

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

1960

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of
1960

Albert L. Neibacher, Pastor
Harold F. Roellig, Assistant Pastor to June 1st
Daniel G. Reuning, Assistant Pastor since July 1st
Dennis Hill, Vicar to June 1st
John O'Connor, Vicar since September 1st
Martha Eber, Parish Worker
Mildred Holmer, Organist and Choir Director to May 15th
Daniel G. Reuning, Organist and Choir Director since July 1st

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THE PASTOR'S REPORT

for

1960

February 2, 1961

Dear Friends in Christ:

1960 marked the completion of the 110th year in the long and glorious history of Saint Luke's. It was a year filled with spiritual growth, feverish activity, constant change and a rich measure of God's blessings. It was a year in which God again designed to use human instrumentality to hold high the banner of the Cross of Jesus Christ right at the cross-roads of the world. It was a year of privilege to both pastor and people.

1960 felt the impact of the carefully planned stewardship of life program of the Fall of 1959 when we came to grips with our individual responsibility to our God and to our church. On the part of those who shared in this program, there was not only increased participation in the life of the church and increased attendance at divine services, but also a substantial increase in giving habits. For the first time in more than a quarter of a century, in spite of extraordinary expenses and a full program of activity, we were able to close the year with a balanced budget. What a wonderful feeling on the part of the Church Council and the Pastor to be able to plan a program, which is guided by need and intelligent judgment and which is not of necessity always geared to a bare minimum because the budget requires curtailment of expenses. To all those who have captured a vision of their giving potential to the work of the Lord, we say not only "thank you" but also "God bless you". May God's Holy Spirit always raise our sights and make us ever conscious of our responsibilities as good stewards of our time and talent and treasure.

1960 was also a year of many changes both in our community and on our church staff. In increasing manner we are feeling the impact of a rapidly deteriorating community in which scores of dwellings are being torn down to make room for parking lots and garages. There is increasing uncertainty, unrest and fear on part of the people living in our area because many of them do not know when they will be called upon to find a new dwelling place. Never in the life time of any of our members has there been a greater mobility in the neighborhood than in the past year. In our Sunday School alone 61 children were taken off of our permanent rolls because they were compelled to move from the community. Our only encouragement is that both community leaders and city fathers have at long last seen the absolute and immediate necessity of rebuilding a new city within the inner city. 1961 should see some definite plans formulated and adopted for the future of our community.

With the exception of Miss Eber and myself there was a complete turn-over of our church staff during the year. This caused many anxious and difficult moments. Early in the Spring Mr. Angus McInnes became our new building superintendent and in a short time, through his cooperation

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and willingness, has proven his ability and endeared himself to the entire staff and congregation. Shortly after Easter Miss Mildred Holmer, our talented and able organist and choir director for 15 years, felt compelled for personal reasons to resign her position. Her resignation left a real gap in our staff for she had established a ministry of music at Saint Luke's of which we are all proud and which was a source of inspiration to all who worshipped with us. On the first of June the Rev. Harold Roellig, who became our assistant pastor only a year previously, received a call to become student pastor in Greater New York. Since this was the area of church work for which he was specifically preparing himself at the University, he felt compelled to resign at Saint Luke's and accept the call to student work. At the end of June Mr. Dennis Hill completed his year of internship with us, returned to his home for the summer and then in order to obtain additional experience took a second year of vicarage in Florida.

Reorganizing a staff is always a difficult task even at best. After much thought and prayer and planning the Lord of the Church stepped into the picture and in His own way filled the gaps which were created in our midst. The search for an organist-choir director ended when we invited Mr. Daniel Reuning, who graduated from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, in June of 1960, to join our staff. He assumed his duties on July 1, 1960 and subsequently was extended the call to become our minister of music, youth and education. In order to do graduate work at the university he assumed the position on a part time basis and was installed as assistant pastor of Saint Luke's on October 15, 1960. On September 1st Mr. John O'Connor took up his duties as vicar for the current year. In response to an urgent call of the church at large to a number of men to fill many vacancies, which had been created by a new system of training for ministers in the Lutheran Church, Mr. O'Connor volunteered to spend an additional year of vicaring. We are grateful that he was assigned to us.

