

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York, New York

THE ANNUAL REPORT

1962

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for

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for

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THE STAFF  
and  
OPERATING ORGANIZATION  
of  
1962

Albert L. Neibacher, Pastor  
Daniel G. Reuning, Assistant Pastor to September 1st  
John A. O'Connor, Assistant Pastor since July 1st  
Benedict B. Yaspelkis, Vicar to June 30th  
Martha Eber, Parish Worker  
Paul Gunzelmann, Organist and Choir Director  
Curtis Wingert, Superintendent of Sunday School  
Jean Baridon, Chief Usher  
Emma Hahn, Receptionist at Sunday Services  
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Thomas Smith, Assistant to Building Superintendent  
Elsie Koester, President, Ladies' Aid Society  
Emma Hahn, President, Dorcas Society  
Marilyn Goldberg, President, Young Adult Group  
Robert Tradelius, President, Junior Walther League  
Charles Gaylord, Boy Scout Leader  
Carol Spitzfaden, Girl Scout Leader  
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J. Louis Schaefer, Chairman, Finance Committee  
Fred Wolklin, Chairman, Benevolent Committee

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year that has just ended was another in which our nation and our church successfully met the problems that are always unexpected but demanding of solution. A serious domestic quarrel between the President and the steel manufacturers precipitated a sharp break in the financial markets. Later, a threat to our security was met with a show of strength that unified our people and restored confidence to the Christian world.

In the accompanying reports of our Pastor, Treasurer and affiliated groups the manner in which Saint Luke's met its problems is detailed at length. In summary, it was another year of accomplishment - spiritually and materially - and reflects the energy, devotion and loyalty of a dedicated congregation.

Among the accomplishments deserving of special mention are the strengthening of our Ministerial Staff by the addition of Pastor John O'Connor; the completion of payment of our Chapel-Auditorium and the preservation of our investments in the face of the sharp decline in the security markets.

Called to Saint Luke's after completing his studies for the Ministry and service to us as a Vicar. Pastor O'Connor will ably assist Pastor Neibacher in the work of The Kingdom in this Times Square area.

As predicted, we have met the full cost of the Chapel-Auditorium within the short space of two years just ended. All bills have been paid and your Church has no financial obligations.

As in recent years, the Treasurer's Report shows a satisfactory condition. While revenues leveled off, expenses were held within limits. The sharp drop in prices of all securities mentioned above, with their gradual recovery, left our finances undamaged. It is pleasing to report that in a summary of our investment portfolio we have been advised by competent authorities that "your exposure in the equity markets is very small" and that "yours is a strong and well-balanced portfolio which should not be distributed at present." The congregation should derive considerable satisfaction from the confidence placed in their Board of Trustees which has led to such a satisfactory result.

With this report, the undersigned concludes twenty one years as presiding officer of this congregation. My thanks are extended to all who have contributed so faithfully and generously of their time and their worldly goods to making Saint Luke's what it is today - the outstanding Lutheran Church in the Inner City of New York. My heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Pastor, my fellow-Trustees and Church Council members, as well as every member of this congregation who has made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
BERNHARD K. SCHAEFER  
President

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## THE PASTOR'S REPORT

I. N. I.

By the grace of God, this is the 27th Annual Report that I am privileged to make to you on the work Christ has assigned to us here at the cross-roads of the world. In many respects 1962 stands out as one of the more difficult and discouraging years of our long ministry at Saint Luke's, though it was not without its joys and blessings of God.

The Lord was indeed very good to us at Saint Luke's during 1962. He saw me through a long, incapacitating illness, for which I am eternally grateful to Him and also to you for the many expressions of love and encouragement you showed me during those trying days. Those were indeed difficult days for me, for Saint Luke's, because they accentuated the ever increasing and complex problems which face us in the inner city; they showed us that at no time can there be a letdown in our efforts. Marking time in the inner city is disastrous because it means losing ground and going backward.

