

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

1970

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## I.N.I.

### THE PASTOR'S REPORT

It is not the purpose of this presentation to give a statistical report of our activities, but rather to briefly look at what has happened in the church during the past decade, to evaluate what we have endeavored to do in the situation and to determine what the trends are as we enter the decade of the seventies.

Church work in the 1960s was somewhat of an anomaly. It was both nightmarish and frustrating and also challenging and exciting, producing the best and the worst in church people and, generally speaking, both shaking up and shaking down the church. For those in responsible positions of leadership and for those in sensitive areas the decade of the sixties was without exception the most difficult decade thus far in the 20th century.

However, I firmly believe that when church historians will evaluate the 1960s, they will conclude that it was one of the more maturing decades in the life of the church. All the social and racial tensions, the dissent, the open defiance of established institutions, the polarizations - disturbing as they were - had a wholesome effect on the church. For one thing it brought the church out of the sanctuary into the market-place where it became a more vital and viable part of life in our times. In the second place, during the 1960s the church began to rediscover her soul by becoming less institutional and more people oriented. And in the third place, the church is at long last starting to divorce herself from the syndrome of modern success standards and concentrating more on its true life and mission.

We at Saint Luke's did not escape the many problems of the 1960s. In fact, as a metropolitan church we experienced many of the trends earlier and in more intensified form than most churches. The 1960s were not easy times for Saint Luke's, neither for your pastor, your officers, your Church Council, nor the membership at large. Numerically we are smaller, though our 40% decline in church attendance is not an altogether accurate barometer. Like the general American population our people at Saint Luke's are also not attending as regularly as in former times. Though financially we spent approximately \$20,000. more than our income, we still were able to raise about \$45,000. above our budget for such special projects as the renovation of our lower auditorium, our church organ and our heating plant.

Though I could not always say this - I am certain my attitudes and actions at times reflected it - I can honestly say that I am neither completely discouraged nor defeated by the records of the past decade. Already three years ago we started asking ourselves some of the basic questions of our very purpose as a church in this place and at this time. Some of our soul searching is beginning to come to the surface, establish a few trends and thus help shape our mission for the 1970s.

During the past year we started to see the results of some of our self analysis. Though on the surface nothing earthshaking took place, several things happened which could well influence our entire future. In the first place, two special Sunday afternoon dinner meetings, one sponsored by the Young Adults in the spring and the other sponsored by the Dorcas Guild in the fall, opened up for us, I believe, new vistas for the decade of the seventies. These two dinner meetings brought together a good

cross section of the congregation and created the inspiration and basis for honest and meaningful dialogue in which there was openness and concern. The base of the thought in-put process, necessary to establish overall direction and policy, was widened. More and more are we beginning to realize, as Pastor Albers put it so well at one of these meetings, that, if the church is to be vital and meaningful, we cannot only be consumers but we must also be producers, beginning with the thought in-put process required for church work and then moving on to actual involvement in the life of the church. These two dinner meetings more than anything else helped us not only to better understand one another and to see real strength in our diversity, but they also helped to dispel some of the discouragement and defeatism which were getting a strangle hold on many of us. They helped much to recapture a spirit and establish a mood because they aided in building the communion of believers.

The second meaningful thing happened in the fall of the year after the Rev. David Habermas, who after three and a half years of sharing our ministry at Saint Luke's, resigned to accept a Call to become pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in the Bronx. This created a real vacancy on our staff and has had a direct effect on our total mission, a number of areas suffering and barely marking time since he left. In addition to the three regular meetings of the Church Council, the Trustees and the Church Council each had two special meetings to study our entire program as a church, to analyze both strengths and weaknesses and to make plans for the future. Not a single aspect of our mission as a church, including my resignation as pastor, was left unexplored.

As a result of these meetings, I believe, we better understand our role as a metropolitan church and we see more clearly our potential. The first thing we determined was that this is no time to retrench but we must actually strengthen what we are now doing and reach out still more effectively, utilizing our present resources and our diversity. To accomplish this, it was resolved, in the second place, to call an assistant or associate pastor who has had some experience in the ministry with perhaps special talents in certain areas, yet able to make a vital contribution to the total ministry of the church. To expedite the matter a special Call Committee was established, which committee after special study met with Pastor Ressmeyer, President of the Atlantic District, to discuss with him our work and our needs. At present Pastor Ressmeyer is developing a potential list of candidates for our consideration.