How grateful we were to God, after many anxious and at times discouraging months, to start the Fall Season with a new and full staff. However, lest we ever become too sure of ourselves and too independent of the Lord's role in church work, less than a month of the Fall Season elapsed and Miss Eber, our deaconess, became ill and was incapacitated for almost two months. Her absence from the staff created many problems and complicated our program beyond all measure. However, again the Lord stepped into the breach, supplied us with a loyal corps of volunteers, gave grace and strength to the remaining staff and enabled us to carry on a full program of activities.

Outstanding among the Fall activities was the very thoughtful and considerate manner in which the congregation observed the 25th anniversary of my ministry at Saint Luke's. On Sunday, October 2nd, a special anniversary service, at which the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Ressmeyer - a personal friend of the pastor - preached the sermon, was conducted; and on October 6th a testimonial dinner was given in his honor by the members and friends of Saint Luke's. For this very wonderful observance of 25 thrilling and

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exciting years of service to Christ, I again want to express my heartfelt thanks and assure you that the memories of this occasion will be among the high spots of my life. God bless you for all you did to make this such a happy and momentous occasion.

Then too the Fall of the year saw the completion of many months of planning for the Lutheran Open House evangelism mission, which took place during the week of October 30th to November 3rd. In one form or another almost 100 different individuals participated in the program of special evangelistic services, dinner meetings, calling on prospective members and in the Open House coffee hour which climaxed each evening's program. We at Saint Luke's were truly privileged to have as our guest missionary, the Rev. Dr. Oswald Waech, Executive Secretary of Evangelism of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. We witnessed the first fruits of this evangelistic outreach on December 18th, when 17 people were received into church membership. The Lord was indeed very good to us, blessed our every effort and has given us a corps of more than 40 volunteers who are dedicating themselves to an ongoing program of evangelism, which is the very heart of church work and which in the years to come should bring many souls to Christ. For all who unselfishly gave of their time and talents we are truly grateful and we pray that the Lord will continue to use all of us in our outreach for Christ.

Simultaneous with all these special activities the organizational life of the congregation continued. Regular monthly meetings were held by the Ladies' Aid Society and the Dorcas Guild, each having its own planned program and serving a real need in the congregation. The Young Adult Group and the Walther League (Teen Age Group) met each week, the former for a supper meeting and planned program on Sunday evenings and the latter for fellowship and inspiration each Friday evening. Both of these groups fill a real need in the life of Saint Luke's. The Young Adult Group serves especially the unattached young person who comes to New York either to attend school or to work; and the Teen Age group serves primarily the youth of our community. It is of real significance that 85% of the teen-age group is active in an organized program of Bible study each Sunday morning, which is a good indication not only of the kind of work being done with the teen-agers but also of the caliber of the group itself.

An area in which we fell down in the Fall of 1960 was work among children. Because of a lack of adequate leadership we were slow in re-organizing our Boys' and Girls' Club activities and also our Boy Scout Troop. However, all three of these groups have been reactivated since the first of the year. These groups are of utmost importance to the community, which lacks good recreational facilities and which has a minimum of planned programs for children.

The work of our Sunday School continues to be a difficult yet a challenging and rewarding experience for all who have a share in it. Blessed with good leadership and a corps of loyal and consecrated teachers we have again served almost 250 children during the course of the year. Victimized by the mobility of our community, 61 children were taken off of our permanent rolls and almost 40 off of our temporary rolls. During 1960 we had the largest turnover in our Sunday School in the memory of those

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present. However, we are not alone in our experience; the schools and every other agency in our community has been faced with the same problem. Dr. Charles Tanzer, Principal of P.S. #17, reports a turnover of 70% in school enrollment during the course of a year. The next few years do not promise an appreciable improvement in this respect. In fact, conditions will probably get somewhat worse before they start improving.

1960 again emphasized that Saint Luke's is in a state of transition. The transient nature of both the adult and the children's congregation is increasing; and we can expect this to continue until the community is redeveloped and regains a sense of permanency. This, however, cannot discourage us but ought to be an ever greater challenge to the nucleus and permanent congregation. We are going into the final stages of the transition with a strong and well rounded program, with a dedicated and determined leadership, and with a loyal and devoted membership. Spiritually we are well founded on the solid rock foundation of Jesus Christ and economically, through the tireless efforts of our finance committee, we are sounder than at any time in more than three decades.

