

the lukan herald

NEW ARRIVAL

This little Herald will find its way to your door periodically throughout the year. The purpose is to share with you the happenings in our church.

The editorial staff would like your suggestions and comments.

Our next issue will be coming out the First of June.

K I I F F N E R

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Cal Kiiffner, for several years a teacher in our Sunday School, was appointed by the Church Council to be the new Sunday School Superintendent. He succeeds Tom Schaub, who did an outstanding job. We expect the same of Cal.

G A U S M A N

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER

We are happy to announce that Christine Gausman is now the new Treasurer for the Sunday School.

The former Treasurer was Mr. W. M. Stocker, who resigned after several years of loyal service.

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL

PASTOR NEIBACHER REQUESTS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees Feb. 13th, Pastor Neibacher requested a leave of absence from June 1 to Oct. 1. The following is an excerpt from his letter.

"...For the past few years it has been a constant uphill battle to sustain the morale of the congregation and to bridge an ever widening communication gap. Increasingly, responsibility for decision making and necessary action have rested upon fewer and fewer individuals. Fatigue and discouragement have set in at a time when I begin to see a little light on the horizon of the future. After 20 years of fighting for better housing on the West Side, those dreams are rapidly approaching reality. The institution of Cabinet Meetings, the break through at the Annual Meeting are indications that Saint Luke's is beginning to move in what, I believe, is the right direction.

Unfortunately, mental and emotional fatigue have a way of destroying one's perspective and... spirit. I therefore request a leave of absence... to regain my perspective and find myself equal to the demands which an urban ministry places upon one.."

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✓ Joseph Gapper
Virginia Herman
Mary Ellen Meyer
✓ Susan Neibacher

EDITORIAL

Communication

If Fall 1968 and Winter 1969 are known for anything here at Saint Luke's, it will certainly be for the attempts made toward better communication. First, the Cabinet Meetings were initiated. Second, the annual congregational meeting was used to discuss church issues, rather than just reports of the previous year. Third, this newspaper was started to help inform you of St. Luke's happenings.

The Goal -- This paper is not just to inform people, but to help get everyone together. We want the church to be our refueling stop for putting Christ into our lives. Together, then, we may worship as a part of a body--not just as individual observers. Then, we gather not just for one hour a week, or one hour a month, but regularly as we struggle individually and corporately, to make Christ's love, peace, and joy meaningful and relevant to our total life. And then, as we each go out in our own way, doing our own thing, others may see Christ's love at work in New York City.

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A C C E N T O N Y O U T H

THE RETREAT

By - Robert Esau (alias - Bob)

On March 16, 17, & 18, Fifty teenagers from four churches in Manhattan got together to participate in a retreat. What is a retreat? A retreat is a withdrawal to a safe and quiet place. In our case, to get away from the noisy city, to relax and worship.

On Saturday afternoon we were listening to Rock & Roll music. Then we broke into three discussion groups and then asked how these songs were related to our daily life. I expected it to be a big bore, but it turned out really interesting.

Then on Sunday morning something new was introduced into a church service. Instead of having a slow-moving service, everything was speeded up. The songs were sung to folk tunes like "Go Tell It On the Mountain". Also, prayers were sung.

I enjoyed the week end very much and am looking forward to a semi-annual, instead of annual retreat.

CHURCH COUNCIL PROTECTS CHURCH

In order to protect our church and property, the Church Council found it necessary to put up an 84-foot long fence on the rear, Eighth Avenue side of the church. The cost was \$1,425.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon Me." From the throne of His Cross, Christ asks this question, especially during Lent when we meditate on His holy Passion. For many, Lent never means much. They rarely, if ever, accompany Christ to Calvary, with the result that many spiritual blessings are missed. It is of these that Christ asks, "Is it nothing to you?"

Services

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, (March 30) at 11 A.M. and on Maunday Thursday and Good Friday at 6:30 P.M. On Good Friday the traditional 3-Hour Service will be conducted. We conclude our Holy Week services with the triumphant Easter morning service at 11 A.M.

Though it is never possible to catch up with lost opportunities, Holy Week affords each of us the occasion to take our stand at Christ's side, witness the price He paid to reconcile us with God, and rededicate ourselves to Him and His way of life. Holy Week is a good time for spiritual renewal.

CLOTHING DRIVE--Bring your GOOD used clothing (espec. children's) and any blankets you won't use to the church office.