Significant also for the future is the fact that a Social Issues Committee functioned and arranged a series of four forum discussions on some of the social issues of our time, which directly affect the lives of people and hence the full mission of the church. Especially in a Metropolitan Church, which has so many commuting members, this is an extremely important committee. It is hoped that this committee will be active not only in presenting special study programs, but also in keeping an alert and concerned eye on various social problems and trends in the community, which are unknown to the average commuting member and which may call for church action and involvement.

Historically 1970 will be remembered as the year that Woman Suffrage was adopted and four women were elected to the Church Council. This was a long overdue action and one which should bring many benefits to Saint Luke's because it adds a new dimension to our perspective and makes available a large pool of untapped resources.

I believe the past three years will turn out to be far more significant to the future of the church than at first glance appears on the surface. We have taken a good and honest look at ourselves, painful though it may have been; we have learned to dialogue with one another, to realize and appreciate our great diversity; we have learned to better understand each other and our common mission in Christ; and thus we have strengthened one another. This sharing, thought process must continue and remain an integral part of our church life.

To this end I, therefore, submit the following questions for our discussion this afternoon:

1. What can my church do for me to help me be a more effective Christian in today's world?
2. What could I do for my church, if the opportunity were afforded me, to use my talents and pursue my interests?
3. How can the church better serve the various organizations and thereby strengthen the organizational life of the church?
4. How can the present organizations better serve you?
5. Is there some emphasis or area of activity, not now existing in the life and structure of the church, which you would like to see included?

It is only as we talk together about Christ and His Church and of our personal and collective commitment to both that we can fill our God-given role in today's world.

Yours in Christ,

ALBERT L. NEIBACHER

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our work and efforts at Saint Luke's for the year 1970 continued to be directed at serving God, the members of our church, and our community.

We are confronted with a complex and difficult task, shared by all churches located in the inner city. Our staff and membership at Saint Luke's has repeatedly demonstrated its devotion to our God and church. This fact is our true strength enabling us to look forward to the future with confidence and the knowledge that if we continue to give of ourselves, His work will be accomplished.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome the ladies of our church who have but recently become voting members of our congregation. I'm certain that this "step forward" will prove to be a tremendous asset to our church and its mission.

My thanks and deep appreciation are extended to Pastor Neibacher and his staff, my fellow Trustees and Church Council members, and the men and women of the congregation for their support during the past year. I consider it a distinct honor to have served with you in the work of our Savior.

Faithfully yours,

JOSEPH C. MIRANDA

### THE MUSIC REPORT

Choir remains the focal point of St. Luke's music program. I must reiterate my expression of profound joy at the consistent application and excellent results of this organization, which can be called a team in the best sense--people of widely differing backgrounds, ages, philosophical outlooks and musical gifts working together in a common cause, devotedly, enthusiastically, efficiently.

The Church celebrated Ruth King's 25th anniversary as a soloist in our Choir this past November 8th. St. Luke's must thank her for innumerable contributions to its worship life during her many years here. Our soprano soloist this year is Josephine Mongiardo. A graduate music student at Columbia, Miss Mongiardo has already had significant performance experience in all the major areas of singing - opera, Lieder, sacred music, even popular music - and thus offers us admirable versatility and know-how. Since the beginning of the new year, James Meyer has assumed the position of bass soloist and section leader, replacing Louis Birk, and is sharing the duties of chanting the Introit with Irving Hunter.

Among other newcomers to the Choir, two young men in the bass section must be cited in particular. Jarrell Hardnett has been with us since the Fall and has proven outstanding in his musical ability. Denny Chin joined more recently, and is also fitting in nicely. Worshipers at St. Luke's will, moreover, find our teen band, the Internationals, participating in our morning services with increasing frequency in the coming months - either by themselves or in collaboration with the Choir - as they gain in skill. Youth must be served!

