

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 West 46th Street

New York, New York 10036

THE ANNUAL REPORT

1972

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for

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Martha Eber, Deaconess
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THE PASTOR'S REPORT

During 1972 Saint Luke's continued to feel the impact of the social, cultural and economic forces which influence and shape the life of our city. The exodus of both corporate institutions and individuals continued and has had its effect on the total life of our city. With but few exceptions the church in all denominations has experienced decline in church attendance, in membership and in financial support.

In spite of this, I have seen some encouraging signs at Saint Luke's during the past year. I believe we have finally started not only to overcome the negativism and defeatism of the past few years, but we have also overcome the American success syndrome of judging everything in numbers. Of course, it is discouraging to see a decrease in church attendance and in membership and an increase in deficit spending. However, I believe we have learned to live with this trend and overcome the defeatist attitude. As a people we have drawn closer together and understand more clearly our mission as a church. There has been better team work, a greater expression of concern for people and a widening of horizons.

I see these encouraging trends, for example, in the following: greater participation in our Sunday morning Coffee Hours, which has helped to strengthen our communion of saints; renewed spirit and interest in both the Ladies' Aid and the Dorcas Guild and that at a time when many consider women's groups in the church passe; increased involvement in the Roosevelt Hospital Chaplaincy program; continued and wider participation in the Project FIND Coffee House for senior citizens; the beginning of renewed interest in Bible study; a return of pride in the physical condition of our church plant. All have had a psychological effect on the attitude and spirit of our people.

The addition of the Rev. Stephen Wolfe on a part time basis to our church staff last January has shown that there is a need to develop the ministry to teens and to redirect it from a strictly recreational program to an effective spiritual arm of the church. This past year we restructured the confirmation instruction program by making it more compact and intensive. As a result, interest was sharpened and maintained and 8 Senior High School and 7 Junior High School teens were confirmed.

In the Fall of 1972 a Call for Special Ministry was extended to the Rev. Clement Lee (Minister for Communication) and the Rev. Stephen Wolfe (Minister to Youth). They were installed on December 10th and in 1973 we hope to see even more clearly their individual and combined impact on the total life and ministry of the church.

On November 5th the Ladies' Aid Society celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its official organization. In the 11 o'clock worship hour the women of the church participated in conducting the service, two of them having brief homilies and challenging the entire congregation to renewed commitment to Christ.

With each passing year it becomes increasingly evident that the ministry of Saint Luke's must continue to extend beyond the four walls of our church plant and become more involved in the total life of the community, serving the people who now live here and helping to build the community of the future. Because the problems of the area are so complex, no single agency or institution can solve them alone or continue to exist in isolation for very long. Only the

total community working together can begin to make an impact. For many years Saint Luke's has not stood in isolation but has assumed a responsible role in seeking out solutions to many of our problems. This has made my personal ministry more difficult and demanding and has made me wear different hats at different times. However, it has meant serving people and extending the arm and influence of the church and putting the faith of the church to work in the community. This means not only facing up to crises situations but also to long term planning.

For example, right after World War II, evidences of rapid deterioration in the community became apparent and the fight for housing in the Clinton area of New York started. Of the original six community leaders, who met regularly with city and state officials, with leaders in the construction industry, with investment people and at one time for several months with internationally-known City Planners, I am the only one left. It has been a long and at times discouraging battle; but victory is at hand because the community is finally assured of new housing. Though not the case 5 years ago, today it is generally conceded by the business community, by the city fathers, by redevelopment and investment groups, that the area West of 8th Avenue will be developed, not for commercial purposes as originally planned, but for residential purposes.

In the Clinton Renewal area, which will ultimately contain 3,400 housing units, ground has already been broken for the first 39-story tower containing 396 moderate priced apartments. On 42nd Street, plans for 1,690 new apartments are in their final stages; and throughout the area, plots of ground, much of it vacant, have been assembled and are ready for development with the emphasis on housing. As the New York Times said last Sunday (Feb. 18, 1973), Clinton has become "a focal point for major redevelopment".