However, our work is cut out for us. The Lord of the Church has a big job for us to do; and He has every confidence in us. Otherwise we would not be part of the fellowship of believers, which constitutes Saint Luke's. If God did not want and need us, we would not be here today. Of all people we are most privileged to have been chosen by Christ to hold up the banner of His Cross at this particular time and in this particular place.

But we cannot coast along on any laurels of the past. We cannot remain static. You and I are not here to hold the fort but to extend the battle line and to ever reach out for Christ and widen the scope of His influence. To this end we, the present generation at Saint Luke's, must rededicate ourselves to the cause of Christ and ever strengthen our core membership. Through increased and more regular attendance at the divine services, through a stepped up personal prayer life we must deepen and strengthen our spiritual potential; and through increased participation in the organizational life of the church we must fortify and enlarge the working arm of the church. 1961 must find fewer members sitting on the sidelines and acting as spectators and more active participants in every phase of our activities. There is a job for every man, woman and child at Saint Luke's and it is only as each assumes his God-given responsibility that we can reach our maximum of service to Christ and our fellow-man.

In closing I want to thank all who have upheld my arms through their prayers, their encouragement and their help. I want to especially thank the officers of the congregation, the members of the Church Council, the organization leaders, the many volunteers, the staff and my own family.

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All have contributed much to lighten the task and to make our work at Saint Luke's possible. May the Lord bless each one of you for a big job well done.

During the past year the following official acts were performed:

Baptisms (Infant)	6
(Adult)	3
Confirmations (Children)	8
(Adult)	12
New Members Received	25
Weddings	11
Funerals	23
People Communed	2,718
Total Church Attendance	14,381
Total Number of Services	72
Average Sunday Attendance	225

Yours in Christ,



Albert L. Neibacher

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 1960 ends and 1961 starts, Saint Luke's Church shares with most Americans the mixed feelings generated by the events of the first year of the much-heralded Sixties. The fact that 1960 was a presidential election year in which John F. Kennedy was elected not only prompted the questioning and uncertainty - other events were troublesome. Cuba and the Congo seethed; Russia and its satellites growled and rattled sabres.

In such an atmosphere, your Church was more sensitive than ever to the necessity for reliance on basic Christian principles. We succeeded, I believe, in our efforts to so strengthen Saint Luke's that she can stand secure in the face of all the forces that are so hostile.

For the first time in many years, our receipts exceeded expenses and enables me to confirm my prediction of last year that as a result of the Stewardship Program "your presiding officer will be able to report that the Church's Budget has been balanced." This is the result of the untiring efforts of a group of young people in our midst who have demonstrated that they could successfully meet the challenge of their times. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them.

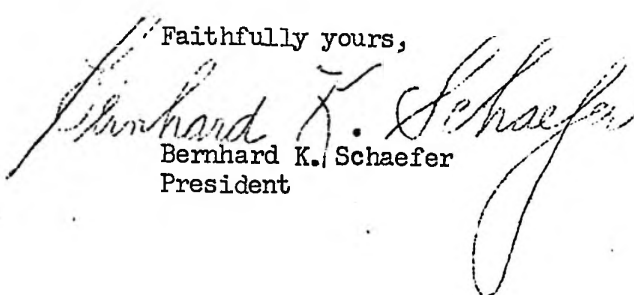
The operating results highlighted in the Treasurer's Report on the accompanying page reflects the most successful year in your Church's history. We have succeeded in leveling off expenses at about \$40,000.00 a year while income was over \$42,000.00. Such a gratifying achievement speaks for itself, but it will enable your Church Council to face the problems of the future with greater confidence and an increased sense of security.

There were many outstanding events during the year just ended, and it is unfortunate that space prevents a detailed account of them. Perhaps the most memorable was the commemoration of Pastor Albert L. Neibacher's twenty-fifth year in the Ministry early in October. Members of this Congregation, friends, relatives, civic and Church leaders gathered with us at a banquet in the large Reception Hall of the Riverside Church to honor our beloved Pastor on this happy occasion.