The continued excellence of the work of our Choir is remarkable in the face of the reduced music budget which has been in force since January 1st. Previously over \$3,000 a year, the money for choir soloists and music has been cut to \$800 for the year 1971. Of the five soloists who were paid on a regular basis prior to January 1st, no less than four have decided to stay with us in various capacities in the face of major salary cuts - two donating their services for nothing, two for half-pay. This amply demonstrates their loyalty to us, and we owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for their generosity. Nonetheless, the congregation should be warned that these people are not able to commit themselves indefinitely. In fact, up to two or three of our four regular section leaders - including two full-time volunteers - may not be in the New York area next Fall. Under a continuation of the present budget, the Choir might soon suffer from a critical lack of vocal leadership.

Joining in the hope for a general revival of our church community, and trusting that the music program can play a substantial role in attracting the new members that we need, I remain,

Respectfully,

WALTER HILSE  
Organist,  
Choir Director

## SPANISH WORK REPORT

In 1970, Spanish work at Saint Luke's moved steadily forward. Every Sunday, Spanish services were held at 1:00 P.M. in the chapel auditorium. Services are advertised in "EL TIEMPO", a widely-read Spanish language newspaper.

During the year, I made 42 pastoral calls, 26 mission calls, and 3 hospital calls. Through our work, modest gains have been recorded. Our average Sunday attendance was 25. (It was 22 in 1969.) We had one confirmation...an adult person.

During the summer we had a course of theological and social laymen training at St. Luke's for 12 weeks. It was every Saturday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. I participated in every week. The average attendance was 20. It was an all-Lutheran effort.

This is a reasonable progress when one considers the difficulties of Spanish work in this community: a different culture and the rate of mobility of Spanish people in our neighborhood that is high. Many of our new members move away before they can make much of a contribution to the life of our congregation.

I am grateful to the staff and membership of St. Luke's Church for their exceptional cooperation with the Spanish ministry here at this church. I speak also for the Spanish-speaking membership of St. Luke's Church in saying that we appreciate the generous use of facilities and spirit of cooperation which prevails.

(Besides work here, I am also serving Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in the Bronx and Saint Jacobus Lutheran Church in Queens.)

Respectfully submitted,

EDUARDO A. LLERENA  
Spanish Pastor

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

In November of last year, I reported a deficit of \$9,600 as of the end of the previous month. In answer to our appeal for additional funds, many of you came to our aid. We were not able to eliminate the deficit, but we did reduce it considerably. As you will see from the attached report, we ended the year with a deficit of \$4,600.

On behalf of the Church Council, I want to thank all of you that were able to be of help to us.

At this time, I would also like to thank Mr. Walter Schussler for his faithful assistance in the performance of the work of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER GAUSMAN  
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Envelopes	\$25,808.72	\$26,635.70
Plate	2,119.36	2,481.08
Pew Rent & Memorials	10.00	10.00
Christmas	2,147.00	1,649.50
Easter	2,296.55	2,624.40
Lenten Noon-Day	46.00	59.00
Thanksgiving	946.00	745.50
Birthday (120th Anniv.)	936.25	1,381.50
Special Income	4,525.95	1,871.25
Flowers	1,881.50	617.00
Devotional Booklets	179.57	197.10
Initial Offering	101.25	112.25
Youth Program	99.70	---
Boy Scouts	70.00	5.00
Received for Special Purposes	86.05	2,530.90
Subtotal	<u>41,253.90</u>	<u>40,920.18</u>
Income from Investments	18,685.15 *	18,601.18
Total Income	<u>59,939.05</u>	<u>59,521.36</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	35,922.41	34,951.69
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical	4,994.13	5,156.21
Printing & Stationery	1,844.05	1,843.07
Insurance	3,199.00	1,890.00
Heating	2,052.66	2,446.62
Gas & Electric	1,405.30	1,057.00
Telephone	1,649.41	1,387.89
Postage	762.26	929.39
Advertising	1,097.46	792.36
Devotional Booklets	202.02	160.87
Flowers	839.00	875.00
Choir Music	185.81	179.44
Envelope Expense	125.60	121.59
Youth Program	135.45	240.00
Boy Scouts	40.00	100.00
Repairs & Replacements	5,149.14	3,074.02
Spanish Ministry	300.00	300.00
Bank Custodial Charges	559.56	423.05
Sunday School	100.00	35.74
Cleaning & Maintenance	876.00	309.32
Sunday Coffee Hour	193.05	120.91
Miscellaneous	1,812.26	1,747.14
Disbursements for Special Purposes	493.94	1,524.00
Total Expense	<u>64,538.51</u>	<u>61,165.31</u>
Total Income	<u>59,939.05</u>	<u>59,521.36</u>
Deficit	4,599.46	1,643.95