Saint Luke's has one of the most strategic missions in Christ's Kingdom and it is a high privilege and a heavy responsibility for both pastor and people to be chosen by Him to be His representatives at the cross-roads of the world. Ours is a very challenging, though difficult, assignment and requires constant alertness, complete dedication and a never ending amount of courage, faith and vision to cope with the many problems facing us in a rapidly changing and deteriorating community. As the mouthpiece of Christ the Church must constantly speak to the problems and issues of the day and become genuinely involved in the total life of the community.

On the Church Council we have been keenly aware of our responsibilities and to the best of our abilities we have constantly endeavored to realistically face them. Realizing that ours is a very unique situation, which calls for courageous action, the Church Council took three specific steps in 1962 to meet the responsibilities Christ has placed at our doorstep.

In the first place, in order to give continuity to our work and to ever increase our effectiveness, the Council early in 1962 resolved to terminate the vicarage program, which at best was but a temporizing and stop-gap measure, and to call a full time assistant pastor, who would concentrate all his efforts in the areas of religious education, youth work and outreach. Each of these areas of activity is vital to the life of the church. Consequently in February a Solemn Call was extended to Mr. John O'Connor, who had spent a year of internship with us and who was completing his theological training at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri. Mr. O'Connor accepted our Call, took up his duties on July 1st and was installed as Assistant Pastor on September 16th. With the addition of a full time assistant to our staff we should be able to improve and expand our present program, coordinate our youth activities and greatly enlarge our outreach for Christ, the latter of which we hope to do with a well organized and vital program of evangelism. The transient nature of our congregation requires the kind of action the Church Council took in calling a full time Assistant Pastor.

In the second place, with the large influx of Spanish speaking people into our community, the Council felt a keen responsibility to these new neighbors, who are the most exploited immigrant group to ever reach our shores. However, serving these Spanish speaking people is not always easy because of the language barrier. In our Sunday School we have had for the past several

years a special Spanish speaking class from which children are constantly transferred to a regular class once they are able to communicate in English. But this does not solve the problem of reaching the Spanish speaking adult.

For months the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church had been surveying the area in regard to work among the Spanish and it concluded that no single congregation could effectively cope with the problem on its own. In the winter of 1962, therefore, the Atlantic District called a Spanish speaking missionary and in recognition of our efforts assigned the Rev. Fred Pankow to work one day a week in our community. On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Pankow started a Bible Class conducted in the Spanish language. Considering the limited amount of time he has been able to give this work, his efforts have been truly blessed. There has been an average weekly attendance of 20 people at the Bible Classes; and for a special Christmas program conducted during the holidays there were over 100 people in attendance. This represents the approximate number of Spanish speaking individuals who have been contacted to date.

So well has this work progressed that the Atlantic District has called a second man into the field and has assigned him to divide his time between Saint Luke's and Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of the Bronx. The purpose of this program is to reach out to our Spanish neighbors, indoctrinate them in the teachings of our Lutheran Church and as soon as is feasible integrate them into the English speaking congregation.

In our special mission to the Spanish speaking people of our community, we see history repeating itself at Saint Luke's because 40 or 50 years ago our fathers felt a similar sense of responsibility to a large group of Polish speaking people in the community. With the help of a Polish speaking missionary Saint Luke's conducted special services for these people. And this must ever be the mission of the Church, reaching out to all peoples and bringing to them the Gospel of redeeming love. The Gospel has been entrusted to us, not to hoard for ourselves, but to share with our fellowmen.

