

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
308 West 46th Street
New York, New York 10036

THE ANNUAL REPORT
1966

The Opening Hymn

- 1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3. The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish
Is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her,
False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.
- 4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Scripture Reading and prayer.....Pastor David Habermas

The President's Report.....Mr. Joseph Miranda

The Pastor's Report.....Dr. Albert Neibacher

The Treasurer's Report.....Mr. Walter Gausman

The Sunday School Report.....Mr. Thomas Schaub

The Ladies' Aid Society Report.....Mrs. Elsie Koester

The Dorcas Guild Report.....Mrs. Emma Hahn

The Senior Young People's Society Report.....Mr. William Krueger

The Youth Work Report.....Mrs. Judi Bendewald

Closing Remarks and Benediction.....Pastor Neibacher

The Closing Hymn

- 1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.
- 2. Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS

for

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THE STAFF

and

OPERATING ORGANIZATION

of

1966

Albert L. Neibacher, D.D., Pastor
Robert Benson, Pastoral Assistant
Martha Eber, Deaconess
Judith Bendewald, Youth Director
Ben Akerley, Organist and Choir Director
Thomas Schaub, Superintendent of Sunday School
Herman Reichert, Chief Usher
Emma Hahn, Receptionist at Sunday Services
Frederick Fitzmaurice, Building Superintendent
Thomas Smith, Assistant to Building Superintendent
Elsie Koester, President, Ladies' Aid Society
Emma Hahn, President, Dorcas Guild.
William Krueger, President, Young Adult Group
Gunter Brocki, Boy Scout Scoutmaster
Hugo Forzani, Cub Scout Master
Anton Koester, Chairman, Advertising Committee
Donald Krenz, Chairman, Auditing Committee
John Theurer, Chairman, Benevolence Committee
Bernhard Schaefer, Chairman, Finance Committee
Gustav Bethauser, Chairman, House Committee
Dr. Louis Lochner, Chairman, Music Committee
Fred Adams, Chairman, Spiritual Life Committee
Thomas Schaub, Chairman, Youth Committee
Marie McKee, Chairman, Altar Flower Committee

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our congregation is meeting this evening to review the events of 1966. The reports that will follow are complete and accurate. It is, however, impossible to relate all activities in respect to the devotion, work and sacrifice that so many of our people have contributed in an effort to make 1966 a year of accomplishment in the work of the Kingdom at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church.

We face many challenging problems in our church work and in our community. Through the untiring work of our church staff and many dedicated members we have realized many successes in the year 1966. The mission that our church is trying to accomplish is a very difficult and at times discouraging one. We must persevere in our work exercising patience, understanding and true faith in order to attain our goal. We have in past years and will continue in the future to make every harmonious effort to serve all of our people and to contribute to the well-being and betterment of the community. The active support and participation of all of the members of Saint Luke's will make our mission a success.

It was necessary this past year to spend a considerable amount of money on "repairs and replacements." The House Committee has completed a thorough and commendable job. This work was very much needed and should last for many years. Our expenses continue to rise--however, we have experienced an increase in our income. Unfortunately, this increase was not large enough to absorb our increased expenses. Mr. Gausman will give you a detailed breakdown in his report. We must keep pace with the rising "cost of living" and increase our contributions accordingly. The members of our church have always responded to requests for financial support and I feel confident that they will continue to accept this responsibility in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Neibacher and his staff, my fellow Trustees and Church Council members and to the men and women of the congregation for providing the inspiration and the energy that made so many accomplishments possible in the year 1966.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH C. MIRANDA
President

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THE PASTOR'S REPORT

1966 was one of the most difficult and discouraging years of our long ministry at Saint Luke's. It was filled with many problems and disappointments, which dissipated much time and energy, which could otherwise have been used constructively in the building of Christ's Kingdom. Though perhaps more concern, prayer and effort went into 1966 than other years, the results, from a human point of view, were not compensatory. Yet discouraged though we were at times, we felt the hand of God both in our personal life and in the life of Saint Luke's. 1966 may not have been a year of exciting tangible results, but it was a year of lessons on which we can build for the future. With but a brief backward look, I would rather address myself to the future and to the things which I feel the Lord endeavored to teach us in 1966.