Early in 1960, Pastor Roellig left us for another assignment, and our Organist and Choir Director for the past fifteen years - Miss Mildred Holmer - resigned for compelling personal reasons. The former has been temporarily replaced by our vicar - Mr. John O'Connor. We called a young Minister of Music - The Reverend Daniel Reuning - to replace Miss Holmer whom we shall long remember with gratitude for her service to us.

To the many men and women, to Pastor Neibacher and his staff, and to all members of the Church Council, all of whom have given so generously of their time and wide experience to their Church, my thanks are extended for having made this report possible.

Faithfully yours,


Bernhard K. Schaefer
President

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Friends:

It is with a great deal of pleasure your Treasury Department submits the attached report. Our income has increased better than 17½% while our expenses increased less than 12%. The increase in envelope contributions was 20%, very gratifying, and those members contributing through this system are to be congratulated. You will recall we had a "Visitation program" in which you were requested to indicate your "Gift to Christ" for the year 1960, and we are happy to report better than a 98% response. This certainly proves that we have a loyal congregation, both to the Lord and Saint Luke's.

We also had two very important anniversaries in 1960 - Saint Luke's 110th "Birthday" and Pastor Neibacher's 25th Anniversary as our Pastor. Both were celebrated in October, our "Birthday" on October 2nd, and Pastor's Anniversary, with a dinner at Riverside Church on October 6th, the cost of which was absorbed by the congregation through the "Birthday" collection. In spite of these extraordinary expenses we have a surplus of income over expenses for the year of over \$2,000.

It is the hope and prayer of your Treasury Department that the results for 1961 will equal or exceed the excellent showing of 1960.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Burger
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
YEAR 1960

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Envelopes	24,336.94	20,324.93
Plate Collections	4,297.89	4,162.52
Pew Memorials	988.81	761.20
Christmas Collection	1,787.88	1,843.05
Easter Collection	2,444.63	2,516.57
Lenten Services	276.95	216.87
Thanksgiving Collection	765.30	733.30
Birthday - 110th Anniversary	1,442.00	1,095.50
Special Donations	3,177.39	528.00
Special Income for Music	635.80	444.55
Flowers	615.25	615.00
Devotional Booklets	<u>148.31</u>	<u>186.81</u>
Sub Total	\$ 40,917.15	\$ 33,428.30
Income from Securities	8,926.41	8,987.53
	<u>\$ 49,843.56</u>	<u>\$ 42,415.83</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	25,124.03	23,854.00
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical Payments	1,313.28	1,188.34
Printing & Stationery	1,532.20	1,620.94
Insurance	2,531.05	1,564.92
Heating	2,005.69	2,199.60
Gas & Electricity	642.91	653.01
Repairs & Replacements	3,237.27	4,377.59
Water Tax	94.00	94.00
Telephone	1,071.22	982.45
Postage	654.69	412.71
Advertising	1,602.02	1,466.88
Devotional Booklets	209.58	213.90
Flowers	745.00	615.00
Communion Wine & Wafers	39.27	42.39
Choir Music	128.23	29.10
Miscellaneous Expense	851.22	995.29
Envelope Expense	credit 53.50	credit 82.09
Organ & Piano Tuning	100.00	83.50
Youth Program	270.00	134.30
Special Expense (110th Anniversary, 25th Anniversary of Pastor, Preaching- Teaching-Reaching Mission, etc.)	<u>3,991.15</u>	<u>619.46</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 47,589.31	\$ 42,565.07
Total Income	<u>49,843.56</u>	<u>42,415.83</u>
Surplus	2,254.25	Deficit 149.24

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1960

Missions	\$ 2826.16
American Bible Society	87.28
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	10.00
American Red Cross	78.48
Association for Works of Mercy	127.85
Boy Scouts	15.00
Concordia Male Chorus, Ft. Wayne	200.00
Girl Scouts	15.00
Lutheran Child Welfare Ass'n.	426.95
Lutheran Education Society	10.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	562.05
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	146.85
Lutheran Hour	290.00
Lutheran Social Services	497.50
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
Lutheran World Relief	135.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	284.85
Wartburg Home for the Aged	308.00
Wheatridge Sanitarium	25.00
Wheatridge Seals - Atlantic Dist. Char.	<u>454.00</u>
	\$ 6552.97

SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS AND MEMORIALS

One of the great privileges which has been bestowed upon Saint Luke's Congregation is that of sharing with those who have been bereaved in the commemoration of their loved ones. We record herewith the names of those who are memorialized through the gifts of their family and friends to Saint Luke's Lutheran Church during the years 1923 through 1960.