A third significant step, which the Church Council took to fulfill our mission in the Times Square area and to ever strengthen Saint Luke's and make her a forceful voice for Christ, was our Spiritual Life Crusade, which was conducted during the month of November. After many weeks of careful planning, the program of mending our spiritual fences and strengthening the spiritual life of our membership was undertaken. This was largely a soul conservation program in which the entire Council became involved. Though there were no phenomenal results, there was a noted improvement in church attendance on the part of a number of our people with a corresponding increase in church contributions. The sole purpose of this Spiritual Life Crusade, which the Council has determined must be an ongoing program, was to revitalize and strengthen the spiritual life of our members. Emphasis was placed on more regular church attendance, frequent reception of the Lord's Supper, a stepped-up daily devotional life, and more active participation in the life and work of the church on the part of our membership. Though this is absolutely basic and fundamental to the total Christian life, we at Saint Luke's can never cease to emphasize this fact because in a church like ours the prime responsibility for our ongoing program will continue for some time to come to rest on a small but loyal and dedicated nucleus membership.

The Lord of the Church has challenged us with a very unique mission. We are at one and the same time an area church and a community church, placed in what has become one of the most blighted areas in our entire city. In fact, so complex are the social, cultural and economic problems of our community that

our city fathers admit to having no solution for the immediate future and so they have adopted a "stand-pat" attitude.

The result is that our community is constantly deteriorating and today we have some of the worst housing in all of New York City. Juvenile delinquency has reached an all time high for our community with the result that it has been designated as a Youth Board area. There are few sections of the city which have a higher incident rate of drug addiction than ours. Racial tension has reached an acute stage and is in a continued state of danger. Prostitution and sex perversion are on the constant increase. Into this kind of situation the Lord has placed you and me to hold high the banner of the Cross and to confront our community with the message of Christ.

Ours is by no means simple or ordinary church work. It calls for imagination and vision, for faith and courage because in an area like ours, if we are to reach people for Christ, we must meet them where they are and serve the total man. Emphasis must, of course, always be on the spiritual, but at the same time we must so gear our work as to meet the social and physical needs of the individual. We have endeavored to do this in two ways.

In the first place, we have endeavored to organize a strong youth program, in which we reach out to involve boys and girls in a full program of religious, education and recreational activity. Our purpose is to make the church the very center of young peoples' lives and by word and example show them the Christian life. From a human point of view our results seem to be good because, though we are in a high juvenile delinquency area, there has been an absolute minimal involvement on the part of our youngsters.

Alongside of our youth program Miss Martha Eber, our Parish Worker, has carried on a program of social service work among the families of our community, a work which is duplicated by few agencies in our area. At Christmas time, for example 21 families, constituting 110 people, were helped with food baskets and clothing, the food being provided by the McGraw Hill Publishing Company. During the summer approximately 80 of our youngsters were sent away for vacations, the Hartley House processing our children for the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Through the year emergency help was given to both individuals and families and where long term or special assistance was required the proper referrals were made. However, it was the church, motivated by the love of Christ, which has stepped into peoples' lives at a time of need and helped see them through an emergency.

In the second place, Saint Luke's has joined hands with 35 other agencies in the community to come to grips with some of the problems listed above in the hope of rehabilitating the community and making this a better place to live. We have become involved in the total life of the community and brought to bear the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an area where it is sorely needed. As your representative I serve on the Board of Directors of the Clinton LaSalle Community Center, and the West Side Association of Community Centers, the latter of which works closely with the West Side Association of Commerce. In addition, I am active in the Clinton Planning Council, which is a coordinating agency, and serve on a Special Housing Committee representing 35 different agencies in our area. I am happy and proud to say that the voice of Saint Luke's is respected and its leadership sought.

Alongside of this community thrust for Christ there has been a full program of church activity, which has endeavored to serve the needs of our membership and to enrich their lives. Because a large portion of our membership

comes from a distance, our organizational life does not always involve as many of our people as we would like. It is difficult to involve some people in what ordinarily is considered a normal church life. The officers of our various organizations, as does the staff, works under many and discouraging handicaps; and I want to commend our leadership for the courageous and unselfish manner in which they carry on their work. With minimum amount of manpower they are doing an effective piece of work and I would, herewith, encourage a more general and active participation on the part of our membership. The organizational life of the church can be no better and no stronger than the individual members make it. As part of this annual report, each organization within the church has its own report, which will be made later in the meeting.

In closing, I want to recognize and thank those who have been associated with me in the work of Saint Luke's during the past year. The work of our indefatigable Miss Eber, who unselfishly gave of herself and never counted the cost, is beyond description. To Mr. Benedict Yaspelkis, our vicar until June 30th, goes a word of special commendation. Stepping into a difficult situation during my long illness, Mr. Yaspelkis gave a good account of himself and carried on nobly. The Rev. Daniel Keuning, our organist and choir director for two years, accepted a Call to become Pastor of Saint Paul's Church in New Hartford, Conn., and terminated his services in early September. Mr. Paul Gunzelmann assumed the duties of organist-choir director early in October. To each of these a word of thanks for the role they played in the overall work of Saint Luke's and for the assistance they gave me.

To Pastor O'Connor I want to extend a special welcome and to state that I am personally very happy that he has joined our staff on a permanent and full time basis. I believe I express the sentiment of the entire congregation when I say that we expect great things of Pastor O'Connor in the years to come and that we pledge him our affections, our prayers and our support in his ministry. My own personal prayer is that his will be the same joys and satisfactions which have been mine these many years.

This report could not possibly be complete without my special thanks to the officers and the various committee members of the Council who gave many hours of unselfish service in the planning and execution of our work. Without the constant and willing assistance of these men our work would have been impossible because it is only as we function as a team that we can accomplish our mission for Christ. To the leaders of our various organizations, I extend my sincere thanks because I know they have done a good job and served their Lord and Church in commendable manner. Finally, I want to publicly thank Mrs. Neibacher, who during 1962, especially during my long illness, carried much of the burden for me, sharing with me my joys and disappointments, and always encouraging and assisting me. For her untiring help I not only thank her but also my God for giving her to me. To all who shared in the joy of our 25th wedding anniversary and who made it so meaningful, go our sincere thanks.

During the past year the following official acts were performed:

Baptisms	6	Funerals	15
Confirmations (Children)	11	People Communed	2,600
(Adults)	17	Total Church Attendance	12,600
New Members received	33	Total Number of Services	80
Weddings	15	Average Sunday Attendance	197

May all this redound to the glory and honor of the Lord of the Church who has redeemed us that we might serve Him.

Yours in Christ,  
Albert L. Neibacher



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

You will probably recall that on June 26th of last year, we advised the congregation by letter of a decrease in attendance at divine services, as well as a decrease in income. We detailed the decrease in income of \$2,300 in envelope collections, \$400 in plate collections, \$200 in Christmas and Easter collections, and \$300 in investment income. We also pointed out that if the decrease in envelope collections continued, we would have a deficit, from this source alone, of \$5,700 at the end of 1962.

When your Church Council reconvened in September after our summer vacations, the Spiritual Life Crusade was organized, in which every member of the Council was given a detail, the principal object of the Crusade being to re-awaken our Spiritual Life, and make us aware of the fact that our attendance at church services was as important as living a Christian life. The Crusade was activated November 1st, and was brought to a close with Pastor's final Crusade sermon on November 25th. This Crusade should be perpetuated. Records show that to the end of October 1961 the attendance was 11,060, as against an attendance record to October 1962 of 9,959, a drop of 1,100. As of December 31st, 1961 the total for the year was 13,336, while the records for 1962 show a total of 12,600 - a pick-up of 365 in two short months. The contributions also increased, as reflected in the attached statement. From a prospective deficit of some \$6,000, we end the year with a deficit of only \$2,500. Envelope collections in 1962 came to within \$1,100 of 1961 collections, a remarkable improvement, for which the congregation should be complimented.

Our Chapel renovations, we are happy to report, were paid off except for about \$700. In last year's report we had a cost of \$23,725.10 with receipts to December 31st of \$17,255.80, or a shortage of \$6,469.30. As our buildings are now 40 years old, your Church Council agreed to set aside \$200 per month as a reserve for repairs and replacements. For the year 1962 this reserve was applied to the unpaid balance of the Chapel costs, which, together with collections of \$3,336.74 during the year amounted to \$5,736.74 leaving the shortage slightly over \$700.