Each of the accompanying organizational reports speaks for itself; and, if there is one underlying note, it is a call for greater dedication and involvement on the part of all organizational members and a more determined meeting of individual responsibility to the group. In almost each instance a few have had to carry the load with the result that at times the few became discouraged. Organizational life in the church is not, as some think, a necessary evil, but it serves a real function in completing the body of Christ and in developing and strengthening the fellowship of believers.

In touching on a few of the highlights of 1966, which will perhaps not be referred to elsewhere, let me just briefly list the following. For the first time in more than 50 years a son of the congregation, Albert L. Neibacher, Jr. was ordained into the Holy Ministry..... During July and August a summer day camp for about 140 youngsters was sponsored by the church and financed with Anti-Poverty Funds amounting to approximately \$9,500. and making possible a staff of about 15 people who worked under the leadership of Mrs. Judith Bendewald and Mr. Robert Benson. Because of the many problems connected with adequately staffing such a short term program and the time consuming bureaucratic red tape connected with launching and maintaining the program, it is not planned at this time to undertake a similar activity for the summer of 1967. Instead we shall endeavor to maintain and strengthen the already existing Open House Program, which is made possible by a loyal corps of dedicated volunteers.....Another highlight of 1966 was the commissioning of Pastor Eduardo Llerena as the Spanish missionary, assigned to Saint Luke's by the Atlantic District, to work among the Spanish community in our area. Under Pastor Llerena's able and patient leadership the Spanish work is slowly growing and 1967 augurs well for its continued growth.

But let us move on to some of the lessons, I believe, the Lord of the Church would teach us from the experiences of 1966. In the first place, 1966 again showed us, there are no easy or quick answers to the mission of a church like Saint Luke's, which is unique and stands by itself. Saint Luke's is at one and the same time an area church and a

community church, each of which has its own needs and problems and each of which must be simultaneously remembered and served. If Saint Luke's were only an area church or if Saint Luke's were only a community church, the problems would be far less complex and their solution far easier. Maintaining a proper balance in emphasis and responsibly meeting the needs and opportunities and challenges of both area and community complicates our mission and makes difficult our ministry. More than anything else patience and hard work are required because results, if they come at all, are discouragingly slow. There must always be the venturesome spirit of experimentation in new approaches and the willingness to admit failure when one plan or the other does not work. Underlying all there must be genuine humility because in our kind of mission there are no experts; there are only novices, who are willing to submit themselves to Christ and from Him receive guidance, direction and grace.

Another lesson the Lord would have us learn from 1966 is the need for responsibility in commitment to both Christ and His Church. I refer, first of all, to responsibility in church attendance. We owe it to ourselves and to one another to regularly and together worship Christ because from Him alone do we receive direction and strength both for our daily lives and for our mission as a church. It is primarily through our worship services that the fellowship of believers is strengthened, equipped and challenged for action. Though statisticians tell us that since 1958 there has been a steady decrease in church attendance on the part of Americans, we at Saint Luke's felt this drop most in 1966 when we experienced a decrease of approximately 15%. In solving this particular problem each of us must take an honest and hard look at ourselves and our public worship record.

Another area in which there is need for greater responsibility and commitment is in the area of personal giving. The deficit of 1966 was actually an unnecessary deficit. Had each of our members given regularly and to the best of his ability deficit spending would have been unnecessary. However, tragically an increasing number of people give to the work of Christ only on those Sundays, which are often rare, when they attend a service. There is no regular use of the weekly offering envelopes, which is an indication of irresponsibility because expenses continue whether we are present or not; and those expenses are our full time responsibility. Through the decrease in church attendance and through the financial deficit of 1966 the Lord speaks to us and calls for a more responsible commitment to Him and the work of His Church.

