

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York, New York

THE ANNUAL REPORT

1964

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for
1964

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of

1964

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have gathered together tonight in Christian fellowship to review and to report on our activities at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church for the year 1964. This occasion affords us an opportunity to appreciate our accomplishments, recognize our problems, and to make our plans for the future.

The record of events in 1964 will show that we were the recipients of some special honors. Our beloved Pastor Neibacher was but recently granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis. We were privileged to be selected by the Columbia Broadcasting System to present our Christmas Eve service to millions of viewers on a national television broadcast. We at Saint Luke's were the church away from home for hundreds of World's Fair visitors. These are but a few "highlights" of many events of the past year. Our blessings have been many...but we must at the same time appreciate the fact that much of our good fortune was a direct result of the on-going program of planning, self-sacrifice and devotion accomplished under the guidance of our Pastor. In retrospect, every successful program experienced at Saint Luke's can be traced back to some special effort by various groups or committees consisting of members of our congregation. There is no greater honor than to give of your time and talent to do His work.

As in recent years, we are once again confronted with financial problems. Our Treasurer's report will show a reduction in our deficit for 1964 in comparison to our 1963 figures. While this fact is indeed a step in the right direction, our immediate situation has not been resolved to complete satisfaction. Your Board of Trustees and the Church Council has made every effort to limit expenses. As a direct result of their work and your financial support, our position has improved. Our financial problem is a very real one...most churches of the inner city are facing similar difficulties. The officers of your church are fighting a constant battle of economics and a changing community. This problem belongs to every one of us. Needless to say, our personal living expenses have increased in the past few years. In most instances, our incomes have "floated up" with the economy. We therefore must realize that the cost of operating our church has increased and additional income is needed to meet our immediate obligations. We should all give this situation some serious thought and decide if we are giving a "fair share" to our church. It is pleasing to report that our investment portfolio has increased in value. In addition, we have received an increase in dividends from these securities for the year 1964 vs. 1963. This performance reflects the sound judgment of your Board of Trustees which has led to such a satisfactory result.

It was with genuine regret that the Church Council granted Pastor John O'Connor a peaceful dismissal so that he could accept a call from Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York. I know we will all miss "Pastor John" and thank him for his contribution to the work of the Kingdom while serving as our Assistant Pastor. May we take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Judith Bendewald and Mr. Robert Benson, who have joined our church staff as assistants to Pastor Neibacher.

The loyalty, devotion and service of our church groups has been outstanding in the year 1964. These people continue to render a service to their God and their church which is truly praiseworthy. In 1965 we hope to continue in this good work and we will put a special emphasis on our Evangelism and Spiritual Life Program. We as members of Saint Luke's should reorganize our efforts and review our role as individual Christians to our responsibilities to Christ, to ourselves and to our fellowman. You will be hearing more of this program in the next few weeks. We need the help of every member of our congregation to make this campaign a success. MAKE SAINT LUKE'S AND OUR LUTHERAN FAITH STRUNG BY PROVIDING THE ENERGY AND THE INSPIRATION NECESSARY TO CARRY ON HIS WORK.

My thanks are extended to Pastor Weibacher and his staff, my fellow Trustees and Church Council members and to the men and women of the congregation...You are the people who made 1964 a good year.

Faithfully yours,

JOSEPH C. MIRANDA
President

THE PASTOR'S REPORT

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Since the various reports contained in this Annual Report are exceptionally complete, I will touch only a few of the highlights of 1964 and use the occasion to restate the mission of Saint Luke's and some of our working policies, thereby hoping to give you a better understanding of what we are endeavoring to accomplish for Christ here at the cross-roads of the world and at the same time hoping to involve a greater number of individuals in the overall work of the church.

1964 continued to emphasize the unique position Saint Luke's occupies in the life of American Lutheranism. In the heart of this great metropolis church work cannot be done on a business-as-usual basis. Because Saint Luke's has no parish boundaries in the ordinary sense of the word, creativity and imagination, faith and courage must be combined with constant alertness to project the mission of the church and to ever expand the sphere of her influence. In order to accomplish this we must not only take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way to reach souls for Christ, but we must create new opportunities, show a willingness to experiment in untried and untested areas, and have the faith to know that whatever we undertake in Jesus Name will be blessed.