\* 31% of Total Income

## SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS & 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 1970.

1923 Catherine Karsch	1963 Margaret Schroeder
1927 J. Louis Schaefer	1963 Bernhard & Catherine Karsch
1932 Bernhard Karsch	1963 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1942 Adele Henning	1964 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1965 Elsa Husser
1951 Annie L. Hohns	1965 Elsie Eiermann
1952 Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1965 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1953 John Dettmer	1966 Elsa Husser
1954 Alfred M. Grizzle	1966 Charles Unger
1955 Louisa M. Nusskern	1966 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1955 J. Louis & Susan K. Scafefer	1967 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1956 Anton & Marie Koester	1967 Henry J. Koester
1957 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1968 Lottie B. Steinbach
1958 Miss M. Scommodau	1968 Marie Schweitzer
1958 Anna Ahrens Menge	1968 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1958 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969 John Theurer, Sr.
1959 Mrs. Minna Theurer	1969 Elsie Eiermann
1959 Matilda Schlobohm	1969 Rudolph Fischer
1959 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1960 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 John Theurer, Sr.
1961 John & Anna Marie Theurer	1970 August Hauff
1961 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Mr. & Mrs. C. Voigt
1962 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Alfred Hebert
1963 Sophie Schaefer	

## MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1970

Mrs. Mary Bartnikowski  
Mr. Jerome Brody  
Miss Freda Dietrichson  
Mrs. Anna Goldberg  
Mr. John MacKinnon  
Mr. Louis Lengemann  
Mr. August Menge  
Mr. Gordon Pringle  
Miss Dorothy Schultz

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1970

Missions	\$ 4,232.62
American Bible Society	63.36
Association for Works of Mercy	60.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	10.00
Christmas Seals - Atlantic Dist. Welfare	688.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	500.00
Lutheran Education Society	50.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	350.00
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	185.00
Lutheran Hour	145.00
Lutheran Community Services	620.66
Lutheran Welfare Ass'n of New Jersey	35.00
New York Bible Society	88.37
Project Hope	100.00
Wartburg Home for the Aged	260.00
Wartburg Orphan Farm	25.00
Wheatridge Foundation	26.50
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	\$ 7,439.51

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1970

\$ 745.00

BOILER FUND

Cost of New Boiler & Motorized Values	\$ 8,994.30
Received in 1970 & January 1971 for Boiler	<u>7,899.00</u>
	\$ 1,095.30

ORGAN FUND

Balance in account as of December 31, 1970	\$ 2,751.97
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1970

Mr. Frederick Adams	Mr. & Mrs. Anton Koester
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Mrs. Quentin Baltera	Mr. & Mrs. Walter McArdle
Mr. Richard Bareis	Mrs. T. L. McGannon
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Miss Anna Bruns	Miss Martha Malina
Mrs. Henrietta Burger	Mrs. Florence Matheis
Mrs. Virginia Callahan	Miss Gean Mathwig
Miss Kay Coester	Miss Mabel Mehrtens
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Miss Edith Dorfmueller	Miss Louise Mory
Miss Doris Dorow	Miss Lena Mory
Mr. F. K. Drexler	Miss Mary Mory
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Miss Rita Hutchinson	Miss Francis Washington
Mrs. John Kelling	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wisch
Mr. Calvin Kiiffner	Mrs. Anna Wolklin
Miss Rhoda Kluge	Mrs. Mathilda Theurer
Mr. Paul Koepchen	Miss Louise Zurmuehl

Kindly note: If you contributed but your name was omitted, please, accept our apologies and notify the treasurer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

A popular word associated with the '70's is innovate - to introduce something new; to change. And innovate we have been trying to do, not simply for the sake of innovation, but to improve our Sunday School in the framework of what we feel the objectives of our efforts should be. A good indication of success would be an increased interest of children in the Sunday School as reflected by an increase in enrollment. Regretably, we cannot say, using this as a criterion, that we have succeeded. We do however note that irregular students attend more regularly, and we attribute this to the changes which we have instituted. To increase enrollment there appears to be a need to reach out into the community. We plan to do this, but in the more immediate future we will concentrate on providing a more relevant and interesting program for the children who are presently enrolled.