Still another lesson which Christ would have us learn from our experiences of 1966 is the need for increased, individual loyalty to Christ and His Church. Ours is a confused and divisive world in which increased rebellion against established institutions is destroying the very fabric of our society. Actual anarchy in one form or another seems to be the order of the day and the democratic process of governing by majority opinion does not mean much to many. Instead of uniting people in the social economic and cultural structure of our times, one group is being pitted against the other and the resulting tensions are constantly increasing. Tragically this tendency, so common in the world, is making some inroads into the church and destroying the unity of the spirit in Christ, which is such an integral part of Christian theology and which is so essential if the church is to function as the body of Christ. Quite obviously where people come from different backgrounds and experiences, there will be differences of opinion, which differences disappear as we individually and corporately dedicate ourselves to the Christ of the

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Church: In church work personalities must be submerged and Christ and His Church elevated and made the focal point of interest and action. This is essential because I, for example, am on the scene of Saint Luke's history only for a short time; Saint Luke's will be here long after I am gone and Christ will be here even longer than that. My loyalty, therefore can never be to self, but to Christ first, then to Saint Luke's: and to Him and His Church I dedicate myself anew with the prayer that He will continue to use me and to bless my every effort.

A further lesson 1966 teaches us is the need for a strong program of evangelism, which again must be two pronged in its outreach and which should function both on the area and community levels. Ours must become a better witnessing church ever reaching out to all men and bringing them into the body of Christ. However, to become a witnessing church we must be witnessing Christians.

Another lesson I have again learned from 1966 is how marvelously well the Lord of the Church supplies us with qualified men to serve on the Church Council. In the work of a church like Saint Luke's the Church Council is a very important member of the body of Christ. Great responsibility is placed on the Council because it is constantly called upon to make important decisions and at times solve seemingly impossible situations. I personally am very grateful to the Lord for my association with the Council and for the faith these men have shown me as I have endeavored to set high standards and hard goals and to strike out on uncharted and untried paths.

Under God and with lessons learned from the past we are ready for the New Year as again pastor and people rededicate themselves anew to the tasks which lie ahead.

In closing let me thank all who have had any share at all in the work of our Lord here at Saint Luke's - the staff associated with me, the officers of the congregation, the leaders of our various organizations, the many volunteers who have functioned in the Sunday School, the Choir, the Open House and youth programs. To one and all go my sincere thanks. May God in His love bless each of you.

	During the past year the following official acts were		
performed:	Baptisms	Infants	13
		Adults	2
	Confirmations	Teenagers	3
		Adults	5
	New Members Received		24
	Weddings		13
	Funerals		15
	People Communed		2,250
	Total Church Attendance		10,605
	Total Number of Services		80
Average Sunday Attendance		163	

May all that has been done at Saint Luke's during 1966 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

I want to thank you for your financial support in 1966. Although many of us made increases in our giving, we still were \$2,900.00 short of meeting our expenses for the year.

Our expenditures of \$58,000.00 is close to the figure I had anticipated in last year's report. Although a few of our 1966 expenses were of a temporary or short term nature, not very much can be done to reduce this figure. Rather, we can expect a year to year increase in some of our costs.

In view of the above, we must continue to seek and pray for a way to increase our income. So I again invite any one able to, to increase their contributions. Also, those of you who are not regular in your giving, I would strongly urge to become regular contributors. Our expenses go on whether or not we attend church.

Again, I want to thank you for your past interest and support, and ask that you continue to help make our ministry at St. Luke's possible through your financial assistance.

