

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York, New York 10036

THE ANNUAL REPORT

1971

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THE PASTOR'S REPORT

I.N.I.

According to a nationally syndicated religious columnist, "1971 was one of the deadest years in religion for decades." It was, what he called, "an interim year" when "a new kind of church with radical departures from the pew-sitting Sunday morning church" was in the throes of childbirth. Though Jesus made the cover of TIME magazine twice, first as a hero of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and then for a wrap-up story of the Jesus People youth movement, the institutional church was still endeavoring to find its role in the 1970s. Church attendance and church finances were still on the decline. The credibility gap for some between the message of the church and the life of many of its members has not been closed. Honest concern is being expressed by churchmen everywhere; and though critics and self styled experts are numerous, quick and easy answers to the problems facing the church in today's affluent and mobile society have not appeared on the horizon.

Whether we want to call 1971 "an interim year" at Saint Luke's, I am not ready to say. Church attendance continued to drop by 16% during the past year. Never in recent history have so many of our members moved from New York City and transferred their membership. Most of these people were among our most regular members. It was increasingly difficult to get people out to evening services and meetings. Yet in spite of these discouraging factors, I believe, we are a stronger, though numerically smaller, congregation for the 1971 experience. A number of rather significant things took place.

For the first time in our 120 year history women served on the Church Council and thus added a new dimension to the administrative arm of the church. After a year during which the women observed us men rather closely, it is hoped their voice will be more keenly heard. This action on the part of Saint Luke's should have some far reaching results on the future.

1971 also saw a decided development of the servant role of the church. There was a wider and a deeper involvement of Saint Luke's in some of the social problems of our community, which is what happens when the Gospel is in action. Though for many years we have served children and youth in our community and though for many years, I, as your Pastor, have served in various capacities on numerous committees and councils, there has been limited involvement on the part of our general membership. 1971 saw encouraging developments as Saint Luke's became more actively involved in the geographic area where God has placed us.

For example, in the spring of 1971 our Social Issues Committee sponsored a luncheon program with a speaker from Project Find, a West Side Agency serving senior citizens, one group of which meets here each Tuesday afternoon. Four things happened as a result of this. The people of Saint Luke's responded with an offering of approximately \$1,000 for the luncheon program for those 65 to 85 senior citizens who meet here each Tuesday afternoon. The Dorcas Guild sponsored two white elephant sales, including clothing, for our elderly neighbors and thus afforded them not only a social event but also an opportunity to make needful purchases at prices within their limited budgets. The Young Adults became involved in the Project Find Coffee House, which is open five afternoons a week, and have enlisted the help of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Broadway Church of Christ and the Paulist Fathers' Church to keep the Coffee House open on Sunday afternoons. Then on Thanksgiving Day

our Young Adults, with the help of volunteers from the above mentioned churches, served 170 holiday dinners to senior citizens. In addition during the fall our Social Issue Committee planned two meetings on Rent Control for the people of the area, 125 being present at the first meeting and about 85 at the second.

In conjunction with the business people of 46th Street I have spent much time and effort endeavoring to clean up the area of pornography, prostitution and drug peddling. Countless meetings were held with the business community, various echelons of the police department and others concerned with the problem, which has made our area one of the pornographic capitals of the world and which has kept many people from coming into the area. Though we have by no means solved the problem, we are getting more and better police coverage; we are building a grass roots ground swell, which in the coming months should have a bearing on our elected officials and upon our courts. In this battle the church cannot stand by idly but must let its voice be heard and its influence felt. In addition to these activities the church, along with the businessmen of 46th Street, raised more than a thousand dollars to pay for the installation of new street lights to brighten up the block and to serve as a deterrent to nefarious activity at night.

During 1971 the Rev. Clement Lee, who is an Executive Secretary in the area of Communications Media for the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., joined our staff and is serving on a part time basis. In the few months Pastor Lee has been with us, his presence has been felt and he has made valuable contributions to our work. We look forward to his continuing ministry at Saint Luke's.