Basic and fundamental to our unique mission is the ongoing proclamation of God's Word and the administration of the sacraments. The focal point, where we frequently have our first contact with people and where the greatest number of individuals is reached at one time, is the Sunday morning worship hour. At all times, therefore, our worship services must create a desire in people to return and further expose themselves to the Christ Who has redeemed them. Consequently there must be constant emphasis on the devotional character of the service, which must flow smoothly, be warm and direct in spite of the formal, liturgical format, and relevant in its meaning to the individual. Not only are good music and good preaching absolute prerequisites, but the members themselves must help to create a warm and vital fellowship which will make the casual worshipper feel a part of the body of Christ and desirous of entering into a committed relationship with Him. To accomplish this pastor and people must be at their constant best and dedicated in their mission to win souls and influence them for the Savior.

But in the 1960's church work entails far more than just the Sunday morning worship hour, which may be the most dramatic phase of church work, but which in reality is only a small fraction of the total thrust we must make for Christ. In today's world, if the church is to be relevant and make an impact on society, church work is a seven day, twenty-four hour a day proposition, especially in the inner city, where all sorts and conditions of men with their complex and multiple needs must be met. If the church is to be a vital organism of Christ, she must be ready at all times to serve the total needs of the whole man. As a result the church must not only put to work her full resources, but she must also be alert to and familiar with community resources and willing to use them on a referral basis where and when necessary.

This places a heavy, round the clock responsibility on staff, which must be genuinely dedicated, never count the cost of personal sacrifice,

and be constantly engaged in recruiting an ever increasing number of volunteers, who will become involved in various phases of institutional activity and outreach. This is the only manner in which the church can function effectively and utilize the human resources inherent in her. Church work in 1964 can never be a one man or staff operation; it must be a joint undertaking of pastor, staff and members, where all place their talents on the altar of service and become active members of the body of Christ. Being a Christian is far more than a Sunday morning role in the life of the individual; it is a full time way of life.

These basic principles of the mission of Saint Luke's in our changing world have been well employed during 1964. Months before the World's Fair opened a special committee was hard at work, discussing our unique mission and endeavoring to devise ways and means to extend the outreach of the church. Worship of Christ and service to people were the guiding principles of the committee. Consequently 5,800 Lutheran pastors throughout America were contacted and their members were offered the services of our church while in New York. A housing referral service was established and scores assisted in finding reasonable and adequate housing. In order to extend a warm hand of fellowship to the Sunday morning worshiper a Coffee Hour was introduced. This was only reasonably successful because a minimum of our members were willing to make the sacrifice of becoming involved in it. Yet it is hoped that we shall again sponsor this Coffee Hour and develop its possibilities to the fullest. More than any other thrust our World's Fair program accounted for the 12% increase in our overall attendance during 1964 and the 16% increase in our Sunday morning attendance.

In addition Saint Luke's was a Host Church in the Protestant Pavilion at the Fair on August 27th. Approximately 40 volunteers participated in serving as hosts and hostesses in the Pavilion from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. and personally welcomed and greeted more than 10,000 visitors, giving each person a special brochure on Saint Luke's. In the evening a Musical Vespers, in which the summer workshop group of the New York Oratorio Society and our own choir participated, was conducted. We were told by Protestant Council officials that ours was without exception the best organized Host Church to take over in the Pavilion and that our evening program was one of the finest conducted.

Not only did Saint Luke's take advantage of the World's Fair to extend her outreach for Christ, but we also, I believe, used to the fullest the unique privilege and opportunity presented us when the Columbia Broadcasting System offered to telecast our Christmas Eve service. Little did I realize on November first, when CBS first approached us, how much planning and work would go into a single hour long service. However, again the Lord enabled us to organize to the fullest the resources inherent in our congregation. As a result of the combined efforts of staff and approximately 70 volunteers, who gave more than 700 manhours in arduous, pains taking preparation our service was telecast by over 100 stations and we were privileged to enter an estimated 20 million American and Canadian homes. Scores of letters and approximately 200 telephone calls were received from every quarter of the country. Prominent churchmen have told us that the simple beauty, the relevant message and the interracial character of the service combined to make some of the best public relations that the Lutheran Church has ever had. Not a Sunday has passed since the telecast that someone has not told us that he was present as a result of the Christmas Eve

service. The Lord was good to give us this unique opportunity and with His grace and to His glory, I believe, we took full advantage of it and thereby extended our outreach for Christ.