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

By - Ben Akerley

It would be difficult indeed to say which season of the year has a greater variety of beautiful music available - Christmas, or Lent and Easter.

From the wealth of material available, I tried to choose many new anthems which are really different or unusual.

On Good Friday, we will be singing seven different anthems --one after each meditation.

Our Easter Sunday program includes three anthems: "Ye Sons and Daughters", an antiphonal call to worship by Leisrung; Mozart's "Gloria", from the Twelfth Mass, and Beethoven's magnificent "Hallelujah Chorus" from his cantata "Mount of Olives".

Two fine trumpeters will join me in playing Vivaldi's majestic "Concerto for Two Trumpets". And to show off our recently renovated organ, I plan to play Vierne's brilliant "Carillon", which has a continuous theme played on the pedal division against thrilling harmonies on the manuals.

The choir has been working very hard and hopes that it will help enhance the beauty of our worship services.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are a number of Sundays still available for flowers to be placed on the Altar in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$12.00. Contact - Christine Gausman.

WE SHOW OUR COLORS

ON THE ALTAR

For many centuries people wore purple to mourn the death of a king. During the season of Lent the church uses PURPLE paraments to mourn the death of the King of kings, who died because of man's sinfulness. This color has always been associated with times of repentance and sorrow.

WHITE paraments are used for the high festivals of the church. Since Christ instituted Holy Communion on Maunday Thursday, this day is a high festival day and is celebrated in the same way as Easter and Christmas with the WHITE paraments.

From early times, fire has been the symbol of the Holy Spirit; therefore, the RED paraments are used for Pentecost, and for all occasions associated with the Christian Church at work, i.e., dedications, anniversaries, etc.

GREEN paraments are used more than any of the others during the church year. This color is symbolic of the freshness and permanence of our Christian faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

REMINDERS

LWML Manhattan Zone Spring Rally
Sat., April 12th, 10 AM to 3 PM,
Mt. Zion Luth. Church, 421 W. 145 St.

LWML Atlantic Dist. Convention at
Monticello, NY, May 26-28.

CABINET MEETINGS

Many times it's been said, "There's no communication between the organizations in the church." So Joe Miranda, President of the Church Council, and Pastor Neibacher asked the officers of all the organizations and any members w'o wished to attend, to meet and discuss organizational and church problems and, with the help and imagination of all present, resolve these problems. The purpose of these Cabinet Meetings is to bring us towards a common goal, working as one, and making God's House a good place to be, so that we can say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

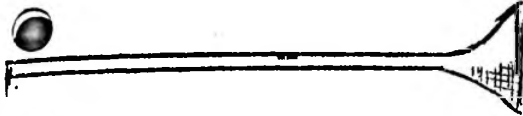
ATLANTIC DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHAPLAINCY SPRING COOKY PROJECT

Homemade cookies will be baked by ladies of our Lutheran Churches in the Greater Metropolitan Area, and distributed to hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions May 3rd.

This means of spreading cheer, formerly a Christmas project of the women's organizations, has now become a Spring Affair.

IN SYMPATHY

We express our deep sympathy to the families of John Theurer, 82, who died March 14th; and Emil Koenig, 64, who died March 11th.



BEN AKERLEY TAKES GREELEY'S
ADVICE AND IS GOING--WEST

Ben is moving back to Los Angeles June 1st to accept a position as a bi-lingual tour guide with Wright Way Tours Inc. in Glendale, California.

Ben attended college and taught high school in L. A. before coming to New York. We wish him much success, and with sad but grateful hearts for his work here at St. Luke's we say--"Farewell and God Go With You".

ART AND HOBBY SHOW

Remember our very successful Art Show that was held last year for the purpose of kicking off our Kitchen Fund? It helped to refurbish our kitchen with badly needed articles. About \$250 was donated.

On May 25th, after church, we hope to repeat with a combination ART AND HOBBY SHOW. Bring your art or hobby articles to the gym on Sat. 5/24, and set up your display. Coffee hour will be combined with the show, and there will be a free will offering at the door.

Hope to see you. Come and enjoy your friends' endeavors.

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FIRST QUARTER REPORT

At the Church Council meeting, Walter Gausman reported that the church has a deficit of almost \$4,000 as of the 1st of the year.

Like everything else, expenses continue to go up and, as members, it is up to us to meet these expenses. In round numbers:

Expenses...\$16,000
Income..... 12,000

If this trend continues, we will have a deficit of \$7,700 by the end of the year. Can we honestly say that we're doing our utmost to preserve the House of God? Not too far from 46th St. a church was sold and it has now been turned into a discotheque.

So where do your values lie?

BIAFRA CAMPAIGN

Over \$770 was raised to help the victims of the Nigerian conflict. The church members responded generously, giving \$523; the Sunday School, a \$200 contribution; and the Dorcus Guild, \$50.

The funds were turned over to the Lutheran World Relief, which is already active in the Biafran Relief Program. Thank you very much for your gifts.

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EDITORIAL

A very casual time of the year is approaching and also a very happy time, when the weather makes us feel young and we want to play--at the beach, the National Parks; or in someone's back yard in N. J. or Conn. But let's not forget that Sunday is the Lord's Day. COME TO CHURCH and, like the one leper who returned to say "thank you", say your thanks for the many blessings you receive.

SUMMER SERVICES

This summer, during July and August, Sunday services will again be held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated June 29 instead of July 6.

Vicar Ken Haupt of Saint Matthews Lutheran Church, Manhattan, will preach and conduct services the Sunday of July 6th as Pastor Habermas will be on a trip with the Young Adults.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE HERALD MAILING--STUFFING ENVELOPES, ETC. GIVE YOUR NAME TO A STAFF MEMBER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Easter, the Sunday School distributed 100 flowering plants to its children; to members of St. Luke's choir, and to our Spanish congregation.

Sunday, June 1st, the children are to bring their plants to Sunday School for judging of the best-cared-for plant.

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At the last Parent-Teachers Meeting a film was shown concerning the emotions of children and how to deal with them. A lively discussion followed which gave the teachers a better insight of the youngsters they teach.

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Saturday Morning, June 21st, two bus loads of Sunday School youngsters, teachers, and parents will leave for Hartley Farm, Towaco, N.J. for the annual Sunday School picnic - a day of games, swimming, soda, ice cream, and lots of sun (we hope).

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Last session of Sunday School will be held on June 22nd, and will start again on September 7.

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Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. L. Gordon La Pointe on the birth of a daughter, Lynsey Elizabeth, who was baptized May 11th. Mrs. La Pointe was one of our Sunday School teachers.

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ASTOR'S COLUMN

Above today's noise and confusion the Lord says, "Be still and know that I am God". It is necessary periodically to get away from the pressures and demands of the everyday and to be alone with God. We all need to be spiritually revitalized. That is what I hope to do this summer. Without taking in, I have found it impossible to continue giving out.

After preaching on three consecutive Sundays in the Luther Tyndale Church in London, Eng., Mrs. Neibacher and I will settle down in the quiet medieval town of Goslar, Germany to study and recharge our spiritual resources. I have declined an invitation to go on a preaching and lecture tour of the Lutheran Free Churches of Germany. At this time such a program would be too demanding. It will be a quiet summer during which I hope to regain my perspective by permitting God to speak to me. I solicit your prayers during my absence. God willing, I shall occupy the pulpit again on the First Sunday in October.

BLUE RIBBON PANEL

Pastor Neibacher was chosen to be on a Blue Ribbon Panel to select a Civil Court Judge for the Third District in New York.

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KIDS HONOR MOTHERS

Mother's Day was celebrated in an unusual way in Sunday School. The children invited parents and members of the congregation to a special Folk Service conducted by Ted Werffel of Long Island. He is a very accomplished folk singer and plays the guitar as accompaniment. Children from 3 to 53 gave their all in singing the religious folk hymns, and were very attentive during the Bible readings by the teenagers.

Bouquets of lilacs were given to the children to present to their mothers by Mrs. Schafer, mother of former Evelyn Schafer, who is now Mrs. Neil Osborne, living in Scotland.

THE YOUNG ADULTS WILL BE SPENDING THE LONG 4th OF JULY HOLIDAY AT BEAUTIFUL LAKE GEORGE AGAIN THIS YEAR WHERE EVERY CONCEIVABLE OUTDOOR SPORT IS AVAILABLE. ABOUT 35 PLAN TO MAKE THE TRIP.

SPRING RALLY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

By Mrs. Emma Hahn

L.W.M.L. Spring Rally was held this year at Mr. Zion, Saturday, April 12th. The speaker was Mrs. Amy Lutjens - Christian Growth Chrm.-Atlantic District, who spoke on, "The Power of Christ in our Family Today". A luncheon and business meeting were followed by a closing devotion in the form of a Folk Service.

RINCON HISPANO

By - Pastor E. Llerena

Agradecemos a los encargados de esta labor literaria de la Iglesia San Lucas la oportunidad que nos brindan de ocupar un espacio en nuestra bella lengua espanola.

Nueva York es cada dia mas hispano, muchas corrientes migratorias procedentes de los paises al sur de Rio Grande, desembocan en esta gran metropoli. Los que las forman vienen con sus suenos y ansias de lograr una vida mejor, lo que no siempre logran. Aqui luchan y batallan sufren y gozan. Y por sobre todas las cosas necesitan a Dios.

La Iglesia San Lucas, por la posicion privilegiada que ocupa, ya que es una de las mas centricas de la ciudad, esta llamada a rendir una labor cristiana de importancia.

Hasta aqui el trabajo no ha sido facil, mayormente a causa del constante movimiento de familias del area, que se mudan para Puerto Rico o para otras partes de la ciudad o del pais.

Pero permanecemos realizando la labor con constancia y esperando en el Senor para mejores resultados y frutos futuros. Pedimos las oraciones y la cooperacion de todos los hermanos para llevar a cabo la realizacion de la Obra de Dios en Nuestro lugar. Satanás pone obstaculos, pero en Cristo podemos ser mas que vencedores. No desmayamos pues, "que a su tiempo segaremos" Nos veremos.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to express our sympathy to the families of - Miss Catherine Neher, 81, who died April 8; John Kakovitch, 80, who died April 19; Mrs. Louise Kuret, 65, who died April 20; Albert Muller, 80, who died April 28; Mrs. Loretta Schirm, 62, who died May 8; and William Stocker, 79, who died May 13.

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RED CROSS - 1969

We want to thank everyone who contributed to the annual Red Cross Drive during the month of March.

Total collection from Saint Luke's congregation was \$77.00.

The Atlantic Dist. of L.W.M.I. will hold a Convention at The Laurels, Monticello, NY, May 26-28. Five of our ladies plan to attend.

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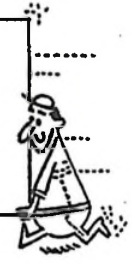
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RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE? COME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH. ALL COMMUNICANT MEMBERS ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSING THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY TAKEN LAST SPRING. A FELLOWSHIP "COFFEE HOUR" AT 6:30 WILL PRECEDE THE 7:00 P.M. MEETING.



AN INVITATION'S EXTENDED
TO EACH ONE OF YOU
FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP
WITH FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW.



December 14th - that's the date
of the invite

When the Young Adults present
"St. Nicholas Night".

A reception at 5:00 is first
on the list;
It's indeed a time that
shouldn't be missed.

Next, come and join us
for a hearty meal
This year's one has
international appeal.

Not to be forgotten are the
skits and the prizes;
But we'll mention no more--
save a few surprises.

It's even been rumored
St. Nick will appear
Though he's terribly busy
this time of year.

So keep this night open
and come if you can
To St. Luke's Church--
at 5:00 P.M.

EDITORIAL

WOMAN SUFFRAGE - By Karen Freas

Since the ratification of the 19th Amendment to our Federal Constitution in 1920, the role of women in our society has undergone a drastic change. The Church is no exception to the institutions that have been affected by this change. One of the greatest problems facing the Church today and particularly St. Luke's is reviving interest on the part of its parishioners. The result of the treatment for apathy and disinterest should be greater commitment and involvement. But how do we begin to treat the disease in the first place? One of the suggested therapies is Woman's Suffrage.

Historically, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, since its 1864 convention, has cited scriptural passages --- (Gal. 3:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:2-16, 14:33-38; 1 Tim. 2:11-15) - as a basis for opposing woman's suffrage. God forbids women to publicly preach and teach the word to men and to hold any office or vote in the church where this involves exercising authority over men with respect to the public administration of the Office of the Keys. However, contemporary analysis reveals that woman suffrage is not contrary to Holy Scripture as long as it does not involve exercising authority over men with respect to the pastoral office, or the administration of any of the duties of that office. Considerable question has also

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been raised regarding the origin of some of the historical interpretations. For example, in Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians he says, "...the women should keep silence in churches..." Church is understood to be a congregation at worship, not a voter's assembly meeting. He said this primarily to avoid disruption in a public worship service. None of the frequently-quoted scriptural passages deals directly with voting or with voters' assemblies as they are structured today and any application of them is made on the basis of inference only.

People who oppose women voting feel that if more women are encouraged to participate in church government, more men will be discouraged. Woman suffrage should be instituted only under the principle that the right of suffrage be exercised in a serving, not a domineering manner. Suffrage is granted to individuals to prevent small groups from gaining all authority and power, and to involve a greater number of people, regardless of sex, in carrying out God's work. It is one of the few doors open to the Church to renew interest, improve individual involvement, and move the Church in a more positive contemporary direction. Remember men,

We Want to Participate NOT Dominate!

St. Luke's Suffragettes

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PASTORS' COLUMN

Listening - By Dr. Neighcher

One of life's more frustrating experiences is to be talking on the telephone, only to discover that you have been disconnected and there is no one on the other end listening. Communication break-downs are not rare in our day. There has been a break-down of communication in practically every area of life and especially in inter-personal relations. Although these break-downs may be attributed to generation gaps, varying cultural, social, economic and ethnic backgrounds, basically the fault lies in the fact that we have lost the art of listening. Others, God, life itself speak to us and very often we shut them off as though they were a radio or TV set. Failure to listen is responsible for more of our current problems than any other single factor. Realizing this basic human failure, Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Listening is one of the greatest needs of our times, especially for the Christian.

From Pastor Llerena -

Saudos, hermanos hispanos.
Vuestro seridor en Cristo, Rev. E. Llerena, acaba de mudarse para el area de Glendale en Queens. Tan pronto tengamos el nuevo telefono, se lo ofreceremos a todos.
Seguimos atendiendo las tres iglesias a nuestro cargo: San Pablo en el Bronx, San Jacobo en Woodise, y San Lucas en Manhattan.
Estamos preparando un grupo de 10 personas que vendran a ser miembros muy pronto de nuestras iglesias.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This year the Lutheran Deaconess-Association, with its headquarters and school at Valparaiso, Indiana, celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Miss Martha Eber, our Deaconess, has been affiliated with this organization for the past 45 years. We extend our congratulations and wish her the Lord's continued blessings in serving Him and His church.

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WATCH FOR - Your Christmas seals in the mail. The Wheat Ridge Foundation has again accepted responsibility for administration of the seals campaign this year. Wheat Ridge involves young people of the church in assisting with Medical Missions, Social Services, and experimental ministries. In the past the profits were used exclusively for tuberculosis victims at Wheat Ridge. However, this disease has been reduced and the Foundation is now using the money to expand and diversify its funding of pilot projects.

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DESPERATE FOR BLANKETS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Don't forget to bring the above items to church before December 7 for the World Relief Clothing Drive.

Please help those people who are in such need.

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TEENAGERS FORM OWN CLUB

According to their Constitution, the Teenagers of St. Luke's formed a new club to build up responsibility and to provide for recreation and discussion.

Any Teen who participates in a Sunday morning service, along with the Friday night recreation group, may be a member. Membership totals approximately 20 at present.

Following officers were elected:

President	- Denny Chin
Vice President	- Raymond Burdi
Secretary	- Norma Padilla
Treasurer	- Rosemary Garces

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & HOSTESSES

November 23	Dorcas Guild
" 30	Young Adults
December 7	Church Council
" 14	Dorcas Guild
" 21	Ladies Aid
" 28	Young Adults

IN SYMPATHY

We express our deep sympathy to the family of Clara C. Drexler who died October 19th, at the age of 76.

DATES TO REMEMBER: November 30
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December 21
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DORCAS GUILD NEWS

Foliage Tour

On October 18th, eight Dorcas members and friends enjoyed a foliage bus tour through the back roads of New Jersey and the Pocono Range of Pennsylvania to the Delaware Water Gap. They hope to make other tours in the future.

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LWML Rally

A delegation of ten ladies from Saint Luke's attended the LWML Rally at Saint Matthews October 20th. There were representatives from every church in the Manhattan Zone.

Colored slides of Mt. Zion in New Haven, Conn. were shown.

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Auf Wiederseh'n To A Friend

At their November meeting the Dorcas Guild feted Adda Karkow, who is moving to be near her family in Verden/Aller, Germany.

We wish her God's blessings and a safe trip when she leaves in December.

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The December meeting of Dorcas will be a Christmas party, with games and refreshments. No formal business will be conducted.

Come, and bring your friends.

First Sunday in Advent
Thanksgiving Day
Winter begins
Christmas Day