Highlights of the Sunday School year, including the innovations, were:

- 1) The annual June Sunday School Picnic which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.
- 2) The annual Christmas Candle Light Service - a time at which children, parents, guests and teachers are given the opportunity to worship together and to become better acquainted at a social hour after the service.
- 3) A September "Welcome Back" Service for children and parents at which time, movies taken at the Sunday School Picnic were shown.
- 4) Two Parent-Teacher Meetings, the one on drug addiction being particularly interesting.
- 5) The institution of a "Coffee Hour" before Sunday School. Although originally designed for parents who bring children, it has become popular with children, teachers and members of the congregation who occasionally stop by.
- 6) The introduction of a more varied and informal type of opening service. This is the result of last year's success with the use of a more contemporary liturgy and folk music, and now consists of a special feature each Sunday - a new song, a brief conversational type of discussion, a film strip, a record, etc.
- 7) The attendance of six teachers at the Fourth North American Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C.
- 8) A week-end teachers' retreat led by Dr. John Koenig at Camp Wilbur Herrlich. A most successful activity at which time we discussed Giving; Getting; How To Do It Better.
- 9) The institution of monthly evening teachers' meetings at the homes of the staff. Such meetings have given us the opportunity to discuss in greater depth our plans for the Sunday School.

Our ideas for innovations are far from exhausted. The limiting factor is time. During the months to come, we will be evaluating the changes already made and considering the use of new teaching materials and techniques, considering the introduction of a Saturday morning or evening program for children, holding a Saturday Teachers' Workshop to develop new teaching techniques and planning a Youth Service at which you, the congregation, will be invited to join us and observe how we, a not small part of the Saint Luke's Family, operate.

The success of all these programs has been dependant on a concerned, devoted, and talented group of teachers and staff who have given so much of their time to the children. They are:

Primary Department	Miss Virginia Herman
	Miss Barbara Adams
Second Grade	Mrs. Mildred Sanso
Third Grade	Mrs. Joan Devlin
Fourth Grade	Miss Gloria Klicko
Fifth Grade	Mr. Denny Chin
Sixth Grade	Miss Sandra Burgess
Seventh Grade	Mr. Thomas Schaub
Eighth Grade	Miss Silke Hansen
Teen Bible Class	Miss Susan Neibacher
	Mr. Calvin Kiiffner
Substitutes	Miss Rhoda Kluge
	Mr. Joseph Gapper
Secretary	Miss Genevieve Savio
Treasurer	Miss Christine Gausman

During the past year, we lost the services of Miss Lillian Lee, Miss Nancy Steinbiss, and Pastor David Habermas. We wish to take this opportunity to thank these teachers for their many years of service to the Sunday School.

#### Sunday School Attendance Report

Number Registered: January 1, 1970 - 87  
January 1, 1971 - 67

Total Yearly Attendance: 1969 (42 Sundays) - 2,248  
1970 (41 Sundays) - 1,881

MELVIN MEISINGER  
Sunday School Superintendent

Saint Luke's Lutheran Sunday School

January 1 to December 31, 1970

General Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1970 \$ 114.58

Receipts

Initial Offerings	\$ .77	
Envelopes	220.11	
Plate Collections	247.73	
Mite Box	55.59	
Church Subsidy	100.00	
Ladies Aid Contribution	150.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Hall Contribution	25.00	
Candle Light Service	45.91 Envelopes	
	114.59 Plate	160.50
Christmas Contribution		10.00
Total		<u>969.70</u>
Total Receipts		1,084.28

Disbursements

Sunday School Supplies	\$ 292.47	
Petty Cash	48.65	
Begonias for Sunday School Children	48.00	
Film " " " "	5.00	
Buses for Picnic	185.80	
Picnic Expense	44.89	
Hartley House Contribution	25.00	
Bibles for Confirmees	60.36	
Gowns " "	52.25	
Sunday School Expense (Refreshments)	26.12	
Christmas Candy & Gifts	39.98	
Christmas Expense (Refreshments)	10.00	
Duplex Sunday School Envelopes	26.23	
Total Disbursements		<u>864.75</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1970		\$ 219.53