Not quite as dramatic but certainly very significant in bringing to bear the influence of Christ on the lives of people is the Open House Program for children of the community which during 1964 was instituted on an all year round basis. In a program of arts and crafts, group games, sewing, cooking and simple discussions in grooming, more than 50 youngsters are having demonstrated to them the love and concern of a group of dedicated young adults who are putting Christianity into action and showing youngsters that Christ is very relevant in today's world. The effectiveness of the Open House program lies in the fact that it is not a teaching but a demonstrating and living situation, which operates on the basic premise that, especially in the inner city, Christianity is frequently better "caught" than taught.

1964 will always stand out in my personal life because this was the year that a life's ambition was realized. Mrs. Neibacher and I, after years of dreaming and planning, were finally privileged to travel to the Holy Land and there walk over the same terrain, stand on some of the same spots and see the same sights, which Christ once saw and visited. Our journey to the Holy Land is one of those never forgettable spiritual experiences, which has given us a clearer insight of Scripture and a better understanding of many of the things recorded therein. I know, I personally am the better Christian for this trip and my sincere prayer is that I shall also be the better pastor and teacher. Combined with the learning and growing experience was also the first non-work vacation I have had in the 29 years of my ministry at Saint Luke's. The gifts of the congregation, both on the occasion of my 25th anniversary and prior to my departure last spring, made this trip possible. Again I want to sincerely thank one and all.

Adequate and competent staff continues to be a major problem in every inner city church because of the intense and multiple demands made on the individual. Saint Luke's did not escape this problem in 1964. On November 15th Pastor John O'Connor, who had been assistant pastor at Saint Luke's for 2-1/2 years, left to accept a Call in Buffalo, New York. For his contributions to the cause of Christ at Saint Luke's we thank him and in his present ministry we wish him well and pray God's blessing upon him. Though we were unable to reorganize staff until after the first of the year, I want to say that with the addition of Mrs. Judith Bendewald and Mr. Robert Benson we have one of the strongest, most effective and well balanced staffs we have had in many years. In this respect, and at this vantage point, 1965 augurs well.

Though it is utterly impossible to mention by name and thank personally all those who have had a vital share in making my ministry at Saint Luke's possible, I do want to thank our never tiring Miss Martha Eber, who has never learned to count the cost, our very capable Mr. Ben Akerley, who has restored quality and inspiration to our ministry of music, and my patient and understanding wife, who year after year continues to share a difficult ministry and who helps make of it a challenging and satisfying experience. To the officers of the congregation, to the leaders

in the various organizations, to the many volunteers who have made our institutional program possible, we say a sincere thank you and we pray God's blessings upon us.

During 1964 the following official acts were performed:

Baptisms (Infant)	18
(Adult)	6
Confirmations (Teenagers)	9
(Adults)	16
New Members Received	36
Weddings	12
Funerals	22
People Communed	2,544
Total Church Attendance	13,898
Average Sunday Attendance	223
Total Services Conducted	87

Thus we lay at the foot of the Cross an extremely full year of activity. As we pray God's mercy on our feeble attempts to serve Him, we again dedicate all that is within us to an ever more effective ministry at the cross-roads of the world. We solicit both the prayers and increased involvement of the entire membership and pray that the Lord of the Church will continue to use both pastor and people to His eternal glory and for the salvation of immortal souls.

Yours in Christ,

ALBERT L. NEIBACHER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Our report for the year 1964 shows a deficit of \$1,393.47 about \$2,000.00 less than last year. This deficit is due to extraordinary expenses that total over \$2,000.00, and which only occur once in a lifetime. Without these unusual outlays, we would have a small surplus.

However, we cannot look ahead feeling that we are going to have easy sailing. Each year brings new opportunities for service that we should be prepared to meet. Also, in 1964 we kept our repairs and replacements expenditures at a minimum. These expenses will surely be larger in the coming years.