1923 CATHERINE KARSCH
1927 J. LOUIS SCHAEFER
1932 BERNHARD KARSCH
1942 ADELE HENNING
1946 SEBASTIAN & MARGARETHA DORFMULLER
1951 ANNIE L. HOHNS
1952 HENRY & KATHERINE PUCKHABER
1953 JOHN DETTNER
1954 ALFRED M. GRIZZLE
1955 LOUISA M. NUSSKERN
1955 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1956 ANTON & MARIE KOESTER
1957 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1958 RICHARD & EMILIE SCOMMODAU
1958 ANNA AHRENS MENGE
1958 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1959 MRS. MINNA THEURER
1959 MATILDA SCHLOBOHM
1959 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
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MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1960

MINNA KRUEGER

ALFRED M. GRIZZLE

JOSEPH DALLAS

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Once more it is my privilege to submit the following as an annual report for 1960.

About 20 members meet at 12:30 P.M. the second Wednesday of the month. We have a sandwich, cake and coffee which is enjoyed by all as it gives us an opportunity to enjoy an hour of Christian fellowship before the business meeting.

After the business meeting we usually have a film, a Lutheran Womens' Missionary League spiritual topic, or a guest speaker.

Some of the activities of the Ladies' Aid for 1960 are as follows:
Hostess to Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, January meeting - served coffee and cake.
Congregational Dinner in February.
Served and paid half for dinner served the Male Choir of Concordia Senior College. The ladies of Immanuel Church paid the other half.
Gave a \$25.00 Bond to Assistant Pastor Rev. Harold F. Roellig as a farewell gift.
Gave a parting gift to Vicar Dennis Hill - 2 volumes of "The Messiah."
Donated \$25.00 to the Bowery Mission of the Christian Herald.
Served at the Testimonial Dinner for Miss Holmer.
Gave a gift to Pastor Neibacher on his 25th Anniversary in the Ministry.
Served 5 nightly dinners for callers during Evangelism Week - also coffee and cake after the services.

Christmas gifts as follows:

The Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
The Wartburg Home for the Aged & Infirm	25.00
The Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission Society	25.00
The Bethlehem Lutheran Childrens' Home	25.00
The Lutheran Deaconess Association of Fort Wayne	25.00
The Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	25.00
The Home of Ministering Friends (a home for homeless women)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Angus McGinnes	25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	25.00
Childrens' Summer Handcraft Program	49.65

As members of the Lutheran Womens' Missionary League we collected from our mite boxes the sum of \$44.25 for this organization. We also sent a delegate to the District Convention.

You are perhaps wondering where the Ladies' Aid get their income from. Our dues are \$6.00 per year, or 50¢ a month. We were fortunate to have members who bequeathed to the society large sums of money and through their generosity we have an income each year which enables us to further the work of Christ at Saint Luke's.

If you are not a member won't you consider becoming one? We need you. Come to one of our meetings as our guest and get to know us better.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie S. Koester, President

THE DORCAS GUILD

The Dorcas Guild in 1960 welcomed 3 new members bringing the total to 48. However, during the year we were sorry to lose 3 members who moved out of the state. We extend a hearty welcome to any lady who would like to join us on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:45 P.M. Not too many of us live in the neighborhood, therefore the business meeting is limited to 8:30 followed by a program of 30-40 minutes and then we are served refreshments. By 9:45 P.M. we are all on the way home so as not to be out too late. Dues are 50¢ per month.

Our total receipts for the year were \$586.83 but our disbursements amounted to \$492.52 leaving us a balance of \$94.31 to start the new year.