At this time I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Walter Schussler, William Stocker and Herman Reichert, who are associated with me in my work as treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER GAUSMAN
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

YEAR 1966

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Envelopes	\$25,624.81	\$23,074.69
Plate Collections	4,707.82	5,365.14
Pew Rent and Memorials	40.00	40.00
Christmas Collection *	1,398.80	2,743.20
Easter Collection	2,458.40	2,653.15
Lenten Collection (Noon-Day)	179.68	189.75
Thanksgiving Collection	796.45	853.80
Birthday Collection (116 Anniv.)	1,197.75	994.10
Special Donations	2,345.70	2,301.48
Flowers	875.00	785.00
Devotional Booklets	141.10	142.95
Initial Offering	179.45	116.45
	<u>\$39,944.96</u>	<u>\$39,259.71</u>
Income from Investments	15,164.16	14,031.74
	<u>\$55,109.12</u>	<u>\$53,291.45</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$55,109.12
		\$53,291.45
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries	\$31,502.97	\$30,111.92
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,750.00
Retirement & Medical Payments	1,466.57	1,511.22
Printing and Stationery	1,752.35	1,959.62
Insurance	3,070.32	2,684.70
Heating	2,358.18	2,312.66
Gas and Electric	937.21	910.84
Repairs and Replacements	5,199.27	2,921.66
Water Taxes	129.25	94.00
Telephone	1,433.89	1,229.00
Postage	620.50	671.35
Advertising	1,317.15	1,634.82
Devotional Booklets	217.80	212.30
Flowers	854.00	780.20
Choir Music	363.08	275.24
Envelope Expense	82.64	105.90
Youth Program	209.09	570.65
Spanish Ministry	300.00	300.00
Special Expenses and Contributions	900.79	60.00
World's Fair	400.00	783.56
Bank Custodial Charges	625.31	201.93
Sunday School	119.25	110.00
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,482.96	345.82
Miscellaneous	1,174.12	997.21
	<u>\$58,016.70</u>	<u>\$52,534.60</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,534.60
	TOTAL INCOME	55,109.12
	<u>55,109.12</u>	<u>53,291.45</u>
	DEFICIT	\$ 756.85(Surplus)
	\$ 2,907.58	

*Because Christmas fell on a Sunday, about \$750.00 was received in 1967 which ordinarily would have been received in 1966. Net decrease of \$600.00

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1966

Missions	\$3,750.38
Missions (Legacy)	1,815.55
American Bible Society	22.35
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau	35.00
Association for Works of Mercy	155.55
Boy Scouts of America	50.00
Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville	100.00
Girl Scouts of America	25.00
Lutheran Child Welfare Association	274.13
Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute	100.00
Lutheran Education Society	10.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	502.55
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	204.55
Lutheran Hour	250.00
Lutheran Social Services	210.50
Lutheran University Association, Valparaiso	100.00
Lutheran Welfare Association of Jersey City	249.50
Lutheran Welfare Council	50.00
New York Bible Society	22.35
Wartburg Home for the Aged	331.55
Wartburg Lutheran Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon	100.00
Wheatridge Foundation	150.50
	<u>\$8,509.46</u>

MEMORIAL WREATHS

<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
\$650.00	\$592.50

SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS AND MEMORIALS

One of the great privileges which has been bestowed upon St. 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 St. Luke's Lutheran Church during the years 1923 through 1966.

1923 Catherine Karsch
1927 J. Louis Schaefer
1932 Bernhard Karsch
1942 Adele Henning
1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller
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 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
1965 Elsa Husser
1965 Elise Eiermann
1965 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1966 Elsa Husser
1966 Charles Unger
1966 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1966

Marie Karstendiek
Bror Lindell
Frederick Muller
Amelia Neibacher
Charles Schirm
Valerie Seitz

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School attendance during 1966 was very erratic. The statistics do not accurately reflect the attendance of each pupil. It becomes increasingly difficult and challenging to retain the interest so that each child will attend regularly.

Some children who have attended regularly stop coming for no apparent reason. Statistically they are eventually dropped from the active rolls, but they are still in the neighborhood. Regaining their confidence and fulfilling their needs is the responsibility of our entire congregation.