Operating costs are continually increasing. Last fall, I had the good fortune to attend an Atlantic District meeting at Bronxville. It was pointed out at this meeting that unless a congregation's income increased at least 6% each year, that congregation was actually going backward, rather than forward. Our receipts only increased 4% over 1963. Half of this increase is due to larger plate collections, and this plate increase was mainly due to visitors from out of town.

So, we did not do as well in 1964 as it may first appear. Somehow, we must increase our envelope offerings if we are to maintain a vital program at Saint Luke's. In 1961 when we incurred heavy expenditures for the construction of our chapel, our envelope collections totalled \$25,653.41. This is \$1,300.00 more than our 1964 figure.

Let's review our giving to Saint Luke's. Let's talk it over with our Heavenly Father. It may be that we cannot all increase our giving, but some of us may be able to do so.

Sincerely,

WALTER GAUSMAN
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
YEAR 1964

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Envelopes	\$24,368.18	\$23,901.88
Plate Collections	5,541.00	4,561.95
Pew Rent & Memorials	984.39	1,034.39
Christmas Collection	1,493.45	1,702.25
Easter Collection	2,437.30	2,456.70
Lenten Collection (Noon-Day)	228.32	215.00
Thanksgiving Collection	863.50	697.85
Birthday (114th Anniversary)	943.50	845.00
Special Donations	2,057.00	1,857.25
Special Income for Music	1,408.82	1,441.70
Flowers	977.50	600.00
Devotional Booklets	141.10	177.60
Sub-Total	<u>\$41,444.06</u>	<u>\$39,491.57</u>
Income from Investments	11,119.74	11,023.26
Total Income	<u>\$52,563.80</u>	<u>\$50,514.83</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$30,296.92	\$29,928.60
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical Payments	2,008.72	2,000.42
Printing & Stationery	1,716.13	1,972.89
Insurance	2,561.83	2,656.13
Heating	2,634.99	2,287.09
Gas & Electricity	768.04	667.12
Repairs & Replacements	2,698.49	5,051.67
Water Taxes	94.00	94.00
Telephone	1,290.00	1,061.42
Postage	636.07	674.62
Advertising	1,801.92	1,443.76
Devotional Booklets	285.35	219.96
Flowers	767.60	787.20
Communion Wine & Wafers	35.48	38.64
Choir Music	242.60	430.34
Envelope Expense	119.80	92.64 credit
Organ & Piano Tuning	170.00	145.00
Youth Program	59.85	324.50
Spanish Speaking Program	300.00	300.00
Special Expenses & Contributions	200.00	192.50
World's Fair	1,066.95	---
Gifts	1,000.00	---
Grace National Bank Charges	960.29	1,329.01
Miscellaneous Expenses	981.84	861.44
Total Expenses	<u>\$53,957.27</u>	<u>\$53,873.67</u>
Total Income	<u>52,563.80</u>	<u>50,514.83</u>
DEFICIT	\$ 1,393.47	\$ 3,358.84
Memorial Wreaths	\$ 996.00	\$ 1,275.00

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1964

Missions	\$3,529.45
Alaskan Relief	201.77
American Bible Society	26.55
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	35.00
Association for Works of Mercy	99.50
Boy Scouts	290.00
Concordia Collegiate Institute	75.00
Girl Scouts	50.00
Lutheran Chaplaincy Services	125.50
Lutheran Child Welfare Association	296.34
Lutheran Education Society	10.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	390.00
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	163.50
Lutheran Hour	255.00
Lutheran Social Services	145.50
Lutheran University Association, Valparaiso, Ind.	100.00
Lutheran Welfare Association of Jersey City, N.J.	100.00
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
New York Bible Society	101.60
Red Cross	35.00
Wartburg Home for the Aged	288.50
Wartburg Lutheran Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon	50.00
Wheatridge Sanitarium	109.00
Wheatridge Seals - Atlantic District Welfare	474.00
	<u>\$7,001.21</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 1964.