Mission Fund

Balance on hand - January 1, 1970	\$ 437.94
Receipts	<u>76.34</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1970	\$ 514.28

CHRISTINE GAUSMAN  
Treasurer

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

This is the 99th year of the Ladies' Aid Society of Saint Luke's. We would like very much to see more women of Saint Luke's take an interest and an active part in our society. We meet at 12:30 noon, the second Wednesday of the month. We bring a sandwich and the hostesses serve coffee and cake. An hour of sociability is enjoyed by all. After our business meeting, we have a planned program.

We gained one member in 1970: Miss Emma Pantle; and lost one member: Mrs. Evelyn Wisch, who moved to Sun City, Arizona.

We donated towards the Boiler Fund; flowers on the altar on Palm Sunday and Easter; had rugs cleaned in the second and third floor meeting rooms. Our Treasurer's report lists in detail the donations made in 1970, so won't go into details. If there are any questions regarding same, feel free to ask Miss Edith Dorfmueller or the writer.

My sincere thanks to the officers and members for their loyalty and cooperation, to Pastor Neibacher for his spiritual help and guidance, also to Miss Martha Eber for all the help she so willingly gives us.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE S. KOESTER  
President

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1970

RECEIPTS:

	Dues	\$ 137.00	
	Hostess	3.00	
	Birthday	5.00	
	Christmas	40.00	
	John Theurer Memorial	25.00	
	Miss Eber contribution	10.00	
	Interest on investments	1,207.50	
	Mrs. Koepchen Fund, payments	75.00	
Mrs.	Mrs. Minna Theurer "	40.00	
	L.W.M.L. collections	68.25	\$ 1,610.75

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Church flowers, Palm Sunday, etc.	200.00	
	Wartburg Home contribution	50.00	
	Concordia College contribution	20.00	
	Flowers on Altar for Dead	12.00	
	McAuley Mission	25.00	
	St. Luke's Sunday School	150.00	
	St. Luke's Church, heating	300.00	
	LWML Meeting at The Laurels	55.30	
	Sent to LWML, collections	54.25	
	Loss on dinner in February	(12.23)	
	Printing cards	35.30	
	Mrs. Wisch, gift	19.94	
	Almy & Son, Cross & Chain for Pastor Habermas	21.70	
	Gift for Miss King, on anniversary	10.50	
	Almy & Son, veil & corporal	14.00	
	Long Island Carpet Cleaning, ladies parlor	172.81	
	Pastor Habermas gift	10.85	
	Quarterlies	9.00	
	Cake	3.80	
	General Electric, service on refrigerator	18.20	
	Franklin Savings Bank, Theurer Fund payments	40.00	
	" " " , Koepchen Fund "	75.00	
		1,285.42	
	L.W.M.L. Payments to be forwarded	14.00	1,299.42
	Balance as of January 1, 1971		\$ 311.33

LADIES' AID SOCIETY  
Statement of Year 1970

Savings Accounts: Balances in Savings Accounts, Jan 1, 1971:		\$ 63.01
Franklin Savings a/c		768.52
" " "		1,808.14
Bowery Savings Bank		<u>\$ 2,639.67</u>

Balance in Checking a/c	\$ 233.71
" Savings a/cs	<u>2,639.67</u>
	<u>\$ 2,873.38</u>

MEMORIAL FUNDS: Total Memorials received by Ladies' Aid  
for which we hold:

General Telephone of California 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % bonds	\$19,825.00
Standard Oil of California bond	1,000.00
Atlantic District notes	5,000.00
3 Savings Accounts	<u>2,639.67</u>
	\$28,464.67