At our December meeting the Ladies' Guild of True Light Lutheran Church was invited to attend and they thoroughly enjoyed the evening, highlighted by the singing of the Minisink Girls Choir. Our January meeting was one of the most interesting we have ever had. Vicar O'Connor spoke to us for over an hour on Church liturgy and some of us learned quite a bit about our church service which has become more meaningful. The ladies could have listened for another hour but we had to adjourn as it was getting late. We are grateful to Mr. O'Connor for all the time and effort he has given to us.

We have a small bowling group which meets every second and fourth Monday. Any lady interested, Please join us. Our theatre group is scheduled to meet for lunch and then see the hit show "Tenderloin" on February 18th.

Our motto "Serve The Lord With Gladness" inspires members of the Guild to give of their time and talents to various functions of the church. During P.T.R. Week members served in endless capacities such as chief-cook and bottle washer, potato peeler and other KP duties in conjunction with the dinners that were served nightly to the callers; some of whom were also Dorcas members. We were responsible for the "Coffee Hour" after services and we saw to it that there was coffee, cake and cookies for everyone that came.

We thank the Ladies' Aid Society for their generosity for assuming all costs of the dinners and "Coffee Hour."

In closing may I extend a cordial invitation to all ladies of Saint Luke's to become a member of our organization. We need you!

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Louie, President

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THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

For a number of years the program of the Senior Young People's Society has centered around the Sunday evening meetings held in the church basement each Sunday from September through June, except holidays. Customarily the dinner is followed by a speaker or motion picture on a political, educational, scientific or religious topic of interest to the members.

During the past year these dinners, prepared by two of our members, have had an averaged attendance of 25 to 30, although as many as 65 have attended feature programs. Speakers during the past year have come from such diverse backgrounds as The New School of Social Research, The Henry George School of Economics, Actors Equity, The New York Young Republican Club, as well as church agencies, and have discussed topics such as Communism, Geology, Censorship, Church Music, Interior Decorating, Plants of the Bible, and Antique Cars.

Other programs have been devoted to more active evenings such as a Square Dance, and St. Patrick's Day Party. In addition, we have attended hockey and baseball games as a group, and recently, spent a weekend skiing in Vermont.

During several Sunday evening programs we have entertained similiar groups from other churches. At a December meeting, which was devoted to the celebration of Christmas in the European style, groups from Gustavus Adolphus in Manhattan and Redeemer in Bayside attended.

A considerable portion of our program is also devoted to service projects. Once again we sponsored the summer youth program on Thursday evenings, featuring an arts and craft program financed by the Ladies Aid. With the assistance of others, we decorated the Church for the Christmas season. We have prepared and sent Christmas gifts to servicemen and hospital patients.

Many members of our organization individually participate in church activities as Sunday School teachers, members of the Church Council, Ushers, leaders in Girl Scouts and Brownies, members of the Choir, Guest Book Committee, Lutheran Open House Program, and Evangelism Committee.

Although neither our budget nor our treasury is large by most standards our current treasury consisting of a general fund of \$44.03 and supper fund of \$39.90 is adequate for most of our activities which are self-sustaining.

We cordially invite members of the congregation to participate with us in our Sunday evening dinner meeting, or our other activities which interest them.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Krenz
President

THE WALTHER LEAGUE

As most of you know, the Junior Christians, or the Walther League, is a group of confirmed teen-agers who meet every Friday evening for planned activities.

In all our activities our main purpose is to bring the young people of our church into a closer and firmer relationship with Christ. We feel we have been accomplishing this as two new members have been added to Saint Luke's congregation recently and are now enjoying our fellowship.

During the year 1960 the Walther League consisted of approximately 28 active members. Some of our activities for the year consisted of holiday parties, inviting the churches to join us for an evening of fellowship, swimming and movie nights. We have also had planned discussions. During the week of Lutheran Open House some of our members participated, calling upon people in the neighborhood who were unchurched and extended an invitation to worship with us. Also, the Walther League was privileged to help with the annual Wheatridge seals which were mailed to the members of Saint Luke's.

At the close of 1960 the treasury contained \$22.75 in cash, and \$8.40 in the "7-Up Machine" for a total of \$31.15.

It is our firm belief that the Walther League will continue to serve the youth of our church and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Mullaney, President