1923 CATHERINE KARSCH
1927 J. LOUIS SHAEFER
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 MISS M. SCOMMODAU
1958 ANNA AHRENS MENGE
1958 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1959 MRS. MINNA THEURER
1959 MATILDA SCHLOBOHM
1959 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1960 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1961 JOHN & ANNA MARIE THEURER
1961 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1962 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1963 SOPHIE SCHAEFER
1963 MARGARET SCHROEDER
1963 BERNHARD & CATHERINE KARSCH
1963 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER
1964 J. LOUIS & SUSAN K. SCHAEFER

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1964

KATHRYN GERDAU
JOHN SCHAEFER
ELMA HEAD
QUENTIN BALTERA
CAROLINE GARTNER
ALFRED GRIZZLE
LOUISE BALLING
HELEN SAVIO
ELSA B. HEINS
DANIEL GOLDBERG
IRENE BUCK
ELSA HUSSER
MATHILDA SIEVERS
FRANK BURGER

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

<u>1964</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Jan. 1	Balance			\$4,718.10
Feb. 29	Contributions	\$ 9.15		4,727.25
Feb. 29	Care of Needy		\$ 40.00	4,687.25
Mar. 31	Income from Investments	58.12		4,745.37
Mar. 31	Care of Needy		40.00	4,705.37
Apr. 30	Collections through Poor Boxes	17.25		4,722.62
May 31	Care of Needy		40.00	4,682.62
Aug. 31	Care of Needy		40.00	4,642.62
Sep. 30	Income from Investments	58.13		4,700.75
Sep. 30	Interest on Bank Balance	151.97		4,852.72
Oct. 31	Care of Needy		80.00	4,772.72
Oct. 31	Loan to Church		1,500.00	3,272.72
Nov. 30	Collections through Poor Boxes	2.55		3,275.27
Nov. 30	Care of Needy		40.00	3,235.27
Dec. 31	Care of Needy		40.00	3,195.27
Dec. 31	Interest on Bank Balance	35.80		3,231.07

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We regretfully report that Sunday School attendance is down this year. The number of pupils that have been dropped from our rolls reflects the continuing migration of families to and from the neighborhood. It has been through the efforts of Miss Eber that we have encouraged 24 new children in the area to join our Sunday classes. Otherwise, the enrollment would have been even lower. Unlike the communicant membership of the church, our Sunday School consists of almost exclusively children from this neighborhood.

The teenagers have shown an especially strong and interesting group. Their average morning attendance has been consistently over 20 pupils. We are introducing a teacher-training program whereby prospective teachers can sit in on classes to gain experience. Although we of the Sunday School staff find much pleasure in the work we are doing, we need, and can always use, more teachers. Those of you who have worked with the children in this area know that there is much to be done.

Part of the Sunday School is the Adult Bible Class. They have always helped us financially, and we look forward to their continued spiritual aid. Studying the Bible becomes increasingly important in today's world. We should reexamine every book of the Bible in the light of new knowledge gained by man so that we can better cope with our problems today. We invite and encourage each and every member to come and study the Word with us.

Miss Genevieve Savio, our secretary, report the following attendance:

Registered as of December 31, 1963	136
New pupils	24
Reinstated	<u>3</u>
	163
Dropped from the record	<u>32</u>
On rolls as of December 31, 1964	131
Teaching staff	13
Substitutes	3

A financial statement by our treasurer, Mr. William Stocker, will be found on the next page.

I would like to thank the Sunday School staff for giving of their time and devotion during the past year. We also thank all of you who so generously helped to make this year's Candle Light Service one of the high points in our worship of our Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. SCHAUB
Superintendent

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period - January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1964

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand-January 1, 1964			\$.663.79	
Collections:				
Envelopes	\$ 438.85			
Plate	268.36			
Candle Light Service	166.75			
Gift from Mrs. Baltera	100.00			
Gift	50.00			
Sales and credits	<u>162.61</u>			
	1186.57	1	1186.57	
Total (on hand plus income)			1850.36	
Total expense			<u>1496.82</u>	
Sunday School Balance			\$ 353.54	\$ 353.54

MISSIONS

Balance on hand-January 1, 1964			1065.66	
Income (collection) 1964			<u>233.68</u>	
Total			1299.34	
Contribution - Institute for Deaf			<u>200.00</u>	
Missions balance			\$1099.34	<u>1099.34</u>
Bank Balance				\$1452.88

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM STOCKER
Treasurer

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

It is my privilege to once more submit an annual report on the activities of the Ladies' Aid Society for the year 1964.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. The Ladies bring a sandwich and the hostesses serve coffee and cake. This hour of Christian fellowship before the business meeting is enjoyed by all. We extend a cordial invitation to all the ladies of the congregation to attend our meetings and get to know us better. After the business meeting we have an interesting topic or a film.