The caliber of our staff is exceptionally high and the enthusiasm shown by each teacher is to be commended. However, we do need additional teachers and substitutes so that the team program that we have initiated may be better utilized.

Miss Genevieve Savio, our secretary, reports the following attendance records:

Registered as of December 31, 1965	124
New Pupils in 1966	35
Reinstated in 1966	<u>5</u>
	164
Dropped from rolls during 1966	<u>59</u>
Registered as of December 31, 1966	105

Our Treasurer's report follows on the next page.

I again want to thank the Sunday School staff for giving of their time and devotion during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. SCHAUB
Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period - January 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966.

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand - January 1, 1966		\$304.26	
Collections:			
Initial Offering	\$ 6.35		
Envelopes	269.45		
Plate	218.20		
Mite Boxes	46.35		
1965 Candle Light Service	171.55		
Church Refund 1965 Christmas Decorations	119.25		
Picnic Adult Participation	45.00		
Gifts	<u>66.50</u>	<u>942.65</u>	\$1,246.91

EXPENSES

Carroll Good, Inc.	\$257.73		
David C. Cook Publishing Co.	71.50		
1965 Christmas Decorations	119.25		
Petty Cash	90.00		
Mailing & wrapping expense	25.50		
Mite Boxes	14.12		
Easter Plants	55.00		
Picnic Expense	201.80		
Amer. Lutheran Publicity Bureau	6.14		
Weekly Offering Envelopes	36.93		
Church Supply Stores	45.89		
Rental of Gowns	15.00		
Funeral flowers	10.00		
Teenage Christmas gifts	<u>10.80</u>		<u>959.66</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1966			\$ 287.25

MISSIONS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1966	\$642.84		
1966 collections	<u>119.10</u>		
	761.94		
Expenditure: Institute for Deaf	<u>200.00</u>	<u>561.94</u>	
			\$ 849.19

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. STOCKER
Treasurer

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LADIES' AID SOCIETY

During the year 1966 we added three new members: Mrs. O. Frahm, Mrs. Herbert Meyer and Mrs. B. Savilatz, making a total membership of 27. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 noon. There are usually 18 present at a meeting. We bring a sandwich and the hostesses serve coffee and cake. This hour of Christian Fellowship before the meeting is thoroughly enjoyed by all. We try to plan a worthwhile program.

In 1966 we entertained the Ladies' Auxiliary of Bethlehem, had the film on L.W.M.L. International Convention held at San Diego, Calif.; slides on Holy Land by Mrs. A. L. Neibacher; speaker from the Prince of Peace Corps, Mr. Jeff Reiprecht; Deaconess Mary Taylor who spoke on the subject of "Chaplaincy Service"; piano solos by Mrs. Herbert Meyer at December meeting; travelogues and spiritual films; with the help of members of Dorcas Guild served at Congregational Dinner and sponsored the refreshments for Albert Neibacher's ordination.

Made visits to four members who are in Nursing Homes, also made other sick visits and remembered the shut-ins with gifts at Christmas. Supplied and packed home-made cookies for distribution by the Lutheran Chaplaincy Services in hospitals and institutions at Christmas time; baby shower for Lutheran Child Welfare; brought toys for the needy children of Saint Luke's, which Miss Eber distributed at Christmas; paid for new choir gowns, also contributed towards the cost of flowers at Easter; made annual donations to Lutheran Welfare Agencies.

Our treasurer's report itemizes the gifts made so won't go into detail; if there are any questions don't hesitate to ask.

We extend a cordial invitation to the ladies of our Church to join and help us to continue this work of Love for Saint Luke's.