MEMORIALS

Miss Anna Hochhelter	\$ 600.00
Mrs. Catherine Karsch	2,000.00
Mrs. Katharine Wendel	200.00
Mrs. Minna Gerhardt	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brummer	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Groll, Sr.	50.00
Mrs. Emimie Schommodau	75.00
Bernhard Karsch	2,000.00
Mrs. Gustav Zerbst	250.00
Frederick Zerbst, Jr.	250.00
Mrs. Charles Hohns	500.00
Mrs. Louise M. Nusskern	2,100.00
Mrs. Susan M. Schaefer	5,000.00
Mrs. Marie Koester	45.00
Gustav A. Zerbst	500.00
Mrs. Anna Menge	672.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Schnaars	20.00
Mrs. Bertha M. Hartmann	12,000.00
Miss Katherine Lengemann	10.00
Mrs. Bertha E. Overhage	20.00
Mrs. Caroline M. Koepchen	500.00
Mrs. Minna Theurer	265.00
John Schussler	50.00
Mrs. Boyle	35.00
Mrs. Olga Schussler	500.00
Rudolph J. Fischer	500.00
Total Memorials	<u>\$28,392.00</u>
January 1, 1971	

EDITH DORFMULLER  
Treasurer

## DORCAS GUILD

Unfortunately, our membership seems to be declining. However, we now number 26 on the roster, but only 10 members are active. Our member of long standing, Mrs. Anna Goldberg, was called Home by her Lord in November 1970. Mrs. Evelyn Wisch moved to Arizona. However, Mrs. Anna Hernandez joined the Dorcas Guild and her presence with the other ladies on the Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital on Saint Luke's Sunday (the third Sunday of each month), is of great assistance. We still meet usually the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. However, the format of our meetings was changed in the Fall of 1970, but we list our monthly meetings in the Church Bulletin the preceding Sunday, as well as issue a yearly Program, which is, of course, subject to change.

We varied our program, viz.: showing of vacation films of some of our members; film on relief work of the Lutheran World Relief; music night by our organist, Mr. Walter Hilse; speaker at our May Dinner Meeting, Miss Dorothy Mundt, a member of Saint Luke's and with the Lutheran Council of the U.S.A - Welfare; Sunday Luncheon after Morning Service, with Rev. V. Albers, Executive Secretary of Missions - LC/MS as speaker and moderator; sharing our summer experiences and Pastor Neibacher speaking after Coffee Hour, sponsored by Dorcas, on "The Order of Worship Service".

We have collected and remitted to the Red Cross; donated to the Lutheran World Relief, both from our Treasury and as our Birthday Gift; sent Christmas remembrance to Mrs. Elgar, a member of long standing, now at the Van Dyk's Home in Ridgewood, N.J.; participated in gift to Pastor Habermas on his leaving Saint Luke's; honored Miss Ruth King of our Choir on her 25th Anniversary; participated in the Spring Cookie Project of the Chaplaincy for distribution in hospitals, institutions, etc.; held an Art & Hobby Show for furtherance of treasury of the Kitchen Fund sponsored by Dorcas; sent delegate to Atlantic District Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, of which we are an active member, in May; collected and remitted Mite Box funds to LWML; attended Spring and Fall rallies of the LWML; participated with The Ladies Aid in hosting the Fall rally of the LWML at Saint Luke's and continued faithfully in our Hospital Escort Service. Also placed flowers on the altar in memory of our departed members.

We have indeed been busy in offering our hearts, hands, and feet in His Service, but this has always been the aim of the Dorcas Guild, an arm of the church, and with His continued Grace, will continue to be "about Our Father's business".

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA K. HAHN  
President

DORCAS GUILD  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
1970

RED CROSS COLLECTION - SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH.....\$61.00

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1970	\$ 83.04	
Dues	152.50	
LWML Mite Box Collection	48.00	
Birthday Cclection for Lutheran World Relief	56.00	
Donation toward May Dinner	7.00	
Food Sold at May Dinner	8.00	
Special Contribution	25.00	
Proceeds from October 4th Luncheon	32.03	
Hostess Fees	4.50	
Bank Interest	<u>3.97</u>	
Total Receipts		\$420.04

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies	\$ 54.75	
Lutheran World Relief Donation	10.00	
Birthday Collection Contributed to Lutheran World Relief	56.00	
Altar Flowers - Palm Sunday and Easter	50.00	
Altar Flowers in Memory of Departed Members	12.00	
Memorial Wreaths - Gordon Pringle Anna Goldberg	20.00	
May Dinner Expense	18.07	
Delegate Expense LWML Convention	55.30	
Gifts	36.35	
Refreshments at Meetings	4.72	
Postage	<u>13.20</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$330.39</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1970		<u><u>\$ 89.65</u></u>