In view of what I have said above, I am not certain whether 1971 was "an interim year" at Saint Luke's. Though numerically there has been no progress, there has been a regrouping of our forces, increased interest and enthusiasm on the part of many, a new emphasis on our ministry to people, and a widening of our horizons regarding our involvement in community. Increasingly Saint Luke's has gained the respect of community and is being looked to for leadership. I personally have had the distinction of being the first clergyman ever asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the prestigious West Side Association of Commerce, which is perhaps one of the most influential chambers of commerce in the country. Several of our members are serving on important community committees, one of them having been elected treasurer of The Clinton Planning Council in which 45 agencies have banded together to make this a better area in which to live, to work and also to worship.

Included in this Annual Report are statements from the various organizations and ministries of the church. I will, therefore, not comment on this phase of our work at this time.

I wish I could give some definite answers to the problems facing us in the immediate future and to present long range plans which would assure the future of Saint Luke's. I know that in 1921, when Saint Luke's was forced to abandon its 42nd Street property, our fathers were severely criticized for relocating here on 46th Street, especially since this community was already deteriorating at that time. I know that when I came to Saint Luke's in 1935, leading churchmen in the Lutheran community had written off the church and said it would be only a matter of a few years before our doors were closed. I know that during the initial steps of trying to develop a metropolitan church in which a commuting and a community congregation be simultaneously served and made one, I was told by churchmen that it would never work.

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However, I know that 49 years after we moved to 46th Street and 36½ years after I came to Saint Luke's, we are still here. Saint Luke's has not closed its doors; we are that metropolitan-cosmopolitan church, perhaps smaller in names on our membership role, but, I believe, just as large in spirit, perhaps more dedicated to purpose, and certainly more involved in mission. Why? First of all, it is by the grace of God. To Him alone goes the credit and the glory. Secondly, we are here because we have never had any pat answers but we have been willing to search and experiment, also willing to admit we have made a mistake and are willing to try new approaches and new methods of mission. This searching must always continue because the solution to our problems lies in an open mind and in a readiness to listen to the voice of God and the needs of people. Today's answers could well be a mistake in tomorrow's situation. Saint Luke's is the kind of church that can never say, "But we have always done it that way." That way could well be the death of the church. Instead we must realize that each changing situation is a new opportunity for ministry and requires its own answer.

In planning for the future, even just for 1972, there are a number of things we ought keep in mind. We must never down-grade Saint Luke's or our mission in this area. Ours is a unique church and it is impossible to measure the impact we make on the lives of people. Year after year people - some who were here 20 to 25 years ago - turn to us in some crisis situation in their lives and seek counselling or ask us to share in their joys. Saint Luke's is far from perfect, but we must build on strengths and correct, not dwell on, our weaknesses. Secondly, we must never underestimate the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but proclaim it to the best of our ability, be the first to respond to it by shaping our attitudes and lives according to it. Thirdly, because we are fewer in numbers we must further develop a sacrificial spirit in our midst by stopping to find excuses and by starting to ask "What can I do to further the mission of Saint Luke's?" Fourthly, each of us must deepen our own spiritual life and endeavor to better understand the social problems of our time and their bearing on our particular mission as a church. Fifthly, as individual members of Saint Luke's we must remember that we are here at this particular time in history not so much to be served but to serve. Finally, we must more and more become a praying community in close communion with God because it is in asking that we lay aside arrogance and show our total dependence on God; it is in seeking that we find guidance and direction; it is in knocking that new opportunities of service open up to us.

Jesus says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." What better advice could we have as we lay hold on the mission of Saint Luke's in 1972?

Yours in Christ,

ALBERT L. NEIBACHER, Pastor

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I believe that the true evaluation of the effectiveness of Saint Luke's during the year of 1971 will be shown by the reports of the individual organizations. It will show that we were stronger and more effective in some areas than in others. It should help guide the Staff and Council during the coming year.

I want to thank the members of the Church Council who gave considerable time doing committee work. I would especially mention the House, Spiritual Life and Social Action Committee for not only meeting their responsibilities but bringing new ideas into play.

It is difficult to think how we could have gotten along without the women serving on the Council. Their presence gives promise to our coordinating our work more efficiently in the future.

I also want to thank Pastor and the entire Staff for their devoted service during the year. The experience that we have obtained by having Pastor Lee and Mr. Wunsch serve on the Staff, will be very beneficial for the future. They were able to bring diverse thoughts, and experiences in helping us to fulfill our opportunities and responsibilities. Pastor Lee's creative ideas for the Candlelight Service is a good example of the exciting possibilities for the future.

The fact that many people are concerned about the future of Saint Luke's is in itself a healthy sign.

We all thank God for the many benefits that He blessed us with during 1971, and we pray that He will guide us during the coming year so that our congregation may continue to grow spiritually.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS SCHAUB

THE MUSIC REPORT

The musical life at Saint Luke's continues to be vital and interesting. On the day of the Congregational Dinner a year ago, we included our teen musicians in a regular Sunday service for the first time. Since then they have participated in a number of services, accompanied the congregation in folk music, collaborated with our choir soloists, and, in the Christmas Candlelight service, performed instrumental numbers by themselves. They are clearly talented, and we expect further contributions from them in the near future despite a substantial turnover of personnel.

Choir remains an exemplary organization. As director, I could not ask for keener effort or more genuine enthusiasm. Two long-time members, Miss Dorothy Hamann, and Mr. Frederick Adams, have left our community in the past year. Balancing this loss, two new people have joined us since Fall: the Misses Eileen Nelson and Carol Coyle. Our roster of section leaders has not changed, but I shall repeat my warning that Josephine Mongiardo and Irving Hunter have been donating their vital services for half their former pay, and cannot be expected to do this indefinitely.

Sadly, the loss of two of our most gifted musicians seems imminent. Herbert Meyer's firm is moving to Connecticut, and he and his wife plan to relocate there around Eastertime. It would be difficult to overestimate their contributions to the musical life of Saint Luke's during their years with us - Herbert as a mainstay of the tenor section, Mary Ellen as a key alto, as organist and as choir director. Needless to say, they shall always be welcome to rejoin us as occasions present themselves!

A highlight of the past year was the service of music (organ recital Schuetz' Seven Last Words of Christ) last Good Friday afternoon. An indication that such musical events can and do draw worshippers is seen in the fact that there was a 35% increase in attendance that afternoon over the previous year. We look forward to the possibility of a similar occasion this Holy Week, and - if the congregation shows sufficient interest - of other musical services during the year.

I remain, as ever

Yours in Christ,

WALTER HILSE
Organist and Choir Director

SPANISH WORK REPORT

In 1971, 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 35 pastoral calls, 28 mission calls, and 7 hospital calls. Through our work, modest gains have been recorded. Our average Sunday attendance was 25. (It was 23 in 1970).

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 Saint Luke's Church for their exceptional cooperation with the Spanish ministry here at this church. I speak also for the Spanish-speaking membership of Saint Luke's Church in saying that we appreciate the generous use of facilities and spirit of cooperation which prevails. Also, we sincerely appreciate the help given ten families at Christmas in the form of food packages and toys, as well as the generous help given during the course of the year to refugee families of blankets, clothing and household articles.

(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

Dear fellow-members of Saint Luke's:

This report is our best report, as far as finances are concerned, since the end of year 1965.

However, there are other considerations in making an evaluation of our accomplishments. We had a full program for only the last three or four months of the year.

We ended 1971 with the small deficit of only \$366.42. The congregation is to be commended for their help in keeping our income at approximately the same level as the previous year, even though our church attendance declined a considerable amount. May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your financial support.

We are still faced with major building repairs in 1972. Last year we spent only half of our anticipated need of some \$10,00.00. The balance of \$5,000.00 will be a 1972 expense.

All in all, it looks as though that in 1972 we will have a more difficult task in meeting our expenses. Without God's presence and help, we could very easily become discouraged in our labors. However, if we all do our part, God will be with us and will see us through this year also.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Walter Schussler and Mr. Joseph Gapper for their assistance in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gausman
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Envelopes	\$25,053.05	\$25,808.72
Plate	2,456.12	2,119.36
Pew Rent & Memorials	10.00	10.00
Christmas	1,532.95	2,147.00
Easter	2,411.10	2,296.55
Lenten Noon-Day	---	46.00
Thanksgiving	1,005.50	946.00
Birthday (121st Anniversary)	1,432.00	936.25
Special Income	5,525.00	4,525.95
Flowers	971.50	1,881.50
Devotional Booklets	147.50	179.57
Initial Offering	210.00	101.25
Youth Program	100.00	99.70
Boy Scouts	---	70.00
Girl Scouts	25.00	---
Received for Special Purposes	138.00	86.05
Subtotal	<u>\$41,017.72</u>	<u>\$41,253.90</u>
Income from Investments	18,424.96*	18,685.15
Total Income	<u><u>\$59,442.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$59,939.05</u></u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$28,233.15	\$35,022.41
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical	4,061.90	4,994.13
Printing & Stationery	2,000.41	1,844.05
Insurance	2,542.00	3,199.00
Heating	1,908.33	2,052.66
Gas & Electric	1,459.69	1,405.30
Telephone	1,361.53	1,649.41
Postage	627.73	762.26
Advertising	1,248.98	1,097.46
Devotional Booklets	202.02	202.02
Flowers	674.00	839.00
Envelope Expense	92.95	125.60
Youth Program	331.95	135.45
Boy Scouts	---	40.00
Girl Scouts	25.00	---
Repairs & Replacements		
Major	7,079.78	2,785.67
Operational	2,074.95	2,363.47
Spanish Ministry	300.00	300.00
Bank Custodial Charges	552.08	559.56
Sunday School	100.00	100.00
Cleaning & Maintenance	355.00	876.00
Sunday Coffee Hours	102.15	193.05
Miscellaneous	1,913.48	1,998.07
Disbursements for Special Purposes	1,062.02	493.94
Total Expense	<u>\$59,809.10</u>	<u>\$64,538.51</u>
Total Income	<u>\$59,442.68</u>	<u>\$59,939.05</u>
Deficit	<u>\$ 366.42</u>	<u>\$ 4,599.46</u>

(*) 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 1971.

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. Schaefer	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	1971 Henry Rieth

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1971

Mr. Henry Dahlen
Mrs. Catherine Drexler
Mrs. Anna Goldberg
Mr. August Hauff
Mr. Edward Meeker
Mr. August Menge
Mr. Alfred Vey

COLLECTION FOR OTHERS-1971

Missions	\$ 3,598.80
American Bible Society	36.50
American Red Cross	20.00
Association for Works of Mercy	50.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	40.00
Christmas Seals - Atlantic District Welfare	760.50
Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y.	25.00
Ladies' Aid Society of Bethlehem Home	10.00
Lutheran Church-Mo. Synod Resources Fund	500.00
Lutheran Community Services	550.05
Lutheran Education Society, Bronxville, N.Y.	75.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Mill Neck, N.Y.	1,498.50
Lutheran Hour	130.00
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y.	203.50
Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey	75.00
New York Bible Society	56.50
Project FIND	995.52
Project HOPE	100.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging	303.50
Wartburg Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	50.00
Wheat Ridge Foundation	<u>37.50</u>
	\$ 9,115.87

ST. LUKE'S HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

In recent years the congregation has been asked to spend large sums of money to rehabilitate our forty-eight year old structures and their major pieces of equipment, such as organs and heating plant. Since it will take several years more to complete this work, using a priority system to distribute the costs in order to meet budget guidelines, your committee felt that an accounting of the past two years' expenditures would be appropriate.

We have divided maintenance into two categories: major and operational. Major maintenance we define as such equipment, repairs, alterations or replacements which have a value of \$250 or more and/or a life expectancy of more than a year. Operational maintenance includes all other items, and, generally, are repetitious in nature.