My sincere thanks to Pastor Neibacher for his spiritual help and guidance this past year, also to Miss Martha Eber and the officers and members for their loyalty and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE S. KOESTER, President

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LADIES' AID SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
1966

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 109.00
Hostesses	5.00
Birthday	9.25
Donations	64.00
Christmas	9.00
Balance of dinner	8.85
Interest on investments	1,138.75
L.W.M.L.	63.00
Memorials collected: Caroline M. Koepchen	50.00
Minna Theurer	30.00
L.W.M.L. collection still on hand	20.00
	\$1,506.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas 1965 gifts	\$ 150.00
Christmas 1966 gifts	135.00
Gifts - Christmas 1965	6.00
Choir gowns, Collegiate Cap & Gown Co.	407.80
St. Luke's Church, Mrs. Karstendiek Memorial	10.00
Cancer Society, Mrs. A. Neibacher Memorial	10.00
Convention, L.W.M.L.	52.80
Cleaning gowns etc.	50.75
St. Luke's Church, flowers at Easter	100.00
Concordia Colleg. Inst.	100.00
Emergency Shelter contribution	25.00
L.W.M.L. sent contributions	63.00
Miss Taylor, lecture	5.00
Albert Neibacher, Jr., gift toward Communion Set	25.00
Albert Neibacher, Jr., party	34.99
Gift for Mrs. Weiman	6.00
Supt. & Meetings coffee & milk	29.74
Meeting postals etc.	51.96
	\$1,263.04
Deposited in Savings a/c Memorials	80.00
	\$1,343.04

Total Receipts	\$1,506.85
Balance on Hand 1/1/66	<u>459.97</u>
	\$1,966.82
Total Disbursements	<u>1,343.04</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/67	<u>\$ 623.78</u>

Respectfully submitted,
EDITH DORFMULLER
Treasurer

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & MEMORIAL FUNDS

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Balances on hand - January 1, 1966

Franklin 399944	\$ 435.04	
Franklin 848627	1,193.47	
Bowery 891015	<u>217.76</u>	
		\$ 1,846.27

Memorials deposited in accounts	80.00
Savings Bank interest	<u>80.32</u>
	\$ 2,006.59

Balance on hand - December 31, 1966

Franklin 399944	\$ 444.32	
Franklin 848627	1,344.51	
Bowery 891015	<u>217.76</u>	
		\$ <u>2,006.59</u>

MEMORIAL FUNDS

Total Memorials received \$27,072.00
Holdings:

Federal Land Bank bond	\$ 1,000.00
Gen.Tel. of Cal. 42% bonds	19,825.00
Atlantic District Note #5379	2,000.00
" " " #5658	1,000.00
" " " #7390	2,000.00

Balance of Savings Accounts 2,006.59
\$27,831.59

MEMORIALS

Miss Anna Hochhalter	\$ 600	Mrs. Marie Koester	\$ 45
Mrs. Catherine Karsch	2,000	Gustav A. Zerbst	500
Mrs. Katharine Wendel	200	Mrs. Anna Menge	672
Mrs. Minna Gerhardt	200	Mrs. Elizabeth Schnaars	20
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Brummer	50	Mrs. Bertha M. Hartmann	12,000
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Groll, Sr.	50	Miss Katherine Lengemenn	10
Mrs. Emilie Scommodau	75	Mrs. Bertha E. Overhage	20
Bernhard Karsch	2,000	Mrs. Caroline M. Koepchen	325
Mrs. Gustav Zerbst	250	Mrs. Minna Theurer	155
Frederick Zerbst, Jr.	1250	John Schussler	50
Mrs. Charles Hohns	500		
Mrs. Louisa M. Nusskern	2,100	Total Memorials 1/1/67	<u>\$27,072</u>
Mrs. Susan K. Schaefer	5,000		

Respectfully submitted,
EDITH DORFMULLER
Treasurer

DORCAS GUILD

In 1966 we celebrated our 25th Birthday and, befittingly, made a thank offering to our church, thanking God for his many benefits to us. We continue to meet the first Tuesday in the month at 7:45 P.M. for a devotional, business meeting, and fellowship.

We try to maintain a diversified program. For example: Miss Susan Thompson spoke to us on the Lutheran World Federation work in Jordan; Miss Eunice Weidner showed us the film EPHPHATHA showing the work of the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf; Rev. Fred Pankow spoke to us on the Spanish Mission Work, not only in New York but in Cuba; our own beloved Dr. Louis P. Lachner spoke to us at our annual May dinner-meeting on world figures he became acquainted with over the years; our own Judy Bendewald spoke to us on the anti-poverty program held at St. Luke's during the summer months of 1966, and we had a very enlightening film on the history of the American Bible Society.

We have had the opportunity of continuing service at Roosevelt Hospital on the Third Sunday of each month, escorting the ill and incapacitated to chapel service. Over the years there have been many ladies helping in this work of escorting the ill, but now our volunteer list has narrowed down to six, i.e., Mrs. Agard, Miss Christine Gausman, and Mrs. Ramon of the church, and Mrs. Callahan, Miss Malina and Mrs. Zamora of the church and Dorcas Guild. These ladies have been most loyal in their support and don't look for our thanks, for I am sure they derive God's blessings on their dedicated service. There is a great need for more volunteers.

We assisted in collecting \$61.75 for the Red Cross; remitted \$64.85 to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, of which we are a member, for our Mite Boxes; and sent a delegate to the LWML Convention in Monticello, N.Y. in May 1966.

We helped our own Ladies Aid at the Congregational Dinner; hosted the Ladies Aid, our Choir and workers of the Open House at our annual May dinner-meeting; helped supply cookies for distribution by the Chaplaincy Service in hospitals and institutions at Christmastime and helped in preparing the surplices and gowns for the Candlelight Service.

We made contributions to the Lutheran World Relief, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Valparaiso University Guild, Altar flowers for Palm Sunday and Easter, Christmas remembrances to our ill, gift for Albert Neibacher on his Ordination, and to Cancer Care as a Memorium for Mrs. L. Neibacher, Sr.

We are deeply concerned over the attendance at Dorcas and pray that this arm of the church will again flourish in 1966 as it did some years ago, continuing to offer fellowship and a chance to serve man.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA K. HAHN
President

DORCAS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
1966

RED CROSS COLLECTION..... \$61.75

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - December 31, 1965	\$ 58.79
Dues	207.50
LWML Mite Box Collections	64.85
Proceeds from Dinner	17.60
Birthday Collections	23.70
Hostess Fees	11.00
Donations	5.00
Memorials	5.00
Bank Interest	1.17
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Total Receipts.....	\$394.61

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Box Collections & Quarterlies	\$ 73.35
Board of Lutheran World Relief	10.00
Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck Manor	10.00
Valparaiso University Guild	5.00
Rev. Fred Pankow - for Spanish Work	10.00
St. Luke's Lutheran Church - thank offering for 25th Birthday of Dorcas	25.00
Lutheran World Federation	15.00
Cancer Care Memorium - Mrs. L. Neibacher Sr.	10.00
Contribution - Ordination Gift for A. Neibacher Jr.	10.00
Altar Flowers on Palm Sunday and Easter	50.00
Postage and Cards	5.47
Socials	51.15
Delegate to LWML Convention	46.15
Christmas Gifts	23.00
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Total Disbursements.....	\$344.12

Total Receipts.....	\$394.61
Total Disbursements...	<u>-344.12</u>
Balance 12-13-66.....	\$ 50.49

Respectfully Submitted,
VIRGINIA CALLAHAN
Treasurer

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THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The Senior Young People's Society is now in its 31st year, endeavoring to promote Christian fellowship, not only amongst its members, but also with our associates and those we meet in our daily lives. Since St. Luke's has a special mission at the crossroads of the world, we are made constantly aware of our obligations as Christians. As such, some of our members participate in the "Open House" program, as well as in the choir, Sunday School, Boy Scouts, and the Church Council.