Our gifts during the year were as follows:

Dish cart	\$ 84.00
Flowers for Palm Sunday & Easter	75.00
Towards purchase of Movie Projector	250.00
Concordia for Library & Ward Hall	50.00
Lutheran Deaconess Association	50.00
Shades for the Chapel	180.00
Children's Open House Program	50.00
Dry cleaning of Choir Gowns	38.75
Lutheran Welfare Charities	150.00

Some of the activities of the Ladies' Aid Society were as follows:

Sent a delegate to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Atlantic District Convention held in Atlantic City.

Hostess to Bethlehem Ladies' Aid at January meeting - served coffee and cake.

Served and cooked for the Congregational Dinner in February, with assistance from members of the Dorcas Guild.

Made visits to the Wartburg Home for the Aged.

Baked cookies which were distributed by the Lutheran Chaplaincy Service to various institutions.

Members contributed toward the purchase of 41 "Kiddie Kits" for the work of our Lutheran World Relief among refugee children.

Cooked and served supper for those participating in Christmas Eve program on the night of the rehearsal.

Assisted in serving coffee after services during the summer months.

Baby Shower for the work of Lutheran Child Welfare.

Visited our sick and remembered them with our gifts and prayers at Christmas.

I would like to thank Pastor Neibacher for his spiritual help and guidance, also Miss Martha Eber and all the members of the Society for their cooperation and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,
ELSIE S. KOSTER
President

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LADIES' AID SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

1964

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 151.17
Hostesses	11.00
Birthday	14.50
Donations	76.00
Christmas	6.00
Balance - Dinner	24.75
Interest on Investments	1013.42
Luth. Women's Missionary League - Mite Boxes	96.70
Memorial collected: Caroline M. Koepchen	25.00
	<u>\$1418.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Altar Flowers & Projector	\$ 325.00
Donations and Gifts	389.38
Christmas Gifts	339.33
Luth. Women's Missionary League	90.60
Cascade Laundry	38.75
Interest paid on bonds - \$60.00 & Expenses	63.00
Refreshments	2.20
Kitchen Carts for Kitchen	87.50
Paid to Superintendent	49.32
	<u>\$1385.08</u>

Deposited Memorial from Caroline Koepchen	25.00
Bank Interest left in Savings accounts	11.64
August 17th - Deposited in Savings account	493.78
	<u>\$1915.50</u>

Balance on hand - January 1, 1964	438.85
Collections in 1964	1418.54
Difference in cost of California Bonds	175.00
	<u>\$2032.39</u>

1964 Deductions	<u>1915.50</u>
BALANCE ON HAND in Manufacturers	
Hanover Trust Co. - January 1, 1965	\$ 116.89

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH DORFMULLER
Treasurer

DORCAS GUILD

Unfortunately, at the end of 1964 our membership totals only 36. We are concerned about this and we extend a cordial invitation to the ladies of our church and those also vitally interested in helping to extend this arm of the church, to join with us.

We meet the first Tuesday in the month at 7:45 P.M. for our devotional and business meeting, followed by the fellowship period when we have a speaker or film on cooperation and service to mankind. We have had a varied program this year, viz: Mrs. Neibacher showing slides on Egypt; Miss Annie Malone from Saint Luke's speaking on Servicing Children; Pastor Llerena and Pastor Puerto speaking on Spanish Missionary work in the city; Lutheran Women's Missionary League filmstrip on the 1963 New York Convention, etc.

Our activities for the past year were:

Collected \$54.30 for Red Cross

Re: L.W.M.L. Mite Box collections in the amount of \$68.50.

Sent a delegate to the convention at Atlantic City, N.J.

Hospital escort service at Roosevelt Hospital, the third Sunday in the month - volunteers are urgently needed for this participation.

Collect stamps and coupons for our own use and for Bethesda Home in Wisconsin.

Assist in the Candle Light Service, preparing surplises and gowns as well as fitting those participating in the service.