Government statisticians tell us that the cost of living is going down. However, the Post Office Department recently found it necessary to increase first class mail rates from 4¢ to 5¢ - an insignificant amount, but equal to a 25% increase. The Federal Government is now in the process of reducing taxes in order to "stimulate spending." Even our State Government is going "to hold the line" on taxes, but is going to increase certain "fees" to get additional revenue. We at Saint Luke's are trying to "hold the line," but we do need more income to cover expenses. Due to increased costs generally, we estimate our expenses at Saint Luke's for 1963 will increase at least 10%. Our income for 1962 was approximately \$49,000.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO INCREASE OUR INCOME THE REQUIRED MINIMUM OF 10%?

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. BURGER  
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
YEAR 1962

INCOME

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Envelopes	\$24,636.25	\$25,653.41
Plate Collections	4,191.30	4,907.92
Pew Rent & Memorials	812.49	966.78
Christmas Collection	1,602.83	1,538.20
Easter Collection	2,389.55	2,413.44
Lenten Collection	271.95	221.75
Thanksgiving Collection	805.75	653.10
Birthday (112th Anniversary)	726.10	722.65
Special Donations	2,151.85	1,673.05
Special Income For Music	1,195.56	743.35
Flowers (Altar Committee)	775.00	555.00
Devotional Booklets	<u>165.00</u>	<u>175.65</u>
Sub-Total	\$39,623.63	\$40,224.30
Income From Securities	<u>9,642.75</u>	<u>9,952.57</u>
Total Income	<u>\$49,266.38</u>	<u>\$50,176.87</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$29,402.79	\$26,896.66
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical Payments	1,613.46	1,512.82
Printing & Stationery	1,812.96	1,501.35
Insurance	2,283.42	2,177.74
Heating	2,298.03	2,441.63
Gas & Electricity	853.87	788.31
Repairs & Replacements	5,479.48	1,580.21
Water Tax	94.00	94.00
Telephone	1,007.10	1,125.25
Postage	606.92	472.25
Advertising	1,778.24	1,591.01
Devotional Booklets	360.72	212.58
Flowers	790.40	761.80
Communion Wine & Wafers	61.05	47.12
Choir Music	117.37	134.80
Envelope Expenses	37.87	33.70
Organ & Piano Tuning	90.00	107.00
Youth Program	350.22	565.56
Special Expenses	347.47	422.66
Miscellaneous	<u>1,016.67</u>	<u>711.32</u>
Total Expenses	\$51,826.30	\$44,610.37
Total Income	<u>49,266.38</u>	<u>50,176.87</u>
Deficit	\$ 2,559.92	\$ 5,566.50 Surplus

Amounts received for Chapel	\$ 3,336.74	\$17,255.80
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COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1962

Missions	\$2,950.99
American Bible Society	30.03
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	35.00
Association for Works of Mercy	184.50
Boy Scouts	15.00
Concordia Collegiate Institute	50.00
Girl Scouts	15.00
Lutheran Bible Institute, Teaneck, N.J.	75.00
Lutheran Child Welfare Association	432.27
Lutheran Education Society	60.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	633.00
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	205.50
Lutheran Home	200.00
Lutheran Laymen's League	35.00
Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn	50.00
Lutheran Social Services	230.00
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission	220.50
New York Bible Society	30.02
True Light Lutheran Church	20.00
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana	100.00
Wartburg Home for Aged	307.50
Wartburg Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon	25.00
Wheatridge Sanitarium	56.00
Wheatridge Seals - Atlantic District	436.00
	<u>\$6,446.31</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 1962.