KITCHEN FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1970	\$320.17	
Donations	7.00	
Hobby & Art Show	47.60	
Bank Interest	<u>12.71</u>	
Total Receipts		\$387.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on hand - December 31, 1970		<u>25.54</u>
		<u><u>\$361.94</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
CHRISTINE GAUSMAN, Treasurer  
VIRGINIA CALLAHAN, Chairman, Kitchen Fund

## THE YOUNG ADULTS

"My mind is clearer now -- at last all too well  
I can see where we all soon will be  
If you strip away the myth from the man  
you will see where we all soon will be..."  
(Excerpt from JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR  
A Rock Opera)

To further perpetrate the myth, the Young Adults have continued with many of the programs which have come to be tradition. The Sunday Evening Supper, to which you are all invited, continues. The Supper is followed by either a guest speaker or an evening of volleyball with the Teens. We were twenty-eight strong for the Fourth of July Weekend, which was spent at Lake George. St. Nicholas Night was a tremendous success. It was again an opportunity for the entire congregation to join in fellowship. Tradition continued to prevail with the Young Adults accepting the responsibility of decorating the church for the Candle Light Service.

It would appear that all is well. To "strip away the myth from the man", ALL IS NOT WELL. It is true that these activities continue, but not with the spirit of joy and celebration which should prompt or accompany them. The success of the various events can be attributed to specific individuals, rather than representing a group effort. These specific individuals are becoming fewer and fewer and less and less enthusiastic.

The Young Adult membership has always been transient in nature, however, we find that we are losing people at a faster rate than ever before, in proportion to the number of new members. The past year we have lost approximately twelve members none of whom have been replaced.

People our age are finding it increasingly difficult to identify with "The Church" as it stands. We have been hit strongly by the problems which are plaguing the entire "organized church".

The Rev. Malcolm Boyd has prayed, and I believe we should all pray, the following prayer:

I'm crying and shouting inside tonight, Lord, and I'm feeling completely alone.

All the roots I thought I had are gone. Everything in my life is in an upheaval. I am amazed that I can maintain any composure when I'm feeling like this.

The moment is all that matters; the present moment is of supreme importance. I know this. Yet in the present I feel dead. I want to anchor myself in the past and shed tears of self-pity. When I look ahead tonight I can see only futility, pain, and death. I am only a rotting body, a vessel of disease, potentially a handful of ashes after I am burned.

But you call me tonight to love and responsibility. You have a job for me to do. You make me look at other persons whose needs make my self-pity a mockery and a disgrace.

Lord, I hear you. I know you. I feel your presence strongly in this awful moment, and I thank you. Help me onto my feet. Help me to get up.

(Excerpt from ARE YOU RUNNING WITH ME, JESUS?  
Prayers by Malcolm Boyd)

Respectfully submitted,  
BARBARA ANN ADAMS, President

## SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS

1971 brings us to the "Year of the Pig," and with it comes a new tradition - a yearly Chinese New Year's feast in Chinatown for the Teens. On January 29th, we attended our 2nd annual dinner. We started off with steaming watercress soup, went on to nine more delectable courses, and wound up by loosening our belts.

The new year brought an increase in our membership. We now have over twenty active members in our register, including one Tom Schaub, who was made an "Honorary Teenager" at our Anniversary Dinner. He was presented with an exquisite aluminum chess set and a gorgeous pair of pink bellbottoms, which he promptly put on.

Over the past few months, the Teens have worked with Mr. Schaub in his Wednesday night 7th and 8th grade Open House program. We provided regular leadership for a basketball tournament which will culminate with a banquet and a trophy awarding night to be held shortly. The present attendance is well over twenty five boys.

With the improvement of our program came the improvement of our athletic prowess. We now have complete dominance over the mediocre "Young Adults" in our continuing fierce volleyball rivalry.

The above four events depict the melange of fun and work that the Teens try to maintain. We are keeping up with the Teens' ideal of building responsibility and having fun while doing it. Next year seven of us are going off to college, and each of us is glad that we are able to take with us two valuable years of experience as a Saint Luke's Teenager.

Respectfully submitted.

SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS