming the responsibility of mailing seals and literature to the entire church mailing list.

Because of the many favorable comments received, the Guild felt amply rewarded for the time and effort which was put into the decorating of the church for the Christmas Season.

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Savio, President
Senior Young People's Guild

INTERMEDIATE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3-56

Thirteen girls were registered in November, 1949, and seven more are working on their Tenderfoot requirements and will be registered early in 1950.

The Troop meets every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 under the leadership of Miss Genevieve Savio and Miss Verna Retzlaff.

The Cookie Sale was a great success in 1949. Troop 3-56 sold 528 boxes. The rebate which the Troop will receive for selling this number of cookies is being set aside in a special fund in order to enable the Troop to spend a weekend at one of the Girl Scout Camping Sites.

BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT TROOP

A Brownie Troop will be started for girls from the ages of 7 to 10 years. This group will meet on Thursday afternoons under the leadership of Mrs. Wexler and Miss Helen Stromski.

Verna Retzlaff, Chairman Troop Committee

ST. LUKE'S ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletic Club was formed approximately one year ago and is composed of seventeen boys who vary in age from fourteen to twenty. The principal interest and activity of the boys is basketball. They play from one to three games a week throughout the basketball season.

The initial financial support for the club was provided by the Men's Club which donated sufficient funds in 1949 to purchase the necessary basic equipment, i. e. basketballs and goal nets. In January, 1950 the Ladies Aid made a very generous contribution to the club by providing the basketball team with striking uniforms of the best quality. The uniforms are maroon and white and display "St. Luke's" on the jackets as well as on the jerseys. These uniforms are kept at the church in a large metal cabinet provided by Mr. Bernhard K. Schaefer, except when they are in use.

While the club has built up an impressive percentage of basketball victories, the more important aspect has been the team-work, cooperation, and sportsmanship displayed by each member of the team.

Respectfully submitted,
De Verle Osborn, Director of Athletics

BUDGET OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1949

Salaries	Pastor	\$ 4,000.	
	Clerical Ass't.	1,800.	
	Superintendent	1,800.	
	Organist	1,200.	
	Choir	1,500.	
	Substitute Organist & Visiting Ministers	<u>150.</u>	
			\$10,450.
Printing			1,100.
Insurance			600.
Heating			1,250.
Gas & Electricity			625.
Organ & Piano Tuning			125.
Real Estate & Water Taxes			300.
Telephone			250.
Postage			175.
Advertising			700.
Repairs			2,000.
Flowers			100.
Devotional Booklets			150.
Miscellaneous- including: Communion Wine & Wafers Safe Deposit Box, Candles etc.			<u>350.</u>
	Total		\$18,175.

TO MEET THIS BUDGET OUR MINIMUM RECEIPTS
COULD BE

Envelopes		\$5,200.	
Pew Rent		700.	
Plate		2,000.	
Easter		1,100.	
Christmas		450.	
Thanksgiving		150.	
Lent		150.	
Birthday		250.	
Devotional Booklets		100.	
Special Contribution		<u>1,000.</u>	
		\$11,100.	
Income from Investments		<u>3,500.</u>	
	Total		<u>14,600.</u>
ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED OVER AND ABOVE OUR MINIMUM RECEIPTS			\$ 3,575.