In conjunction with Ladies' Aid, prepared 41 "Kiddie Kits" for children in foreign countries - this through Lutheran World Relief.

Supplied homemade cookies for distribution by the Chaplaincy Service in hospitals and institutions at Christmastime.

Sponsored Coffee Hour after 11:00 A.M. service on Sundays from April through October 18th, assisted by Ladies' Aid, Walther League and Young Adults.

Helped Ladies' Aid at Congregational dinner.

Entertained Ladies' Aid at our now annual May dinner meeting.

Our gifts for the year:

Lutheran World Relief

Mill Neck Manor School for Deaf

Altar Flowers for Palm Sunday and Easter

Pastor John O'Connor

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

Our Guild has always considered it a privilege to help where help is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA K. HAHN

President

DORCAS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
1964

RED CROSS COLLECTION..... \$54.30

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - Decembember 31, 1963	\$ 59.88
Dues	196.50
L.W.M.L. Mite Box Collections	60.50
Proceeds - 2 Dinners	39.50
Birthday Collection	23.51
Hostess Fees	12.50
Memorial	5.00
Donation	6.00
Kiddie Kit Collection	39.25
Bank Interest	3.31
	<u>\$445.95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

L.W.M.L. Mite Box Collections & Quarterlies	\$ 68.50
Contribution to Lutheran World Relief	10.00
Contribution to Mill Neck Manor School for Deaf	10.00
Contribution to St. Luke's toward Projector Purchased	25.00
Gifts to Guest Speakers	25.00
U.S. Savings Bond to Pastor John O'Connor	18.75
Delegate to L.W.M.L. Convention	29.54
Altar Flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter	50.00
Meeting for World's Fair Mailing	4.30
Cards & Postage	7.05
Kiddie Kit Purchase	31.50
Socials	44.68
Christmas Gifts	16.23
	<u>\$340.55</u>

Total Receipts	\$445.95
Total Disbursements	<u>340.55</u>
Balance 12/31/64	\$105.40

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL MAHNKEN
Treasurer

THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

The Senior Young Peoples' Society is now entering its 29th year. The aim of this group is "to foster Christian love and fellowship; to further love for and to assist in increasing an active interest in the work of our Church; and to provide for wholesome recreation."

Our members participate as Choir members, Sunday School teachers, members of the Church Council, Ushers and Boy Scout Leaders.

One of the most vigorous programs consists of working with the neighborhood children in a program of arts and crafts. Because the program was so successful during the summer months, at which time it was held every Tuesday and Thursday night, it was decided that it should be continued during the rest of the year. It is now held every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 o'clock with an average of 30-35 children per night. This program is financed by the Ladies' Aid Society and contributions from members of the church.

During the past year we took in five new members. This is not as many as we would like and a membership committee has been formed which is trying its utmost to reach new people. If you, the congregation, know of any young people who would be interested in joining our group, please, speak to one of the young people here so that this person may be contacted. We are suffering the loss of some of our faithful members through the inevitable - marriage! Our programs cover many areas, among them religion, educational and cultural topics. These programs are preceded by a dinner prepared by two of our members at a nominal charge of \$1.00 We welcome all members of the congregation to participate in our Sunday evening programs or in any of our other activities which interest them.

On December 13th, we held the annual St. Nicholas Night Party which was attended by over 140 people. In order for the program to remain as successful as it has been, new ideas are needed. Any suggestions are welcome. Approximately \$60 was added to our very depleted treasury due to congregational support of this festive evening.

For the second consecutive year the young people held their New Year's Eve Party in one of the conference rooms of the Riviera Congress Motel. It was a most successful evening and a great time was had by all. After all expenses were deducted, we found we had a profit of slightly more than \$60. Due to the above two mentioned events our treasury has been raised to \$151.23.

I would like to thank Pastor Neibacher and Pastor O'Connor for their spiritual help and guidance this past year.

A warm welcome is extended to Mrs. Judith Bendewald who joined the staff at St. Luke's. Our prayers are with her as she undertakes her duties in the youth program of the church. We pray that her affiliation with St. Luke's will bring her much happiness.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHERINE GRAMSTEDT
President

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WALTHER LEAGUE

The goals of the Walther League of Saint Luke's are those of fellowship - just being together with other Christian teenagers, both for religious involvement, but also to share our faith in all areas of the life God has given us. During the past year I believe that the Walther League has strived and attained these goals to some extent. But since these goals are not tangible in the normal sense and there are no final standards of completion, we are always working and learning.

In our pursuance of fellowship, the League associates with other Lutheran church youth groups, and in the future we plan to have activities and discussions with Christian groups of other denominations. We have gone to dances and parties at other churches and we have had them down to participate in activities held here at Saint Luke's. Before or after each social, devotions are often 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, some are geared to the service of the congregation, such as ushering and serving at the coffee hour during the summer; and some to the church and world at large, such as working with the ladies of the congregation in assisting patients at the hospital to get to Sunday morning worship service. We also send out the Wheat Ridge seals to the members of Saint Luke's. This year we tried to learn a bit more about the way this money is used around the world for the Gospel. At Christmas time a number of the Leaguers took part in the annual Candlelight Service, and many of us helped that night and on Christmas Eve with costuming and make-up.

Near the end of the year the League suffered a great loss in Pastor O'Connor leaving. He was a great help to us. He was very interested in the League and in seeing it succeed. The "Big O," as he was known to us, was always willing to help out and give advice when asked. We were sorry to see him go, but we hope he will be happy in his new home. After he left we had a hard time getting started again, but under the direction of Mrs. Bendewald, we are looking forward to a very good year.

Our group meets every Friday evening, whether it's a trip or outing, a discussion, a business meeting, or just an open house here at the parish house and a place to let off steam. We welcome any teenagers in the congregation, and we also are always willing for help, suggestions and interest from adult members of our church.

In closing I would like to say something about our financial condition. Last year at this time we had \$30 in our treasury; this year we have only \$13.16. That's not very much, so I would like to ask all the members of the League who owe us money for back dues to please pay up, because we need the money. As you know, the League is a non-profit organization, but we didn't plan it that way.

I believe that the Walther League has been, and is, an important part of Saint Luke's congregation and that it will continue in the betterment of ourselves, our neighbors, and our church, if we continue to focus on Jesus Christ and His activity in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVE EVANS
President

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ALBERT L. NEIBACHER, PASTOR

MARTHA EBER, PARISH WORKER

March 11, 1965

Dear Fellow Member:

We regret that you were unable to attend the Annual Congregational Dinner held on February 25, 1965. However, we felt sure that you would appreciate receiving a copy of the 1964 Annual Report.

The attached report is a very thorough one. It gives you a summary of church activities and finances for the year 1964. Needless to say, it is quite impossible to attempt to describe in this report the time element and effort extended by Pastor Neibacher, his staff, the Board of Trustees, the Church Council and the congregation. These are the people who contributed to the success we enjoyed in the year 1964.

May I take this opportunity to call your attention to our Treasurer's Report found in the attached booklet. Mr. Gausman's report is encouraging in regard to the fact that we have reduced our operational deficit by \$2000. We are still faced with a current loss of approximately \$1400. This deficit is a real problem and one that we should act on immediately. Your Board of Trustees and the Church Council have accomplished a noteworthy job in respect to keeping expenses under control and at the same time they have increased both the value and the income from our investment portfolio. The cost of operating our church (which is similar to our household budgets) is contemporary with our rising economy. We face the problem of rising and increased costs every day in our business and social activities. Our church is confronted with the same problem. We, therefore, should review our personal schedule of contributions, keeping in mind that the money we give our church is vital to its effective continuance and success. A balanced operational financial report for 1965 is an absolute necessity and so close to actual accomplishment. A 6% increase in contributions will resolve our problem, and I feel certain that our congregation will respond to this immediate obligation.

Our record of attendance at Sunday services last year was commendable, but there is still room for improvement. Currently our church is conducting a mid-week (Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.) service during Lent. We should make every effort to attend these special services and all Sunday services. There is no "absentee-ownership" in regard to our Christian faith. Regular and conscientious attendance at all our church services and activities will strengthen our faith and give impetus to the Lord's work here at Saint Luke's.

Trusting that the time you spend studying this Annual Report will make our work at Saint Luke's more meaningful to you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Joseph C. Miranda

Joseph C. Miranda, President
Saint Luke's Lutheran Church