Our Saint Nicholas Party, which was held this past December, was again a wonderful success; but without your help and support, this event would be impossible.

The Young Adults present a program every Sunday evening covering a number of topics which are discussed within a Christian framework, as well as engaging in social activities. This past year we have had a panel discussion on "What It's Like to Live in New York City as a Single Person"; a presentation on "My Spies in Hitlerland" by our Dr. Louis Lochner; a representative of The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; and the opportunity to see the controversial film "A Time For Burning". Each of our programs is preceded by a delicious meal prepared by two of our members. We look forward to many interesting meetings and we welcome all who would care to join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Neibacher and Mr. Robert Benson for their selfless help and guidance this past year and to welcome our new Assistant Pastor, David Habermas. Pastor Habermas will be a definite asset to our group as we try to increase our membership.

The Lord has richly blessed us this past year and with His help the Young Adults will continue to serve as they are called.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM F. KRUEGER
President

YOUTH WORK REPORT

Teenage youth work continued at about the same pace through 1966. Emphasis of the youth worker and involved lay persons centered more on individuals and small interest groups than on a collective endeavor for all teens. For instance, during the summer Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cunningham regularly planned small theatre outings for those interested. Adults relating to youth as individual members of the church, rather than labeling them all TEENAGER and expecting certain actions and responses, is the theme of our current Teen Bible Class. Mr. Mel Meisinger, along with Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bendewald, teach this alive, questioning group on Sundays. Mr. Meisinger hosted those young people involved in the Christmas Pageant at a party at his place following the pageant. Friday night Teen activities are currently under Pastor Habermas' direction.

The Wednesday Night Open House Program for children in our neighborhood led to two new endeavors this past year: the Study Hall/Tutoring Program and Summer Roundup, the government anti-poverty program. The former was in operation for the months of March, April, and May of 1966. Our services were offered each Tues. & Thurs. from 6:30 to 8:30 for students to come to study alone or receive help from a concerned adult. Lay volunteers served valiantly, but the ideals of our program were not consistent with practicalities. The children came often to see others and play, and frustrated the staff's eagerness to actually help in a tutoring capacity. We recognized a number of positive steps that could be taken to use such a program to its best advantage, but did not attempt a fall Study Hall as I had given my resignation date, and such a program could not be attempted without a full-time coordinator. Ideally, a teacher should be hired (apart from the staff person handling youth work), so that the direction and curriculum could better meet the problems children have with study and homework.

Summer Roundup was our 8-week day camp, funded by the Federal government Office of Economic Opportunity. St. Luke's served as home base for the program led by myself and Mr. Bob Benson, with a staff including all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. The 5 Roman Catholic sisters, the Chinese girls, the Puerto Ricans, the Negroes, the Jewish accountant, and Bob and I learned more in our team relationship than can be well expressed. Our 5-day camp was well-developed in classes, outings, and staff involvement on local playgrounds. Mrs. Gunny Brocki also served on the staff as remedial reading teacher, which further enlarged the scope of our services to children.

Open House on Wednesday nights continues regularly. Our fall staff and also our present spring staff is helped along with the services of Lutheran students from Queens College who give their time energetically and faithfully. However, it is most important that we have more St. Luke's members giving of their time and talents in this area; we are under-staffed at this writing. Once again this year the children and staff of Open House will participate in the Lenten services, and plans are for the children to serve the worshippers at two coffee hours following Lenten services.

Other aspects of youth work in our parish include Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Confirmation classes, Sunday School, and Released Time School. It is attempted, but often without enough follow-through, to coordinate and relate all of the aspects of St. Luke's youth outreach. I suggest that a congregational youth committee, composed of Church Council members, parents of youth, interested lay persons who represent various areas of youth work, and a number of teenagers, be established to meet regularly to discuss a joint youth budget, coordinating youth activities, and also to communicate regular interesting youth news items to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDITH BENEWALD