

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

N E W S L E T T E R

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The 122nd Anniversary of the founding of Saint Luke's will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1st, with a Communion Service. The purpose of Sunday's Service is not only to reflect on the past and to thank God for His love and mercy, but also to commit ourselves to the present and look to the future.

Though the present in some respects is discouraging, we must have faith in the future because the same Christ Who was with our fathers is now with us and He will also be with our children in the future. There is a great danger of becoming discouraged because we so often look at the present with a microscope and magnify today's problems. In viewing either Christ, the Church or life itself we must use rather a telescope which broadens our horizon and enables us to see the over-arching love of God Who uses human instrumentality to accomplish His purposes in this world. Seeing the love of Christ at work in the world will not only give us faith in the future but that same Christ will give us the grace we need to perform today's tasks.

Make Sunday's Anniversary celebration meaningful not only by attending but also by rededicating yourself to the tasks which are at hand.

ANNIVERSARY TEA

The Dorcas Guild is planning a special "Coffee Hour" for Sunday, October 1st. Sandwiches will be served and a special program will follow. Plan to join your fellow-members for an hour of fellowship.

VOTERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Voters' Assembly immediately following the service on Sunday, October 1st. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the recommendation of the Church Council to extend a "Call to Special Service" to Pastors Clement Lee and Stephen Wolfe. Theirs is a part-time ministry at Saint Luke's and will continue to be so because both have full time positions.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

We all know the deteriorating effects of age on the human body. The same holds good on a body made of stone and mortar. Our church plant is 50 years old and is feeling its age, though not always apparent on the surface. Water leaks have caused much damage, and to make the most necessary repairs in this area approximately \$15,000 will have been spent by the end of 1972. Another \$3,000 was spent to install emergency lights, which are now required by law. Large areas of the building are in need of painting. In addition, electric violations in several areas are being corrected. Building maintenance is a costly thing. However, we must protect our building and avoid ever greater costs in the future.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

The above item requires us to make a very special appeal at this time. Because of extensive building maintenance costs we are faced with a substantial deficit in 1972. We, therefore, appeal to the members and friends of Saint Luke's to make a special Anniversary Offering. God's love and mercy have been great during the 122 year history of Saint Luke's. Many thousands have shared in these blessings and have responded with their gifts. This is our opportunity to respond. Use the enclosed envelope for your Gift of Love.

## BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board, which was destroyed in an automobile accident during one of our Wednesday Lenten Services, has finally arrived. After a long involvement with Insurance Companies and further delays by the manufacturer, the bulletin board is ready for installation. Though the work of installing the board has been contracted, we have no definite date for the actual work.

## LADIES' AID ANNIVERSARY GIFT

As an Anniversary Thank Offering the Ladies' Aid is underwriting the entire cost of the bulletin board, thus releasing insurance monies for the very costly repairs on our church plant which have been going on for over a year now. We are very grateful for this special gift of the Ladies' Aid Society. When the bulletin board is installed, it will be properly dedicated and designated as a Ladies' Aid Memorial Gift.

## LADIES' AID ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, November 1st, the 100th Anniversary of the Ladies' Aid will be celebrated. A special service, in which the women of the church will participate, is being planned. A luncheon will follow the service. Mark the date now and look for details later.

## COFFEE HOUSE - VOLUNTEERS

On the 4th Sunday of each month Saint Luke's volunteers are hosts at the Senior Citizen's Coffee House located on West 43rd Street. Keeping the Coffee House opened on Sundays is a joint undertaking of Broadway Church of Christ, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Marble Collegiate Church, the Paulist Fathers' Church, and Saint Luke's. Mrs. Emma Hahn is the Saint Luke's coordinator and is looking not only for volunteers to assist but also for donations of cookies and cakes, home-made preferrably. Please, speak to Mrs. Hahn in regard to your participation.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is a distinctively American holiday. Though it has its precedence in certain Old Testament customs, our Thanksgiving is not simply an updating of an old Jewish practice. Thanksgiving is an American religious celebration proclaimed annually by the President of the United States. Each year Americans are urged to go to their churches for special services of praise and thanksgiving.

Tragically, we have taken a day of prayer and turned it simply into a day of feasting. Though our festive tables groan under the weight of God's gifts, our churches are empty. This must change. With the feasting must come thanking and a recognition of Him from Whom all blessings flow.

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 22nd, at 7:00 P.M. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you in our worship of praise. Including God in your Thanksgiving observance will make the day more meaningful to you.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Enclosed is a Thank Offering Envelope for your special Thank Offering to God. Each of us has been blessed in some special way, each of us has something special for which to say, "Thank you, Lord." Let us follow-up the gratitude of hearts and lips with the offering of our hands.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Sunday, October 29th, Saint Luke's had one of the finest and best received musical events in more than a decade. In his inimitable way Dr. Hilse gave the background of each number he played, telling his audience what to look for and explaining some of the intricacies of a given composition. It was a meaningful experience to the 150 people in attendance. Already now Dr. Hilse is planning another recital for the winter season.

LADIES' AID ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, November 5th, was an historic day at Saint Luke's. It was a special Women's Service celebrating not only the 100th Anniversary of the Ladies' Aid Society, but also observing Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday. Mrs. Virginia Callahan and Miss Catherine Von der Au delivered a brief homily, the one speaking on "A Woman's Confrontation With Christ," and the other speaking on "A Woman's Response To Christ." Immediately following the service a luncheon was given by the children of Mrs. Susan K. Schaefer, President of the Ladies' Aid for many years, as a memorial to her. It was a meaningful worship-fun day at Saint Luke's.

BULLETIN BOARD

After more than six months of patient waiting, the new bulletin board, which is lighted at night, has been installed and is being used. It is a gift of the Ladies' Aid Society in memory of all former members.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Sunday morning, December 10th, the Rev. Clement Lee and the Rev. Stephen Wolfe will be installed to serve in special, part-time ministries at Saint Luke's. Save the date; watch for further announcements. Plan now to be present so that as these two men dedicate themselves for special ministries, we too can recommit ourselves to the mission of Christ at Saint Luke's.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 10th - A.M. - Installation Service for Pastors  
Lee and Wolfe.

December 10th - P.M. - Annual Saint Nicholas Party.

December 17th - P.M. - Christmas Candle Light Service.

EVERY SUNDAY - 11:00 A.M.