

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
308 West 46th Street
New York 36, New York

N E W S L E T T E R

June, 1962

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday, June 10th, is an important day in the life of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church. Eleven young people will publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ and be received into fellowship with us through the Rite of Confirmation. These young people invite you to share their Confirmation Service with them and at the same time to relive your own confirmation day. Undoubtedly, as we look back to the day when we stood before the altar of our church, we are filled with many happy memories and also with some sad admissions. We have not always lived up to our confirmation vows as we might have or as we should have. This Sunday, therefore, will give us an opportunity to take inventory of our own spiritual progress down through the years and at the same time enable us to renew our confirmation vows. The subject of Sunday's sermon will be: "You Belong To God."

JOHN O'CONNOR TO RETURN

We are very happy to announce that Mr. John O'Connor, who was our vicar last year and who just recently graduated from Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, will return this summer to become full time assistant pastor of Saint Luke's. Mr. O'Connor is neither a stranger to us nor is our work strange to him. We look forward to his return and to his sharing the full ministry of Saint Luke's. With Mr. O'Connors return we hope to reorganize and revitalize our entire outreach for Christ and to strengthen our entire organizational structure. We pray the Lord to bless Mr. O'Connor's ministry in our midst.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

What has been the record of your church attendance on Sunday mornings during 1962? To what extent are you responsible for the 7½% decrease in attendance? Do you think you have done justice to your worship obligation to God and the Third Commandment, which requires us to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy? What can you, what will you do to improve your witness to the world of the significance of Christ in your daily life? Christ can't mean very much to us if we don't think enough of Him to worship Him in church on Sunday mornings. Let each of us use Sunday, June 10th, as a day on which we rededicate ourselves to Christ and our church.

FINANCES

As there has been a decrease in church attendance, so there has also been a comparable decrease in our income through our Weekly Offering Envelopes. As you finish this, check your 1962 box of offering envelopes to see how many of the January through May envelopes remain unfilled. Unfilled envelopes have a way of accumulating, but then so do church expenses. Saint Luke's depends on the regular contribution of

of all of her members and not just on a few. Though you can never catch up on your church attendance, you can on your church envelopes. Let us do it now, before the vacation season begins and more unfilled envelopes accumulate.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beginning with Sunday, July 1st, and continuing through September 5th, two identical services will be conducted each Sunday morning, the first at 9:00 A.M. and the second at 11:00 A.M. These services will be conducted in our air conditioned chapel and will afford us an opportunity to attend an early service before we start off for the country or the beach. Tell your friends of our summer schedule of services and invite them to attend with you.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Again this summer the young adults of the church will conduct an Open House program each Tuesday and Thursday evening for the children of the community. This program has been a real contribution to the overall life of the community and to the determination of various agencies to combat juvenile delinquency through increased summer activities. We are very proud of our young adults and their untiring and unselfish efforts on behalf of others.

MR. B. YASPELKIS

June 24th will be the last Sunday on which Mr. Yaspelkis will participate in our Sunday services. The following week he will return to his home in Chicago, where he will spend the summer. In September he will return to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, to complete his studies for the holy ministry. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Yaspelkis for the contribution he made to the cause of Christ in our midst and at the same time we wish him well in his future life as one of Christ's ministers. God bless you, Ben!

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