In developing the trend toward housing, Saint Luke's has played an important role. Though I will not be at Saint Luke's to see it, though I am not given to clairvoyancy, I do not hesitate to say that in the new city which will rise in Clinton within the next decade, Saint Luke's will have one of the more glorious chapters in her history. Though we are small in numbers today, there is basic strength and inherent potential to do great things for Christ.

To keep strong and to build on our strengths, I suggest the following goals for 1973:

1. An aggressive program of outreach to the immediate community through circularization, increased individual contacts, and other feasible means.
2. Reorganization of the Spiritual Life Program with greater emphasis on evangelism and implementation of certain phases of Key '73.
3. Restructuring the various committees for more effective functioning, for better coordinating of our entire program and for better use of available manpower.
4. A stepped-up schedule of regular, terminal Bible study programs.
5. A thorough study of our finances and a program for action to increase the number of regular contributors to meet current needs and expand services.
6. The immediate appointment of a Special Committee to formulate plans to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our worshipping on West 46th Street.

In closing I want to thank Pastors Clement Lee and Stephen Wolfe, Miss Martha Eber and Mrs. Laura Neibacher, whose assistance has been invaluable and unmeasurable. Individually and collectively they have shared the total load and I trust helped to make the ministry of Saint Luke's more meaningful to you.

Placing the past into God's keeping, for Him to evaluate, and placing the future into His hands, for Him to direct and lead, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Albert L. Neibacher

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is easy to exaggerate current events and to interpret conditions either as the best of the times or the worst of times. We seldom see present happenings in the true perspective relative to the past. However, an honest evaluation of our resources and performances is essential if we are to do our best work at Saint Luke's.

This annual self-analysis of each organization permits us, collectively, to take stock and, hopefully, to better plan for the future.

A review of the statistics for 1972 shows that we are in a critical period. We have lost the services of many friends who have moved from New York. The work-load has fallen on fewer people.

The many repairs that were necessary to our building in 1972 could not have been so efficiently done without the constant attention of Paul Koepchen. He did an excellent job. His services and friendship will be greatly missed.

At times we have had to reduce the scope of some programs because of fewer workers and leaders. We are also faced with this prospect in the future.

Nevertheless, the constructive items that give us encouragement have been the continued involvement of our members in the Coffee House program, hospital visitations, and youth work. The renewed interest in Bible study in 1972 gives promise for even a more interesting series of studies in 1973.

Adding the services of Pastors Lee and Wolfe enables us to extend our ministry with the youth and, together with Pastor Neibacher, provide the opportunity for new challenges from the pulpit.

We need to be alert to our responsibilities to our neighborhood and to the city if we are to spread the meaning of the Word and to recruit new members so that we may share the blessings of the past with those of the future.

May God bless our endeavors for this coming year.

Respectfully submitted;

Thomas Schaub
President

THE MUSIC REPORT

Dear Members of Saint Luke's:

My wife and I regret having to miss the Congregational Dinner and Meeting once again. For the second straight year there is a direct conflict between the dinner and a studio recital in which Barbara and I are performing.

There is not much to say about the music. I am certainly gratified by the enthusiastic support of my two organ recitals here at the church this past year. Another in the month of May is likely.

In the choir the most noteworthy development is the steady progress achieved by our young, talented bass section. Kathleen Moore is a valuable addition to our sopranos. We must, however, remind ourselves that the situation is far from secure, as far as our group is concerned. Hard work makes us forget the thinness of our forces, but the loss of even one or two key members could cripple the program. If any capable voices are lurking about, especially tenors and basses, alert us to the fact!

I remain, as ever,

Yours in Christ,

Walter Hilse
Organist and Choir Director

SPANISH WORK REPORT

In 1972, 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 36 pastoral calls, 24 mission calls, and 8 hospital calls. Through our work, modest gains have been recorded. Our average Sunday attendance was 20. (It was 25 in 1971). Due to ill health, I was absent from my work for two months.

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. Two of our families moved to Puerto Rico.

I am grateful to the staff and membership of Saint Luke's Church for their exceptional cooperation with the Spanish ministry here at the 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 14 families at Christmas in the form of food 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

The past year, we had to make a number of costly repairs to our building. These included a new bulletin board with an electrical installation, organ chamber repairs, a new emergency lighting system, roofing and leader repairs, also plastering, painting and floor tile work. Our Ladies Aid Society contributed almost \$1,500 to help us meet these outlays. We were also compelled to sell some of our securities to have the needed available cash.

Our \$7,000 deficit is mainly due to these large repair expenditures. However, many of our other costs have increased. We do not anticipate a repair bill this year such as the one we had in 1972. However, the average cost of repairs for the four years prior to 1972 was about \$6,000.

In view of the above, we should make every effort to recover, in 1973, the \$7,000 loss we sustained last year. By liquidating part of our security holdings, we, in turn, reduce our income and have a larger portion of our budget to meet through our weekly contributions.

I want to thank all of you for your financial help for the past year. Because of this deficit, some of you will want to begin at this time to help us by using our special "Catch Up" envelopes or increasing your weekly contributions. We will also contact all of our members by letter at a later date.

Another area for recovering part of this deficit is for many of our members to become more consistent in their giving. Our expenses go on whether you attend church or not. Of course, we want you to attend the services. However, if you are unable to attend, and are able to contribute, we especially need your support at this time.

I wish, at this time, to thank both Mrs. Virginia Callahan and my sister, Christine, for their help this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gausman
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Envelopes	\$23,746.80	\$25,053.05
Plate	1,984.29	2,456.12
Pew Rent & Memorials	---	10.00
Christmas	1,552.47	1,532.95
Easter	1,967.60	2,411.10
Thanksgiving	841.50	1,005.50
Birthday (122nd Anniversary)	1,429.50	1,432.00
Special Income	4,905.88	5,525.00
Flowers	835.50	971.50
Devotional Booklets	149.85	147.50
Initial Offering	153.75	210.00
Youth Program	75.00	100.00
Girl Scouts	---	25.00
Received for Special Purposes	2,702.50	138.00
Subtotal	\$40,344.64	\$41,017.72
Income from Investments	20,527.31*	18,424.96
Total Income	<u>\$60,871.95</u>	<u>\$59,442.68</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$30,364.43	\$28,233.15
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement & Medical	3,563.74	4,061.90
Printing & Stationery	2,050.87	2,000.41
Insurance	2,704.00	2,542.00
Heating	2,571.02	1,908.33
Gas & Electric	1,672.68	1,459.69
Telephone	1,538.32	1,361.53
Postage	592.21	627.73
Advertising	1,235.98	1,248.98
Devotional Booklets	179.76	202.02
Flowers	715.00	674.00
Envelope Expense	115.18	92.95
Youth Program	431.46	331.95
Girl Scouts	---	25.00
Repairs & Replacements	13,806.92	9,154.73
Spanish Ministry	300.00	300.00
Bank Custodial Charges	447.16	552.08
Sunday School	---	100.00
Cleaning & Maintenance	155.00	355.00
Sunday Coffee Hour	160.44	102.15
Miscellaneous	1,983.31	1,913.48
Disbursements for Special Purposes	1,816.45	1,062.02
Total Expense	\$67,903.93	\$59,809.10
Total Income	60,871.95	59,442.68
Deficit	<u>\$ 7,031.98</u>	<u>\$ 366.42</u>

(*) 33.7per cent of Total Income

SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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 1972.

1923 Catherine Karsch	1963 Bernhard & Catherine Karsch
1927 J. Louis Schaefer	1963 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1932 Bernhard Karsch	1964 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1942 Adele Henning	1965 Elsa Husser
1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1965 Elsie Eiermann
1951 Annie L. Hohns	1965 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1952 Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1966 Elsa Husser
1953 John Dettmer	1966 Charles Unger
1954 Alfred M. Grizzle	1966 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1955 Louisa M. Nusskern	1967 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1955 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1967 Henry J. Koester
1956 Anton & Marie Koester	1968 Lottie B. Steinbach
1957 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1968 Marie Schweitzer
1958 Miss M. Scommodau	1968 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1958 Anna Ahrens Menge	1969 John Theurer, Sr.
1958 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969 Elsie Eiermann
1959 Mrs. Minna Theurer	1969 Rudolph Fischer
1959 Matilda Schlobohm	1969 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1959 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 John Theurer, Sr.
1960 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 August Hauff
1961 John & Anna Marie Theurer	1970 Mr. & Mrs. C. Voigt
1961 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Alfred Hebert
1962 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1971 Henry Rieth
1963 Sophie Schaefer	1972 Henry Rieth
1963 Margaret Schroeder	1972 Alfred Gobber

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1972

Mrs. Amelia Beaver
Mrs. Eleanor Koepchen
Mr. Paul A. Koepchen
Mrs. Mary Lauber
Mrs. Anna Smith
Mrs. Nellie Starks

Total received for Memorial Wreaths in 1972 - - \$455.00

COLLECTION FOR OTHERS-1972

Missions	\$ 3,040.30
American Bible Society	40.50
American Red Cross	30.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	45.00
Billy Graham Evangelistic Ass'n.	25.00
Camp Herrlich	25.00
Christmas Seals - Atlantic District Welfare	421.00
Concordia College, Bronxville, (Bldg. Program)	1,000.00
Fresh Air Fund	200.00
Lutheran Community Services	543.67
Lutheran Education Society, Bronxville, N.Y.	25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	375.00
Lutheran Hour	95.00
Lutheran Hospital of Brooklyn	175.00
Lutheran Medical Center	25.00
Lutheran Ass'n. of New England	50.00
Lutheran Welfare Ass'n. of New Jersey	50.00
Lutheran World Relief	35.00
Needy Families (Christmas)	332.62
New York Bible Society	55.50
Project Find	100.00
Roosevelt Hospital	300.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home, Brooklyn, N.Y.	275.00
Wartburg Orphan Farm Schhol, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	25.00
Wheatridge Foundation	<u>36.00</u>
	\$ 7,324.59

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Much of what happened in St. Luke's Sunday School during 1972 are those traditional events which everyone expects to take place. Except during the summer, Sunday School classes met every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., preceded by a mini coffee hour; the annual picnic was held at Hartley Farm in New Jersey; the traditional Christmas Candlelight Service was a highpoint of the Sunday School year.

In addition to these rather regular and commonplace activities and events, there were a number of highlights throughout the year, which deserve mentioning:

1. The Easter Service, and the Easter season in general, were brightened up by colorful banners prepared by the Sunday School classes. Each triangular banner presented the Easter message in one symbolic word, such as Joy, Love, Risen. They were used during the Easter morning Service, and were kept on the second floor for quite a while thereafter.

2. The Candlelight Service was part of an overall effort to share the message of Christmas with as many others, particularly in the Clinton community, as possible. Children made Christmas cards which were sent or delivered to individuals and organizations in the community, including other churches, hospitals, businesses, massage parlors, restaurants, social agencies, and the police and fire departments. One class went to Central Park to go and "Tell It On the Mountain", singing out the Christmas message, which was filmed and made an important part of the Candlelight Service, along with slides of the cards made by all the children.

3. Several of the teachers began Key 73 in '72, by participating in a Bible Study of the Gospel according to Mark, which was led by Pastor Steven Wolfe. All who participated are eagerly looking forward to the next Bible Study at St. Luke's, which will be an official part of Key 73.

Another emphasis in 1973 will be to become more familiar with the families of the children in our Sunday School. Efforts will be made to visit each home, get to meet the parents, and to strengthen the relationship between St. Luke's and that family. In addition, we hope to get more communication and sharing of experiences and programs by a number of the youth programs in the church, so that there will be an overall plan for youth programs, including Sunday School, rather than solely a number of often effective, but sometimes isolated efforts. We hope that such efforts will reverse the trend of decreasing enrollment and attendance in Sunday School, and enable St. Luke's to more effectively serve the youth of this Clinton community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL DATA:

Total Enrollment as of Dec. 31, 1971, (staff and pupils) 70
Total enrollment as of Dec. 31, 1972 60

Current enrollment: Staff 12
Kindergarten and 1st Grade 10
2nd to 8th Grade 24
Teen Bible Class 14

Teachers: Daly Chin
David Chin
Diane Chin
Virginia Herman
Susan Jenks
Melvin Meisinger
Genevieve Savio
Thomas Schaub
Steven Wolfe

Substitutes: Carl Jenks
Rhoda Kluge
Susan Neibacher
Dorothy Wagner

SILKE HANSEN

Sunday School Superintendent

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The highlight of 1972 for the Ladies' Aid Society was the celebration of our 100th Anniversary with a special church service and a catered luncheon given in memory of our former sainted president, Mrs. Susan Schaefer by her children. Our thanks to the Dorcas Guild for planning the events of the day. We dedicated our new bulletin board to all our deceased members.

Our financial report lists all the contributions made in the year 1972. In addition to the \$977.50 for the bulletin board, Saint Luke's also received \$450.00 towards the repairs of the church and \$200.00 for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday flowers.

We are sorry to report that Miss Edith Dorfmueller, after many years of dedicated service as treasurer, asked to be replaced. Miss Christine Gausman is now our treasurer. We are grateful for these two ladies.

Our membership as of December 1972 is 28. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. with a social luncheon before our meeting.

Our activities have been to roll bandages for foreign missions, and to make Kiddy Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We prepared and served with the help of the Dorcas Guild, the Annual Congregational dinner in February. Members act as hostesses once a month at the Sunday "Coffee Hour."

We are members of 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 L.W.M.L. convention held in the Spring and in the Fall.

In our November meeting we welcomed three new members. They are as follows: Elsie Reichert, Christine Heidegerd, and Olga Rustia. We invite all members to attend our meetings. A good time is had by all. Our dues are 50¢ per month, \$6.00 per year.

Our aim is to serve and support Saint Luke's to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Koester
President

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 TREASURER'S REPORT
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Balance on hand - January 1, 1972 \$ 634.05

RECEIPTS

Dues	113.50	
Hostess Fees	5.50	
Special Contributions	69.25	
LWML Mite Box Collections	64.10	
Birthday Collection	21.00	
Proceeds from Congregational Dinner	47.20	
Interest on Investments	<u>1,657.50*</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1,978.05</u>

Total \$ 2,612.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Gifts	42.45	
LWML Mite Boxes	64.10	
LWML Quarterlies	9.00	
LWML Rental of film	2.50	
Kiddy Kits for Lutheran World Relief	38.65	
Saint Luke's toward repairs	450.00	
Saint Luke's Bulletin Board & installation	977.50	
Dorcas Guild-50% of proceeds from Congr. Dinner	23.60	
Altar Flowers for Palm Sunday & Easter	200.00	
Altar flowers in memory of departed members	12.00	
Refreshments at meetings	11.76	
Miscellaneous	8.00	
Contributions to:		
Chaplaincy Service at Roosevelt Hospital	100.00	
McAuley Water Street Mission	25.00	
Lutheran World Relief for Bangladesh	25.00	
Lutheran Deaconess Assn.	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 2,014.56</u>

Balance on hand - December 31, 1972 \$ 597.54

*Includes \$ 450.00 that was due December, 1971

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: Balance December 31, 1972

Franklin Savings Bank	\$ 76.75
" " "	903.50
Bowery Savings Bank	2,800.74
	\$ 3,870.99

Balance in savings accounts	\$ 3,780.99
Balance in checking accounts	597.54
	\$ 4,378.53

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

General Telephone of California 4/26	
Bonds	\$ 19,825.00
Standard Oil of California Bond	1,000.00
Atlantic District Notes	5,000.00
Three savings accounts	3,780.00
	\$ 29,605.99

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
Mr. Bernhard Karsch	2,000.00
Mrs. Gustav Zerbst	250.00
Mr. Frederick Zerbst, Jr.	250.00
Mrs. Charles Hohns	500.00
Mrs. Louise M. Nusskern	2,100.00
Mrs. Susan K. Schaefer	5,167.00
Mr. 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
Mr. John Schussler	50.00
Mrs. Boyle	35.00
Mrs. Olga Schussler	500.00
Mr. Rudolph J. Fischer	500.00
Total Memorials	\$ 29,099.00

Edith Dorfmuller
Treasurer

DORCAS GUILD - 1972

The Dorcas Guild had an interesting 1972. Since our White Elephant and Trash & Treasure Sales were so successful, we held an Odds & Ends Sale, half of the proceeds going to Project FIND (\$100 of which was used for the Thanksgiving dinner), and the other half was divided by the Kitchen Fund and the Dorcas Treasury. Donations by our organization went to the following:

The Red Cross
Lutheran World Relief
Camp Wilbur Herrlich
Project FIND

We also baked cookies for the Chaplaincy Service. Other activities included sponsoring two films and luncheons for the congregation; hosting the celebration of the Ladies Aid 100th Anniversary; working on robes for the Candlelight Service; and visiting the Fountain House.

For just getting together and having fun, we went on a Saturday excursion to Sterling Forest; had a great Christmas Party; and enjoyed a night of poetry reading and games in conjunction with a Valentine Party.

Being in membership with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, we contribute to the various mission projects through our Mite Box collections. A delegate was sent to the LWML District Convention in Hartford, Conn., and the Spring and Fall Rallies were attended by our members. The next District Convention of the LWML will be in New York in May, and we're all hard at work getting ready for this big event. The Dorcas Guild is on the Transportation Committee.

Our membership totals 25, and some of our members serve on The Church Council; Key 73 Committee; The Lukan Herald; Sunday School Staff; and the Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital.

Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and it is not necessary to be a member in order to attend. We love having guests. We also serve the best coffee off 8th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Herman
President

DORCAS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
1972

RED CROSS COLLECTION - SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH\$73.31

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand _ January 1, 1972	\$ 231.30
Dues	159.00
Hostess Fees	6.50
Special Contributions	35.00
Proceeds from Congregational Dinner	23.60
Proceeds from Odds & Ends Sale	233.30
Mite Box Collections	111.71
Bank Interest	8.84
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 809.25</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Boxes & Quarterlies	105.71
Altar Flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter	50.00
Altar Flowers _ in memory of departed members	12.00
Delegate expenses - LWML Convention	39.01
Film shown at October 1st Luncheon	31.05
Kiddy Kits for Lutheran World Relief	41.50
Gifts	17.65
Postage	20.95
Project Find-50% of proceeds from Odds & Ends Sale	116.65
Kitchen Fund-25% of proceeds from Odds & Ends Sale	58.30
Memorial Wreath - Mrs. Nellie Starks	10.00
Contributions:	
Lutheran World Relief	10.00
Camp Wilbur Herrlich	25.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 537.82</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1972	\$ 271.43

KITCHEN FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1972	\$ 123.04
50% of proceeds from Odds & Ends Sale	58.30
Bank Interest	3.78
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 185.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Lock & keys for kitchen cabinet	4.95
Paint & linoleum for kitchen closets	9.91
Three plastic lace table cloths	12.81
Candles	2.14
Coffee Urn	16.10
Total Disbursements	<u>45.91</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1972	\$ 139.21

Christine Gausman, Treasurer
Virginia Callahan, Kitchen Fund

SINGLES

The group formerly known as the "Young Adults" has been called the "SINGLES" during the past year.

The Singles have emerged as the new breed of leaders in the life of the congregation.

We refer to the Singles more as a GROUPING of members, rather than as a formal organization or club of single people.

Although Saint Luke's Church is unique in having many young people, it is particularly blessed with young people who are very active in the programs of the church.

This commitment keeps the young people engaged in church work many hours each week.

Thus, the Singles welcome the creation and emergence of a new grouping of younger young adults who will now use that name for its identification.

One important transition of note this past year is the type of activity the Singles are "moving" into: the official business and Church Council roles.

We see in all of this, a continuing potential of vitality for Saint Luke's congregation. The Singles are providing a continuum of leadership and already there is a nucleus of younger members who make up the full complement of a strong Christian parish - namely, members from children to senior citizens.

The Singles pledge to take their growing responsibilities seriously, during the coming year.

And, in the midst of all the meetings and volunteer work, there will be informal gatherings to which all are invited, so we might also enjoy that fellowship which God provides as an added blessing to His family.

--The Rev. Clement W. K. Lee

SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS

The Teenagers have reached a crucial stage in which the older Teenagers, who, with plenty of experience, have left us to form a new group, now known as the "Young Adults."

With the "Young Adults" gone, we have made up a new constitution with the help of Pastor Stephen Wolfe, our Teenage advisor, stating our views of how the organization should be governed, with the goals remaining the same: 1) to develop ourselves by sharing each others' friendship, 2) to get involved with the church, 3) to get involved with those of the community.

We've gone on many retreats with other churches, and they were successful. Some of us have joined the choir, engaged in the door watching program, and some became Sunday School teachers. We have carried out a well-planned summer program in which children from the neighborhood constructed chess sets from nuts and bolts, made models, sewed and embroidered dish towels, and allowed them to bring their creations home. We also held a night open in which parents came, and played games. At all of these programs we had a good attendance. Also, we had folk services on Sundays during the summer, and on occasion during the year.

For the coming year, the Teenagers, with the help of Pastor Stephen Wolfe, are planning an exchange with a group of Teenagers from the Congregational Church of Manhasset, L.I. We plan to have another retreat in April, and will continue getting more involved with the church and the community.

Submitted by

THE "NEW" SAINT LUKE'S TEENAGERS

THE "NEW" YOUNG ADULTS

Every type of functioning body needs and has resources. The nimble cat pouncing on a darting mouse has the resources of great agility and superb reflexes. The concerned mother tending her little child has the resources of sweet love and tender care. And Saint Luke's Lutheran Church has a vital resource of good people. The people of Saint Luke's make it what it is. The activities, the programs, the events, the accomplishments - all spring from the resources of people. Saint Luke's loves and changes, and grows - through the living and changing and growing of its ministers, its leaders, its members, its groups, its youth.

The youth of Saint Luke's has probably changed more than anything else over the last four years. Presently the age range of the Teenagers covers nearly a decade - from 13 to 20 and over, and with time and growth, must come a restructuring in body, goals and orientations of the youth of Saint Luke's.

Thus, we, the youth of Saint Luke's 18 and over, at a meeting on January 28, 1973, decided to form our own group, taking on the name of The Young Adults. Our immediate goal is one of expansion, hopefully to incorporate new members in our activities. We hope to widen our scope of interests by extending from our present Sunday evenings of dinner, volley ball and occasional outings. In this way we hope to build a solid, close-knit but diversified and constructive Young Adult group. Our long-range goals will include interaction between (as was the case in the past) ourselves, the community and the church. We hope to work closely with the Teenagers, in building up beneficial programs for everyone. In this way the needs of all of us can be better met.

Time will change Saint Luke's further, endlessly. With the formation of The Young Adults, we hope to help mold these changes constructively.

Respectfully submitted,

THE "NEW" YOUNG ADULTS