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 SCHLDBOHN  
1959 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER  
1960 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER  
1961 JOHN & ANNA MARIA THEURER  
1961 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER  
1962 MRS. MINNA THEURER  
1962 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1962

MRS. ALIDA CEDARSTROM  
GEORGE MALLINSON  
MARIE CORDES  
ALFRED GRIZZLE  
PAULINE LADIGES

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

<u>1962</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Jan. 1	Balance	\$	\$	\$2,484.22
Jan. 10	Redeemed U.S. "K" 2.76% Bond	500.00		2,984.22
Mar. 31	Income from Investments	53.13		3,042.35
Apr. 30	Care of Needy		40.00	3,002.35
May 31	Care of Needy		40.00	2,962.35
May 31	Contributions through Poor Boxes	9.71		2,972.06
June 30	Care of Needy		40.00	2,932.06
Aug. 31	Care of Needy		40.00	2,892.06
Sept. 30	Income from Investments	58.13		2,950.19
Oct. 31	Contributions through Poor Boxes	6.55		2,956.74
Dec. 31	Contributions through Poor Boxes	2.00		2,958.74
Dec. 31	Care of Needy		40.00	2,915.74
Dec. 31	Interest on Bank Balance	136.90		3,055.73

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Once again as we close our books for the year 1962, we find our enrollment is down 18 members from last year. In the past three years we have had a total loss in membership of 40 children. If it were not for the untiring efforts of Miss Eber and Pastor O'Connor, I know this figure would have been much greater. This creates the problem that these children are the future generations that Saint Luke's must be built upon and we must make our Sunday School an evergrowing institution instead of a decreasing one. With the help of the Lord let us go forth with renewed vigor this year to make this a reality.

I would like to thank the Sunday School Staff for giving of your time and devotion during the past year. Also to all of you who so generously helped to make our annual Candle Light Service one of the high points in our Worship of our Savior.

The following is a report of our attendance:

Registered December 31, 1961	- 143
Registered December 31, 1962	- 125
Average Sunday Attendance	- 96
Highest Sunday Attendance	- 117
Lowest Sunday Attendance	- 66
New Pupils	- 35
Reinstated Pupils	- 3
Dropped from the Record	- 56
Visitors in Adult Class	- 88
Adult Staff	- 20

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis D. Wingert, Jr.  
Superintendent

## THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The October 16, 1962 our organization celebrated their 90th Anniversary with a catered dinner; about 100 attended. We also honored Pastor and Mrs. Neibacher for their 25th Anniversary and presented them with a sterling silver tray.

We are starting 1963 with 26 members of which quite a few are inactive. Our attendance at meetings is usually 18 or 20. Last year two members were called to their Heavenly Home, Mrs. P. Ladiges and Miss A. Helck. Mrs. E. Esler moved out of town. We have two new members, Mrs. L. Schilling, and Miss L. Kautsch.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. and have a social hour before the business meeting, which is followed by a planned program. You are cordially invited to attend our meetings.

Dues collected during 1962 - \$136.50.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Mite Box Collection - \$58.75.

Invested \$2000 in Church Extension Fund, Atlantic District, for the benefit of the Luther Memorial Church, New Shrewsbury, N.J., Rev. D. Reinheimer.

Gifts donated in 1962 as follows:

Children's crafts for Summer Program	- \$ 44.94
Drapes dry cleaned (office, study & Sunday School)	- 8.97
Stainless steel flatware	- 209.00
Cross, vases & candlesticks for Chapel	- 253.75
Books for Seminary student	- 50.00
Flowers - St. Luke's altar, Easter & Palm Sunday	- 75.00
Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill.	- 50.00
Memorial to Mrs. P. Ladiges for the Church	- 10.00
Memorial to Miss A. Helck for the Church	- 10.00
The Lutheran Hour	- 25.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged & Infirm	- 25.00
Lutheran Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.	- 25.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home	- 25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	- 25.00
Lutheran Deaconess Association	- 25.00
	\$ 861.66

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Received an additional \$500 check from the estate of Mrs. Bertha Hartmann. This has been added to our Memorial Fund.

We were hostess to the Bethlehem Ladies' Auxiliary, January meeting - served coffee and cake.

Were privileged to participate in the reception honoring Pastor and Mrs. John O'Connor on the day of the Pastor's installation as Assistant Pastor of Saint Luke's.

Sent two delegates to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention held in Hartford, Conn.

Made visits to the aged at Wartburg Home, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Trust we will be permitted to serve our Savior and beloved Saint Luke's for many more years.

Respectfully submitted.

ELSIE S. KOESTER  
President



## THE DORCAS GUILD

It is a privilege to submit our annual report for the year 1962.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month with our business meeting starting at 7:45 P.M. and our fellowship gathering afterwards. Our very active member, Mrs. Harriet Adams was called Home in March thus leaving our membership at a total of 46.

We have had some enlightening and interesting speakers, foremost being our own Dr. Louis Lochner who spoke to us in May, at which meeting the Ladies' Aid Society of Saint Luke's were our guests. In December we had a "Shower" when members bring gifts for children, this year from the ages of 2 to 12 years. These toys and clothing are distributed by Miss Eber to the needy children of our Sunday School. Also, some of our ladies baked cookies which were distributed by the Chaplaincy Service to the various City hospitals at Christmas. Together with the Ladies' Aid, 60 boxes of cookies were packed.

Our projects were, and still are: Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital the third Sunday in the month; sewing children's clothes for the Lutheran World Relief; assistance to Miss Eber and Mr. McInnes in helping with mailing and receptionist at the door.

As of December 31, 1962 our balance in the treasury was \$105.23. We collected \$78.39 for the Red Cross.

We are active members in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and sent a delegate to the Atlantic District Convention in Hartford, Conn.

We remember our sick by not only visiting but with a gift or comforting reading material, depending on the circumstances.

Our gifts during the year:

Hymnal to Mr. B. Yaspelkis, Vicar.

Gifts to ill members.

Cover for Chapel organ.

Flowers on altar for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Happy remembrance to our beloved Pastor and Mrs. Neibacher on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Christmas gifts to Mrs. Boyle in the Wartburg Home; Miss Roepe at Welfare Island, and Mr. & Mrs. McInnes.

Our president, Mrs. Mabel Louie, resigned as of October 1, 1962 after a tenure of almost four years of dedicated service.

We extend a cordial invitation to all the ladies of the congregation to attend any and all of our meetings, with the hope that they will become active participating members and thus share our desire to continue "As workers together with Him."

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA K. HAHN  
President

DORCAS GUILD 1962  
TREASURER'S REPORT

RED CROSS COLLECTION.....\$78.39

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1961	\$133.09
Dues	212.50
L.W.M.L. Mite Box Collections	50.00
Proceeds - Dinner	45.00
Hostess Fees	7.50
Birthday Collections	22.45
White Elephant Sale	9.10
L.W.M.L. Books Sold	3.50
Christmas Decorations Sold	8.35
Bank Interest	4.69
Dorcas Guild Special Fund	40.00
Miscellaneous	1.50
	<u>\$537.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

L.W.M.L. Mite Box Collections & Quarterlies	58.00
Delegate Expenses to L.W.M.L. Convention	24.35
L.W.M.L. Books	4.00
Three Books for ill Members	5.40
Cover for Chapel Organ	21.30
Contribution to Mill Neck Manor School for Deaf	10.00
Contribution to Lutheran World Relief	10.00
Dorcas Project World Relief Sewing Unit	25.00
Altar Flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter	50.00
Funeral Flowers - Mrs. Adams	15.45
Socials	66.34
Stationery & Stamps	9.50
1000 Postal Cards Printed	37.28
4 Gifts	35.83
Dorcas Guild Special Fund	40.00
(Anniversary Gift to Pastor & Mrs. Neibacher)	
Dorcas Guild Special Fund	20.00
	<u>\$432.45</u>

Total Receipts	\$537.68
Total Disbursements	<u>432.45</u>
Balance - 12/31/62	\$105.23

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL MAHNKEN  
Treasurer

## THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

The Senior Young Peoples' Society is now entering its 27th year. Throughout the years we have continually served young adults from all over the country by offering them a well planned program of religious, educational and political topics, led by many outstanding speakers, and augmented by our excellent spirit of fellowship. These programs are followed by delicious dinners prepared by two of our members, at a nominal charge of 75¢.

During the summer, our arts and crafts programs were conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the benefit of the neighborhood children and were financed by the Ladies' Aid Society and contributions from members of the church. With the assistance of the Walther Leaguers, we prepared the Christmas decorations for the church and wrapped gifts for the patients on Welfare Island.

Our members participate as Sunday School teachers; Choir members; members of the Church Council; Ushers; Girl Scout and Boy Scout leaders; and serve on the Guest Book Committee.

The one highlight of our program took place on September 28th, when we helped celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Neibacher. Our traditional St. Nicholas Night Party on December 9th was again a notable success. We particularly enjoyed having members of the congregation join us.

As of December 31st, 1962, we had a total of 33 members. However, since several of the members got married throughout the year, and are not active in the group, our attendance has fluctuated.

During this past year we took in 8 people. We are happy to say that from the beginning of our supper program in September, we have had an average of 4 visitors each Sunday, many of whom are becoming members of the group. This is due largely to the excellent program offered to the group. Financially, we have fallen somewhat short of previous performance, mainly because of inactive members. Our general fund consists of \$66.72 and a special supper fund of \$23.25, making a total of \$89.97. In November our general fund was only \$9.18. However, one of our past members was gracious enough to send us a contribution of \$50.00 in appreciation for the fellowship he received at Saint Luke's while in the service.

I would like to thank Pastor Neibacher and Pastor O'Connor for their spiritual help in making this an enjoyable year.

We welcome all members of the congregation to participate in our Sunday evening program or on any of our other activities which interests them.

Respectfully submitted,

MARILYN J. GOLDBERG  
President

## WALTHER LEAGUE

The goals of the Walther League of Saint Luke's are of plain fellowship and also of a religious fellowship. During the past year I believe that the Walther League has strived, and attained, these goals. But since these goals are not tangible in the normal sense and there are no final standards of completion, we are always working towards both goals.

In our pursuance of fellowship, the League associates with other Lutheran church youth groups as ours. We have attended such social activities and gatherings in the Bronx and Manhattan, with Saint Pauls, Grace, Trinity and True Light Walther Leaguers. In September the Walther League Zone Rally was held here at Saint Luke's, which we feel was a good success. We have also held for the Leagues in the Zone a "Sadie Hawkins" social which furthered our acquaintance in fellowship with the other youth groups. In this activity, over 60 teen-agers attended with boys taking the girl's jobs. Before or after each social, as the above, devotions are held in the church in which everyone participates in keeping with the ideal of the Walther League, Christian growth in and through fellowship.

Among other activities in which our League engages in, some are geared to the service of the congregation and the Church at large. They are, sending out the Wheat Ridge seals to the members of Saint Luke's, and getting toilet articles and sending them to the aged at Christmas time. Also at this time of the year a number of Leaguers participate in the annual Candle Light Service and its preparation. At present, we are redecorating the "bowling alley" of the church by painting it and refurnishing its contents. We are just about finished with painting it, and we hope to make the room more "cheerful." The League wants to thank the congregation for the donation of the paint and materials and the necessary lighting fixtures. We hope that you will come down and see the results of our work.

In closing, I would like to mention something about the most important and necessary part of our League, the business meetings. We have a business meeting on the first Friday of the month in which we discuss any matters concerning the League as a whole, with some discussion on Christian growth in areas of our daily life. At the moment we are concerned with drawing up a new constitution because our old one is "unworkable and unavailable." Our treasury is in good condition with an amount of \$30.00 in account.

I believe that the Walther League has been, and is, an important part of Saint Luke's Church and that it will continue in the betterment of ourselves, our neighbors, and our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tradelius  
President