<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Painting - Parish house, various items including windows	\$1,703.00	\$ --
Painting - Parish house, Pastor's study & church office	--	285.00
Carpentry - Three exterior doors	698.45	--
Carpentry - Superintendent's apartment	--	794.00
Electrical - Parish house outside light	96.00	--
Refrigerator (1970) and Gas Range (1971)	163.50	97.75
Tools and equipment	124.72	--
Exteriors - Church: reflash roof joints, repoint upper stonework and steeple tower, reset loose stonework, paint ventillators, caulk clear-story window frames to stone and paint, and replace clearstory leaders. Parish house: Reseal coping joints and reflash coping walls.	--	4,693.03
Plumbing - Replace steeple tower drain, clear parish house drain, prepare for parish house roof leak in pastor's apartment (incomplete), and repair several emergency leaks in walls.	--	1,210.00
	<u>\$2,785.67</u>	<u>\$7,079.78</u>
<u>OPERATIONAL</u>		
Air conditioning equipment	\$ --	\$ 140.00
Electric organ in Sunday School	54.00	--
Electrical repairs	375.00	--
Elevator maintenance	336.00	369.60
Heating plant repairs	--	241.00
Painting	542.80	--
Plumbing	614.45	241.40
Wire fencing - attempted robbery	--	110.00
Miscellaneous - Building maintenance supplies	441.22	972.95
	<u>\$2,363.47</u>	<u>\$2,074.95</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Koepchen
Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Last year I made the statement that a good indication of success with the Sunday School would be an increase in enrollment. Regrettably, I still cannot say that using this criterion we have been very successful. The attendance figures given at the end of this report indicate that we have "held our own", which is better than last year when attendance dropped. The figures also indicate that we have difficulty in getting our pupils to attend regularly. While we were rehearsing for the Candle Light Service, our attendance improved considerably, and we are now investigating the use of projects to maintain interest.

Some of the highlights of the Sunday School year were:

1. A new type of Christmas Candle Light Service, a celebration of Christmas, which was very ably directed and designed by Pastor Clement Lee and Mr. Leonard Kluge. The service proved to be an interesting experience for all, especially the children. We might note that the change was necessitated by the decrease in enrollment.
2. The preparation of some very interesting banners which now decorate the walls of the Sunday School Room.
3. The use of new teaching materials which have been received quite favorably by the pupils. These materials sustain the interest of the pupils by using a variety of materials such as records, filmstrips, posters and tapes.
4. A weekend teachers' retreat at Camp Wilbur Herrlich.
5. The annual June Sunday School Picnic followed by a September "Welcome Back" Service for children and parents at which time movies taken at the picnic were shown.
6. A continuation of the "Mini Coffee Hour" which continues to be popular with the children, teachers and some members of the congregation.

During the months to come, we are planning:

1. A children's service at Easter.
2. A youth service in June.
3. A "drive" to increase Sunday School attendance.

The success of these programs has been dependent upon the efforts of

the following devoted teachers:

Primary Department	Miss Virginia Herman
	Miss Barbara Adams
Second Grade	Mrs. Mildred Sanso
Third & Fourth Grades	Mrs. Joan Devlin
Fifth Grade	Mr. Denny Chin - Mr. Bill Snyder
Sixth Grade	Miss Gloria Klicko
Seventh Grade	Mr. Tom Schaub & Mr. Daly Chin
Eighth Grade	Miss Silke Hansen
Teen Bible Class	Miss Sue Neibacher
	Mr. Ron Wunsch
Substitutes	Miss Rhoda Kluge
	Miss Sandy Burgess
	Mr. Joe Gapper
	Mr. Cal Kiiffner
Secretary	Miss Genevieve Savio
Treasurer	Miss Christine Gausman

Sunday School Attendance Report

Number Registered:	January 1, 1971	67
	January 1, 1972	70
Total Yearly Attendance:	1970 (41 Sundays)	1,881
	1971 (40 ")	1,487

MELVIN MEISINGER

Sunday School Superintendent

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
TREASURER'S REPORT
1971

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1971		\$ 219.53
Initial Offerings		3.40
Envelopes		287.39
Plate Collections		333.53
Mite Box		62.40
Church subsidy		100.00
Special Contribution		100.00
Candle Light Service Envelopes	27.79	
Plate	125.33	
		153.12
Christmas Contribution		<u>6.00</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 1,265.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Sunday School supplies		344.18
Petty Cash		62.63
Begonias for Sunday School children		56.00
Buses for Picnic		267.00
Picnic Expense		40.00
Hartley House Contribution		25.00
Sunday School Expense (Refreshments)		10.22
Christmas Gifts		56.70
Christmas Expense (Candle Light Service)		52.21
Christmas Expense (Refreshments)		6.00
Duplex Sunday School Envelopes		<u>27.61</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>947.55</u>

Balance on hand - January 1, 1971		\$ 317.82
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Receipts

Balance on hand - December 31, 1971		\$ 317.82
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MISSION FUND

Balance on hand - January 1, 1971		\$ 514.28
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Receipts

59.72

Balance on hand - December 31, 1971		\$ 574.00
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CHRISTINE GAUSMAN
Treasurer

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Again it is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Ladies' Aid Society of Saint Luke's. Our total membership as of December 31, 1971 is 35, of which about half are active members. Mrs. F. Matheis, Mrs. J. Miranda, Miss E. Pantle, and Mrs. W. Schussler joined our society in the past year. We welcome them heartily and pray that more women will join this year, our 100th Anniversary.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. After a sandwich, coffee, and cake we have a planned meeting. We belong to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and bring our mites quarterly to support their missionary projects and send a delegate to the Atlantic District Convention of the League.

Our treasurer's report lists in detail the gifts and donations made in 1971, so will not go into details. We are able to accomplish this work for Saint Luke's and our Lord through the dividends received from the legacies left us by former members. If there are any questions regarding the treasurer's report, feel free to ask Miss Dorfmueller or the writer.

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

Respectfully submitted.

ELSIE KOESTER
President

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1971

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$	157.50	
Hostess fees		7.70	
Christmas		15.50	
Special contributions		50.00	
Interest on investments		1,207.50	
LWML Mite Box collections		71.50	
M. Theurer Fund		40.00	
Proceeds from dinner		41.73	
		\$ 1,591.43	

DISBURSEMENTS

Gifts		6.89	
M. Theurer Fund		40.00	
Refreshments at meetings		6.69	
LWML Convention at Atlantic City		33.41	
LWML Mite Box		85.50	
LWML Quarterlies		9.00	
Altar flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter		200.00	
Post cards & printing		42.60	
Teenage summer project		100.00	
Cleaning choir gowns		84.00	
Refinishing chairs & bench		500.00	
Contributions			
Lutheran World Relief for E. Patkistan		25.00	
Concordia College		25.00	
Mill Neck Manor		25.00	
Project Find - Thanksgiving Dinner		20.00	
		1,203.09	
Balance for 1971		388.34	
On hand January 1, 1971		245.71	
On hand December 31, 1971		\$ 634.05	

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1971

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	Balance December 31, 1971	
	Franklin Savings Bank	\$ 73.02
	" " "	859.07
	Bowery Savings Bank	2,503.15
		\$3,435.24
	Balance in savings accounts	\$ 3,435.24
	Balance in checking account	634.05
		\$ 4,069.29

MEMORIAL FUNDS:	Total Memorials received by Ladies' Aid for which we hold:	
	General Telephone of California 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds	\$ 19,825.00
	Standard Oil of California bond	1,000.00
	Atlantic District notes	5,000.00
	Three savings accounts	3,435.24
		\$ 29,260.24

MEMORIALS

Miss Anna Hochhalter	\$ 600.00
Mrs. Catherine Karsch	2,000.00
Mrs. Katherine Wendel	200.00
Mrs. Minna Gerhardt	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Brummer	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Groll, Sr.	50.00
Mrs. Emilie Scommodau	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 K. Schaefer	5,000.00
Gustav A. Zerbst	500.00
Mrs. Marie Koester	45.00
Mrs. Anna Menge	1,172.00
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	305.00
John Schussler	50.00
Mrs. Boyle	35.00
Mrs. Olga Schussler	500.00
Rudolph J. Fischer	500.00
Total Memorials	\$ 28,932.00

EDITH DORFMULLER
Treasurer

DORCAS GUILD - 1971

The Dorcas Guild has been very busy this past year, not only during the monthly meetings, but more so with extra-curricular activities. The O.K. was given, and a White Elephant Sale was held, which netted \$125.70. This was so encouraging that later in the year a Trash and Treasure Sale was held, and \$206.76 was added to the Treasury. This made it possible for the Guild to make contributions of \$240 to worthy organizations. In comparison, only \$66 was contributed in 1970, and \$60 in 1969. The organizations that benefited from our contributions are the --

Lutheran World Relief
Lutheran Braille Workers
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
Project FIND
Chaplaincy Service at Roosevelt Hospital
Senior Citizens Coffee House

And if you've been in the 3rd floor lounge recently, you'll also see that the lamp shades have been replaced, making it a much brighter room. Also, from the Kitchen Fund, a new Refrigerator and Coffee Urn were purchased, plus miscellaneous items for the kitchen.

As far as our monthly meetings are concerned, we decided to have more social activities rather than speakers. This seems to be very successful, bringing the members closer together, with more understanding toward one another, and also - it's more fun.

As our service projects, we collected money for the Red Cross; rolled bandages for the Lutheran Medical Mission Association; packed Kiddy Kits for Lutheran World Relief; painted and papered the kitchen upboards; and housecleaned Pastor Lee's office. The robes for the Christmas Candlelight Service were all cleaned, courtesy of Mrs. Jean Funk, and other members helped with the fitting and re-styling of other robes for the program. Some of our members are still active in the Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital the 3rd Sunday of each month, which is a tremendous help to the Chaplaincy Service. In October a luncheon was sponsored by the Dorcas Guild, followed by a film and a discussion led by Pastor Krampitz, on the Chaplaincy Service.

We are also in membership with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and contributions to the various mission projects are made through our Mite Box collections. A delegate was sent to the LWML District Convention, and the Spring and Fall Rallies were attended by our members.

Our membership now totals 30; however, only 25 are active members. We invite anyone (male or female) to come to our meetings, whether you want to join or not. We always have a very good time. The purpose of the Dorcas Guild is "to aid in increasing interest in the work of the church, and, generally, to live up to the first Dorcas of the Bible".

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Herman
President

DORCAS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
1971

RED CROSS COLLECTION - SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH.....\$79.13

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1971		\$ 89.65
Dues		158.00
LWML Mite box collections		102.00
Birthday collection		30.00
Special contributions		110.00
Hostess fees		10.00
Proceeds from White Elephant Sale		125.70
Proceeds from Trash & Treasure Sale		206.76
Proceeds from Luncheon		41.00
Bank interest		9.39
	Total Receipts	\$ 883.10

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite box & quarterlies		114.85
Altar flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter		50.00
Altar flowers in memory of departed members		12.00
Delegate expense LWML Convention		31.91
Gifts		21.44
Postage		20.78
Transferred to Kitchen Fund (50% of Trash & Treasure Sale)		103.38
Lamp shades		57.44
Contributions		
Birthday collection to Lutheran Braille Workers		30.00
Lutheran World Relief		10.00
Chaplaincy Services at Roosevelt Hospital		50.00
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf		25.00
Senior Citizens Coffee House		50.00
Project Find		75.00
	Total Disbursements	651.80
Balance on hand - December 31, 1971		\$ 231.30

KITCHEN FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1971		\$ 361.94
Donation		1.00
50% of Trash & Treasure Sale		103.38
Bank interest		9.96
	Total Receipts	\$ 476.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Refrigerator		334.95
Various items for use in kitchen		18.29
	Total Disbursements	353.24

Balance on hand - December 31, 1971		\$ 123.04
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CHRISTINE GAUSMAN, Treasurer
VIRGINIA CALLAHAN, Chairman, Kitchen Fund

THE YOUNG ADULTS

The current "program" for young adults at Saint Luke's is best described as "involvement".

And, the program includes a conscious and deliberate effort to encourage and enable the individual young adult to "find his own place" within the Saint Luke's church family.

It has never been a valid measure of religious interest or Christian commitment to be concerned only with the attendance record of a younger adult at an official young-adult-event, such as a "Y.A. Meeting or dinner".

Surely, participation, sharing, working, and worshipping among and within any of the Saint Luke's programs and projects is a far more accurate indicator of church interest, and hopefully, even an indicator of growing faith.

Looking at a list of people at Saint Luke's that are, generally speaking, within that (envied) classification of "young" adults, we see that 90% of that list are indeed committing a very high portion of their time and concern to the work of the church--by volunteering to serve in many, many capacities.

In addition to service as responsible laity of the church, they have found time to get together as a group, as in previous years, for discussions and occasional dinner meetings.

However, the time it used to take to create and elect organization "officers"; to structure a formal weekly meeting to keep the machinery going; to find topics of general interest for such a wide spectrum of interests as is represented in this grouping of urban and urbane church young adults, has given way to a "specialized" ministry to the particular needs, interests and even aptitudes of these younger "members" of the parish.

Our goal is to be available to everyone in this way. Our ministering continues.

WE COMMEND THE YOUNG ADULTS FOR THEIR SACRIFICING SPIRIT; THEIR EXUBERANT INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL; AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALLEYS AND PEAKS OF WORKING TOGETHER AS A PART OF, SIMPLY, BEING HUMAN.

Furthermore, we thank them and everyone who has joined hands with them in service and in evaluations of their efforts.

Following is a small sample of how your young adults have worked to deserve such praise: You will find one or more "involved" in the choir; "housing" meetings; the social action committee; coffee hour; Project FIND for senior citizens; St. Nicholas Night; Christmas decorating; preparing Thanksgiving dinner for neighborhood seniors; presenting an open meeting on "prison conditions and reform"; teaching Sunday School; designing church literature; girl scout work; teen counseling; deacons; trustees, etc. (over)

Remarkable. And wonderful. Especially when we remember the social, educational, and indeed professional and occupational demands on today's New York young adult. It is quite comparable to, and in some cases, worse than the demands on some of Saint Luke's more established and older members.

All active participants in the life of Saint Luke's have lives outside of Saint Luke's. But, out of a 168-hour week, when someone gives four hours to Saint Luke's church, they are four hours of commitment not available to anything or anyone else.

A conservative estimate (based on an average of 12 young adults giving an average of four hours per week, except in summer) shows that in 1971 the young adults volunteered more than 2,000 hours of service.

--The Rev. Clement W.K. Lee

SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS

A question has arisen among members of the congregation, and among ourselves, asking, "What is the role of the Saint Luke's Teens?" We will utilize this report to stress our thoughts and ideas as the answers to this question.

We feel that there are three primary parts to the role of Saint Luke's Teenagers, service to ourselves, the community, and the church. In the area of service to ourselves, there have been frustrations and failures, successes and rewards. Due to a lack of an imaginative and interesting program, the past year has not been an especially rewarding one in the aspect of fulfilling our social, spiritual, and recreational needs.

Our community has a wide range of problems. Among them is our youth, growing up isolated in the stark environment of the lower West Side. It is in this area that we have been most active. Our basketball tournament held last Spring resulted with several happy boys as they received eleven trophies. Because our summer arts and crafts program, in our opinion, was a big success, we are currently holding a Monday Night program for the fifth and sixth graders. We are also in the process of holding a second basketball tournament for the Wednesday Night group. Supporting evidence for the value of this program is the increased caliber of basketball play and especially that of sportsmanship. The kids showed their appreciation by collecting among themselves and buying a trophy for three of the teen leaders.

There has been much discussion over the role of the Teens in the church. It seems to us that many people feel that our highest obligation is to attend the 11:00 A.M. services every Sunday. We disagree with this thought, for we have many questions and doubts about the image of "God," as we have been lead to believe in Sunday School and from contact with other people. It is because of this that there is a need for more rewarding discussions, which the Sunday School Bible Class cannot fulfill. Although reasons vary, the consensus of opinion is that the range of ages is too wide - in effect, what we have is a "Generation Gap." However, we think the fault lies with the church policy and the lack of additional teachers. We strongly suggest a Pre-teen Bible Class.

Another aspect of the role the Teens play is an active participation with the church membership. During the summer, we lead the Folk Services. Although not very well attended by the congregation, there was a better teenage attendance. We also helped a great deal in the planning and execution of the Christmas Candlelight Service.

We are not attempting to divide the role of the Teenagers into three parts. Each area compliments the others. Serving ourselves also serves the church, as well as the community, and vica versa. There must be an interaction between the three, linking them together so that aiding one aids the others.

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For the last three years, we have operated, and we think successfully, without a youth advisor. There is much disagreement among the Teens as to whether there is a need for one, however, the general attitude is that we do. One of the keys to improve the servicing of ourselves is an effectual youth advisor. A good youth advisor would fit into our purpose by helping us put together a creative and more interesting program. He would have to help us try to answer our questions and to aid in our spiritual life. Perhaps, with such help, the Saint Luke's Teen Club could continue to expand, even beyond the church, instead of floundering in a state of stagnation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS