

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York, New York

THE ANNUAL REPORT

1961

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for

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for

1961

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1961

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Russell Van Doren, Boy Scout Leader
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the subsequent pages of this annual report to the Congregation you will find a summary of the results of the year 1961. It was another year of continuing crises in our world, but it was also one of extraordinary accomplishment in the history of mankind. In the midst of crucial international situations, political turmoil and great domestic problems, scientists successfully launched a man into space - a feat which will affect our future in ways we cannot grasp at this time.

Here at Saint Luke's 1961 was again a year of growth, decision and accomplishment, details of which are fully discussed in the Pastor's report.

For the second year in a row, our Budget was balanced. The accompanying statements of our Treasurer reflect the success of our efforts to keep expenses within receipts. A separate account of the cost of our new Chapel-Auditorium is included in the Treasurer's report. Although our goal was not achieved in the short space of time allotted to subscriptions to its cost, your Trustees are confident it will be met by the end of the next year.

Special mention must be made of the new Chapel-Auditorium where we are meeting for the first time tonight. For some years your Church Council has been faced with the pressing question of how to conduct our summer services under the trying conditions of heat and humidity which prevail in our city at that season. It was finally resolved to appeal to our Congregation for help in defraying the necessary costs of installing air conditioning equipment in our former Sunday School rooms and converting the premises into a summer Chapel. Under the able direction of our House Committee Chairman - Mr. Gustav Bethauer - and assisted by skilled volunteers from our Young Peoples' Guild, the work was completed in time for use late in the summer just ended, and at a cost far below anything anticipated. The results are a tribute to the work of that Committee and a source of great pride to our entire Congregation.

The accomplishments of the year just ended are an accurate reflection of the firm sense of loyalty and devotion to their Church which has always been shown by the Congregation of Saint Luke's Church. To them, to every member of our Church Council, and to the Pastor and his entire staff, my heartfelt thanks is extended for making 1961 such a successful one.

Faithfully yours,

Bernhard K. Schaefer
President

THE PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends in Christ:

1961, though it had its joys and accomplishments at Saint Luke's, was one of the more difficult years of church work in the memory of most of us present. The religious boom, which the church in America experienced during the 1950's, is over; and the new frontiers of the 1960's have, as far as church work is concerned on the parish level, returned to the point where she is doing business as usual. Much of the urgency, the sense of mission and responsibility, the spirit of loyalty and perseverance, have waned in the hearts of many. The result is that church attendance has leveled off - in many quarters it is on the decline - membership growth is barely keeping pace with population growth, many church and church related causes are experiencing financial difficulty and the number of active participants in the organizational life of the church is decreasing.

Saint Luke's has not altogether escaped the current trend. For the first time in a number of years we have experienced a decrease of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % in our overall church attendance, that in spite of the fact that our Lenten evening services saw an increase of 21% and our summer Sunday morning services an increase of 15%. Though only three of the first thirteen Sundays of 1961 did not have rainy, cloudy, snowy or bitter cold weather; the weather is actually no excuse for the Christian to be absent from Sunday services. Each of us needs the inspiration and the influence, the comfort and the power of the worship hour; and at the same time each of us owes it to our fellow-members to give them the encouragement of our regular attendance. If church attendance is a barometer of individual spirituality, which we believe it is, we ought all take careful inventory of our worship life, especially as it pertains to church attendance.

To conduct a normal organizational life in an inner city church, particularly if it is also an area church, is not a simple task. It takes imagination, dedication and constant vigilance, especially on the part of the leadership which is responsible for programing and the efficient functioning of a given group. In order to have a well balanced program, which meets the specific needs of the group and which will justify its existence as a church organization, four elements are essential. There must at all times be a proper balance between the spiritual, the inspirational, the service and the fellowship aspects of the program. This not only requires hard work on part of the leaders but it also requires constant patience and utmost cooperation on part of the membership, which naturally has varied and singular interests. Individual members must be fair and judge the group program, not according to personal likes and dislikes, but on the basis of the overall purpose and needs of the group.

On the whole our organizational life - from the Ladies' Aid Society, the Dorcas Guild, the Young Adult Group to the Walther League - had a well balanced program and continued to meet the needs of the respective groups, although at times it did not involve the largest number of individuals possible. We trust that during 1962 we will mend fences where needed and involve an ever increasing number of our people in some phase of our organizational life. It is through active participation in the organizational life of the church that we draw closer to the church herself, closer to one another and closer to Christ and His way of life.

Perhaps our greatest problems were faced in our community outreach for Christ. What was once a flourishing, vital community, in which people worked, worshipped and lived, has rapidly become an ever expanding graveyard of parking lots, boarded up tenements and commercial enterprise. When our fathers planned and erected our present church plant here on 46th Street in the early 1920's, there were 120,000 people living in the Clinton area of New York. According to the 1960 census there were 47,500 people living here and by the end of 1961 there were few more than 40,000. Each passing year finds old time residents leaving the community. If their houses are not torn down, a more transient group of people replaces them. A fairly accurate indication of the transient character of our community is given by the fact that our schools in the area have a 70% turn over during the course of a school year.

This fact has truly complicated our community outreach for Christ. In the Sunday School alone there was a turn over of 146 children during the past year. We took 76 off of our rolls and placed 70 new people on them. With many of these new folks the church is a new experience in their lives. Not only is their basic knowledge of Christianity very limited but their attendance habits are also very irregular. This not only complicates the problem of teaching and requires tremendous patience, but it can also at times be a rather frustrating experience for those who are regular in their attendance and more advanced in Christian knowledge and growth.

Then too a changing community has brought many new demands for special ministries, such as counselling and social services. Counselling, which at times consumed two and three evenings a week, and social services are very enervating and time consuming but they are absolutely essential in the life of the church, especially in the inner city. These services were given not only to transients but also to members and church related families. Emergency assistance was given where needed; and where specialized help or long term care was indicated contact was established and people were referred to proper agencies. At Christmas, for example, thirteen families, representing about 75 people, were given baskets of food, clothing and toys for the children. The food was donated to us by the McGraw Hill Publishing Company, the toys by the La Prensa newspaper and the clothing by the church. In addition to these families several individuals were also helped. Miss Eber, with only an occasional assist from other members of the staff, has carried on our social service program almost single handed.

A rapidly changing and deteriorating community has very limited recreational facilities and can become an incubator of juvenile delinquency. Though for many years the Clinton area has been more than able to hold its own in this respect, this past Spring our area was declared a Youth Board area, which meant that our delinquency rate had reached the danger point where it required the special services of the Youth Board of the City of New York. We are happy to say that we were instrumental in bringing into our area five highly skilled and trained individuals, salaried by the City of New York, who are now attached to several of the non-sectarian agencies.

The frightening increase of juvenile delinquency alerted the entire community and we at Saint Luke's endeavored to step up our youth program and render an ever widening service to the community. We did this by trying to improve and expand our Scout and gym programs. But perhaps the greatest service we rendered was through our summer open house program of arts and crafts. This program was conducted twice a week throughout the entire summer by members of the young adult group and involved more than 100 children. The real signifi-

cance of this program was that boys and girls received individual attention from interested and concerned adults, who were willing to sit down and work with them on a given project. What a joy it was to witness after an evening of activity. This is one area of our activity which needs further study and possible expansion.

Still another phase of our community activity is our membership in the Clinton Planning Council, which is constituted of 35 agencies within the community and which is engaged in the overall planning and coordinating of community activity. This organization is responsible for specialized services to the community, such as Teen Jobs Services for school drop outs - which incidentally is becoming one of the real problems facing our country today - summer recreational activities, enrichment of existing programs, alerting the community to drug addiction, securing help for drug addicts, providing remedial reading for teen agers, and last, but not least, tackling the acute housing problem in the area. I take pride in saying that we at Saint Luke's have not only cooperated in endeavoring to upgrade, rehabilitate and reconstruct the Clinton area, but we have also given a leadership which has been sought out, respected and followed. Just recently the Planning Commission of the City of New York, with which City Department we have been in constant contact, announced that our area is scheduled for intensive study and possible inclusion in a number of new projects for the fiscal year of 1962.

A very encouraging aspect of our work at Saint Luke's is the continued improvement in our financial situation. During 1961 our income reached, I believe, an all time high, but then so did our expenditures. Nevertheless it is a real source of encouragement in these days of transition that we, in a changing community, with an ever increasing transient membership, can maintain a balanced budget and a full and well integrated program. We thank God that He has given us a loyal membership and we pray Him to ever increase our vision to constantly reach out in His Name.

I would be amiss if I did not congratulate the Church Council for the faith and the courage it displayed in undertaking the complete rehabilitation and renovation of this auditorium-chapel. This was one of the most ambitious undertakings since the construction of our 46th Street complex of facilities and was a vote of confidence on the part of our leadership in the future of Saint Luke's in this community. Many long, difficult and trying hours went into the planning and execution of this project. The vision, which was shown in creating this beautiful, all purpose auditorium, Sunday School facility, and summer chapel is to be commended, as are the generous donors of special memorials, and all who had a share in making this possible. To all a warm word of thanks and the prayer that the Lord will bless each of you for the part you took or still intend to take.

But how about the future of Saint Luke's? Under the grace of God, the future of our church depends pretty much on what we, the present members, make it. The transition period in the life of Saint Luke's is not yet over; many difficult days still lie before us. However, they are challenging days and call for the absolute best, not only of a few, but of all of our members. The future requires a sense of mission and concern on our part such as we have

not yet been called upon to fully display. The days, which lie before us, require continued loyalty and dedication on the part of a faithful nucleus, which must be willing to spend and be spent for the cause of Christ. Every single facet of our work must continually be evaluated, strengthened and expanded. Limited staff must be used to the fullest potential and supplemented where necessary; volunteer services must be increased and greater participation of our present membership in the full life of the church developed. 1962 calls for much thought and prayer, for dedication and hard work. I shall give mine. Will you give yours?

In closing I want to thank members of the staff, who have had a share in the overall work of the church and who have made our program of activities possible - Martha Eber, our deaconess, John O'Connor and Benedict Yaspelkis, our vicars, Daniel Reuning, our minister of music, and Angus McInnes, our never tiring, ever willing and cooperative building superintendent. I also want to thank the officers of the church, who spent many hours outside of regular meeting assisting in the planning of our work, to the Church Council itself, the various committees and leaders in our organizational life, to the volunteers, who acted as leaders in our youth program, assisted as receptionists, and helped in office routine when the pressures were on. Then too I want to publicly thank Mrs. Neibacher for her constant encouragement, her sympathetic understanding and untiring assistance in all phases of my work. Without her 1961 would have been far more difficult and trying than it was. And last, but not least, I want to thank my Lord for His never ending grace in supplying all my needs to carry on in His Name as I have endeavored to serve Him at the crossroads of the world.

During 1961 the following official acts were performed:

Baptisms (Infants)	15
(Adults)	2
Confirmations (Children)	8
(Adults)	13
New Members received	32
Weddings	8
Funerals	20
People Communed	2753
Total Church Attendance	13657
Total Number of Services	80
Average Sunday Attendance	215

May all this redound to the glory of God.

Yours in Christ,

Albert L. Neibacher
Pastor

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The congregation of Saint Luke's is to be congratulated on their devotion to our Lord and to our Church, as our attendance at divine services as well as our income have reached an all time high.

From the attached statements you will learn that your treasury department collected close to \$75,000, which in my opinion is a credit to an urban church. While our House of God is located in a neighborhood predominated by theatres and parking lots, our congregation has been very loyal to Saint Luke's.

While some of our special collections have dropped off, the steady increase in our envelope collections is very encouraging. Only ten short years ago our envelopes contributed some \$8,700 toward our expenses, while in 1961 these contributions totalled almost \$26,000 - an increase of almost 300%. If we can continue to hold our own for another 10 years, I am sure the parking lots will disappear and be replaced by new apartments.

We have purposely not included our Chapel expenses in the report of Income & Expenses of the Church, as it was the opinion of the Church Council you would want to know just what this beautiful room cost, and how the congregation responded. You will find in the next pages a detailed report, showing the cost of our Chapel and the prompt and generous response to the appeal for funds from the congregation. To the chairman of the committee who handled the Chapel Fund Drive, Mr. Joseph Miranda, I extend my congratulations. Also to our House Committee chairman and those who assisted him and gave so much of their time and knowledge - thanks!

At this time I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to Walter Gausman, our Assistant Treasurer, as well as Henry Koester, for their help in handling the Sunday collections.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Burger
Treasurer

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

INCOME

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Envelopes	\$25,653.41	\$24,336.94
Plate Collection	4,907.92	4,297.89
Pew Memorials	966.78	988.81
Christmas Collection	1,538.20	1,787.88
Easter Collection	2,413.44	2,444.63
Lenten Collection	221.75	276.95
Thanksgiving Collection	653.10	765.30
Birthday - 111th Anniversary	722.65	1,442.00
Special Donations	1,673.05	3,177.39
Special Income for Music	743.35	635.80
Flowers (Altar Committee)	555.00	615.25
Devotional Booklets	175.65	148.31
	<u>\$40,224.30</u>	<u>\$40,917.15</u>
Sub-Total		
Income from Securities	9,952.57	8,926.41
Total Income	<u>\$50,176.87</u>	<u>\$49,843.56</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$26,896.66	\$25,124.03
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical Payments	1,512.82	1,313.28
Printing & Stationery	1,501.35	1,532.20
Insurance	2,177.74	2,531.05
Heating	2,441.63	2,005.69
Gas & Electricity	788.31	642.91
Repairs & Replacements	1,580.21	3,237.27
Water Tax	94.00	94.00
Telephone	1,125.25	1,071.22
Postage	472.25	654.69
Advertising	1,591.01	1,602.02
Devotional Booklets	212.58	209.58
Flowers	761.80	745.00
Communion Wine & Wafers	47.12	39.27
Choir Music	134.80	128.23
Miscellaneous Expenses	711.32	851.22
Envelope Expenses	33.70	53.50
Organ & Piano Tuning	107.00	100.00
Youth Program	565.56	270.00
Special Expenses	422.66	3,991.15
	<u>\$44,610.37</u>	<u>\$47,589.31</u>
Total Expenses		
Total Income	50,176.87	49,843.56
Surplus	<u>\$ 5,566.50</u>	<u>2,254.25</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1961

Missions	\$3,189.96
American Bible Society	50.20
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	10.00
Association for Works of Mercy	177.72
Boy Scouts	40.00
Girl Scouts	15.00
Lutheran Child Welfare Ass'n.	415.73
Lutheran Education Society	10.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	551.39
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	153.97
Lutheran Hour	200.00
Lutheran Social Services	343.61
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	231.87
Wartburg Home for the Aged	312.73
Wheatridge Sanitarium	27.00
Wheatridge Seals - Atlantic District	585.50
Lutheran Inner Mission Society of N. Y.	25.00
Concordia Collegiate Institute	50.00
Valparaiso (Indiana) University	50.00
	<u>\$6,489.68</u>

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 1961

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 DETTMER
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 MISS M. SCOMMODAU
1958 ANNA AHRENS MENGE
1958 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1959 MRS. MINNA THEURER
1959 MATILDA SCHLOBDHM
1959 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1960 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1961 JOHN & ANNA MARIA THEURER
1961 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1961

MARIE HAUFF
ALFRED M. GRIZZLE
MARIE CORDES
MRS. E. V. WESSON
MILLIE LAWRENCE
HERMAN VON HINKEN
MR. & MRS. HENRY ROEPE

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

<u>1960</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Jan. 1 Balance	\$	\$	\$2,549.78
Jan. 2 Care of Needy		40.00	2,509.78
Jan. 20 Contribution	20.00		2,529.78
Feb. 1 Interest on Bank Balance-1959	91.21		2,620.99
Feb. 15 Funeral Expenses		204.70	2,416.29
Mar. 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,376.29
Mar. 31 Contribution	2.00		2,378.29
May 31 Contribution	5.00		2,383.29
May 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,343.29
Dec. 31 Contribution thru Poor Boxes	4.15		2,347.44
Dec. 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,307.44
Dec. 31 Income from Trusts & Investments	130.20		2,437.64
<u>1961</u>			
Jan. 12 Interest on Bank Balance-1960	105.56		2,543.20
Mar. 31 Contributions thru Poor Boxes	5.65		2,548.85
Mar. 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,508.85
Mar. 31 Funeral Expenses		100.00	2,408.85
June 30 Care of Needy		40.00	2,368.85
July 30 Contribution	2.00		2,370.85
Aug. 31 Contributions thru Poor Boxes	12.67		2,383.52
Aug. 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,343.52
Sept. 30 Care of Needy		40.00	2,303.52
Oct. 31 Care of Needy		40.00	2,263.52
Nov. 30 Contributions thru Poor Boxes	5.00		2,268.52
Dec. 30 Care of Needy		40.00	2,228.52
Dec. 31 Income from Trusts & Investments	144.28		2,372.80
Dec. 31 Interest on Bank Balance to 12/31/61	111.42		2,484.22

CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES

General Contractor	\$ 4,243.47
Air Conditioning	5,890.00
Electrical Work	1,386.10
Acoustical Tile	2,146.00
Ceiling Construction	1,390.00
Lighting Fixtures	887.34
Amplifying System	779.88
Organ	4,545.00
Installation Organ Amplifying System	114.85
Altar Cross, Candlesticks, etc.	874.80
Sign at Chapel Entrance	22.00
Painting	1,219.00
Interest on Bank Loan	<u>226.66</u>
	<u>\$23,725.10</u>

Receipts for Construction of Chapel

Ladies Aid Society	\$ 874.80
In Memory of John & Anna Maria Theurer 120 shares Union Electric Co. Stock	5,977.50
In Memory of J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer 17 shares American Electric Power Co. Stock	1,292.00
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Roepe	50.00
In Memory of Herman von Hinken	145.00
Congregational Contributions	8,862.50
Dividend on 120 shares Union Electric Co. Stock	<u>54.00</u>
Receipts to December 31, 1961	\$17,255.80
Receipts to January 21, 1962	1,216.00
Pledges to be paid during 1962	<u>1,290.00</u>
Receipts and pledges to January 21, 1962	\$19,761.80
SHORT OF GOAL	<u>3,963.30</u>
	<u>\$23,725.10</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The year 1961 has been a challenging and rewarding experience for those of us connected with Saint Luke's Sunday School. We had a turnover of 146 different individuals who either came or left us during the past year. With this problem of children coming and going, we did quite well considering we had a loss of only 6 pupils for the year.

At this time I would like to thank the Church Council and those of you who generously contributed to give Saint Luke's this beautiful chapel and Sunday School room for our Sunday morning worship. It has greatly enriched the way the younger generation worships our Savior here at Saint Luke's.

The following is a report of our attendance:

Registered December 31, 1960	- - -	149
Registered December 31, 1961	- - -	143
Average Sunday Attendance	- - -	105
Highest Sunday Attendance	- - -	134
Lowest Sunday Attendance	- - -	47
New Pupils	- - -	60
Reinstated Pupils	- - -	10
Dropped from the Record	- - -	76
Adult Staff	- - -	22

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis J. Wingert, Jr.
Superintendent

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

In 1961 the Ladies' Aid was privileged once more to serve our beloved Saint Luke's to the best of our ability.

We held regular monthly meetings, each having a planned program, spiritual, topic, travelogue, interesting speakers, and a social hour. At present we have 28 members, two members were called to their Heavenly Rest, and one member moved out of the State. I appeal to the women of Saint Luke's to come to our meetings, get to know us and become interested in the work of our Society and become members - we need you. The dues are fifty cents a month. We would like to report an increase in our membership at the next Congregational Dinner. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M.

Our dues collected during 1961 - \$162.00

Gifts donated in 1961 are as follows:

Saint Luke's Altar flowers	- \$ 75.00
The Lutheran Hour	- 50.00
Concordia Institute, Bronxville - toward furnishing girl's dormitory	- 50.00
Books for a theological student	- 100.00
Surplice for Pastor Neibacher	- 22.24
Children's crafts for summer program	- 25.00
Memorial to Mrs. Wesson for the church	- 10.00
Memorial to Mrs. Cedarstrom for the church	- 10.00
Memorial to Mr. G. Mallison for the church	- 10.00
Memorial to Mr. Louis Neibacher for the	- 20.00
Lutheran Child Welfare Agency	
Board of Lutheran World Relief	- 10.00
Lutheran Child Welfare	- 5.00
Wartburg Home for Aged	- 25.00
Lutheran Hospital, Brooklyn	- 25.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	- 25.00
Bethlehem Children's Home	- 25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	- 25.00
Lutheran Deaconess Association	- 25.00
Carpet for Saint Luke's Chapel	- 510.05
Candlesticks and vases for Chapel	- 111.00
Choir gowns - dry cleaned	- 37.00
Mite Box donation to Lutheran Women's Missionary League	- 46.00
Lutheran Women's Exposition at Armory	- 10.00
	<u>\$ 1251.29</u>

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We were able to make these generous gifts from the Interest we derive from our Memorial Fund!

Some of the activities of the Ladies' Aid for 1961 were as follows:

Hostess to Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, January meeting - served coffee and cake. This year we were delighted that the Dorcas Guild members were able to join us for refreshments as their meeting was held on the same evening. Served the Congregational Dinner in February with assistance from members of the Dorcas Guild. Sent two delegates to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Atlantic City. Gave a wedding gift to Vicar O'Connor. Made visits to Wartburg Home for the Aged. Baked cookies which were distributed to various institutions by the Metropolitan Inner Mission. Rolled bandages from worn sheets for Foreign Missions.

1962 marks the 90th Anniversary of the Ladies' Aid Society, and my prayer is that it will prosper and grow so it can continue to serve to the glory of God and this congregation.

Respectfully,

Elsie S. Koester
President

DORCAS GUILD REPORT

Our Dorcas Guild closed the year with 46 members of which ~~36~~ 36 joined during the year. We have several inactive members who cannot attend meetings for various reasons, but they faithfully continue to send their membership dues.

As of December 31, 1961 our Treasury has a balance of \$133.09. We collected \$71.27 for the Red Cross.

Our Dorcas Guild has three service projects. The hospital escort service was transferred from the Adult Bible Group to our Guild and the chaplain in Roosevelt Hospital is very pleased that he can always rely upon Saint Luke's group to arrive there on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Another group of ladies sew or knit baby clothes for the Lutheran Child Welfare Agency. Our third project provides the church with a receptionist, help at the door evenings and in the office.

In February, our Birthday Party Meeting, we invite new women church members so that we can get better acquainted. We have had several guest speakers but outstanding was our own Mr. Bernhard K. Schaefer, who spoke to us of his trip to Africa. Another speaker, the Rev. Mrs. Nettie Hoffman, former Chaplain at Roosevelt Hospital, told us of her work there. In December we continued our Christmas custom of inviting another church group and this year our guests were the ladies from Mt. Zion Church. At this meeting we were delightfully entertained with a musicale arranged by Pastor Reuning. The toys and clothing collected were given to Miss Eber to give to the needy children of our Sunday School. We also baked cookies this month for the Lutheran Inner Mission Society to distribute to city hospitals.

Another innovation this year was to serve refreshments before the meeting at 7 P.M. For special events we will continue to serve refreshments after the meeting in order to enjoy a longer social hour.

Our gifts during the year:

Flowers for altar, Palm and Easter Sunday; also in memory of Mrs. Florence Turner.

Donations to Concordia Institute, Bronxville and Mill Neck Manor School.

A hymnal to Mr. John O'Connor.

Christmas gifts to four ladies, two of whom are at Wartburg Home, and to Mr. & Mrs. McInnes.

In May a delegate was sent to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention held in Atlantic City.

A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies of the congregation to attend any of our meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Louie
President

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DORCAS GUILD 1961
TREASURER'S REPORT

RED CROSS COLLECTION..... \$71.27

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1960	\$ 94.31
Dues	226.00
L.W.M.L. Mite Box & Quarterlies Collections	73.08
Proceeds - 2 Dinners	53.13
Hostess Fees	22.18
Birthday Collections	5.75
White Elephant Sale	10.90
Memorial	5.00
Bank Interest	5.24
Miscellaneous	<u>3.64</u>
	\$499.23

DISBURSEMENTS

L.W.M.L. Mite Box Collections & Quarterlies	81.08
Delegate Fee to L.W.M.L. Convention & Equalization Travel Expense	21.64
Contribution to Concordia Institute	25.00
Contribution to Mill Neck Manor	15.00
Altar Flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter	50.00
Altar Flowers In Memory of Mrs. Turner	5.00
Socials	85.71
Stationery, Stamps & Postage Fees	9.01
Dorcas Guild Special Fund	20.00
Gifts to Mr. O'Connor & Mrs. Hoffman	19.70
Christmas Gifts	<u>34.00</u>
	\$366.14

Total Receipts	\$499.23
Total Disbursements -	<u>366.14</u>
Balance - 12/31/61	\$133.09

Respectfully submitted
Ethel Mahnken, Treasurer

THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

Since World War 11, the program of the Senior Young Peoples' Society has featured 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 average attendance of 25 to 30.

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. A special Christmas program held December 10, 1961, was attended by over sixty of our members and guests from the young peoples' group from Gustavas Adolphus Lutheran Church on East 22nd Street.

On November 12, 1961 our organization celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its founding by Pastor Weibacher in 1936. Over eighty members and former members, some of whom returned especially for the occasion, participated in an all day celebration which included a Sunday morning church service of dedication, a private communion service, an afternoon entertainment program highlighting memories from the past, and culminated with a dinner dance at the Hotel Edison.

A considerable portion of our program is also devoted to service projects. On each Tuesday and Thursday during the summer we sponsored the summer youth program featuring an arts and craft program, largely financed by contributions from members of the congregation and the Ladies' Aid Society. With the assistance of others, we decorated the Church for the Christmas season and prepared Christmas gifts for 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 Boy Scouts, and as members of the Choir and Guest Book Committee.

As of January 1, 1962, our organization's treasury consisted of a general fund of \$54.21 and a special supper fund of \$62.56.

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

The Junior Christians, or the Walther League, is a group of confirmed teenagers who meet every Friday evening for planned activities.

In all our activities our main purpose is to promote Christian growth through the Word of God among the youth of our congregation. We also try to express love to others through works of charity. It has also been our purpose this past year to unite in closer fellowship with Christian youth of all churches of the Lutheran faith. It is our firm belief that we have been accomplishing these goals. We have had three new members added to the Walther League this past year who are now enjoying our fellowship. As a group we have participated in two projects of the Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission Society. We have united in fellowship with other Christian youth on several occasions the past year.

During the year 1961 the Walther League consisted of approximately 24 active members. Some of the activities for the year consisted of a boat trip to Bear Mountain, a picnic, a swim night, holiday parties, inviting churches to join us for an evening of fellowship, attending a square dance, attending several social dances given by our Lutheran churches in our area, playing a basketball game at True Light, and occasionally we have had recreation nights in the gym. In the past year we have actively participated in the Bronx-Manhattan Basketball League. Our team has a record of one win and one loss to this date. The past month we have had St. Matthew's Walther League come down on Saturday mornings and use the gym with us.

We have undertaken this year the International Walther League's new program emphasis INASMUCH. Simply, the INASMUCH program emphasis means being bothered about people, conditions, and events around us. INASMUCH helps us try to live for God. INASMUCH can help us to see that whenever, with the help of God, we try to be useful and helpful to other people, we are doing it for Him. As our INASMUCH project we participated in the "Christmas Cheer" project of the Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission. Also, the Walther League was privileged to help with the annual Wheatridge Seal Campaign, mailing the seals to the members of Saint Luke's.

Our financial outlook at the close of 1961 is very bright. The treasury contains \$41.28 in cash, and \$2.40 in stamps, plus we have \$11.37 in stock for the "7-Up machine" for a grand total of \$55.04.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Lopez
President