



February 22, 1976

For more than half of our nation's history Saint Luke's Church has carried out a ministry of Word and Sacrament, of Christian service and fellowship, at the heart of America's greatest city. The congregation has known times of soaring membership and great prosperity -- and she has known the anguish of waning statistics and neighborhood decline. But, to the credit of her committed Christian men and women, the parish has continued to "be about the Lord's business" . . . maintaining a rhythm of worship, sacraments and traditional congregational activities as well as searching for opportunities to express the love of God and the faith of her people in meeting new and different challenges.

1975 was a year of transition for Saint Luke's. The long pastorate of Pastor Albert Neibacher, terminated by his retirement, was replaced after a lengthy vacancy. The excitement -- and apprehensions -- of new pastor and people were met through a year of friendly orientation and patient surveillance of Saint Luke's present and future mission and ministry.

As I reflect upon my first year here I am grateful to all our members for their warm welcome to my new spiritual family . . . and I am grateful for the wonderful commitment and faithful service rendered by our members in our mutual quest to represent God's love at work among us and in our community.

Now I look forward to exciting prospects for our ministry in 1976. The officers and committees of the parish will begin tackling a variety of challenges which confront us . . . and we will launch our SPIRIT of '76 program to reinforce our place and our mission in the Times Square area. Our emphasis on people-ministry must be intensified as we help one another get past mere "survival programming" and we begin to make the efforts and take the risks of increased outreach.

Presently we enjoy unique opportunities for Christian service through our Project FIND nutrition program, feeding nearly 200 elderly each weekday and providing resources for counseling, housing and welfare assistance, and social activities; our cooperation in the Coffee House on 43rd Street; the assistance rendered by our ladies for the Roosevelt Hospital Chaplaincy; the Spanish Alcoholics Anonymous groups which meet at Saint Luke's twice each week; our youth activities for members and neighborhood children and teens; and our involvement in agencies for improvement of housing and the building of new housing units in the Clinton area.

I have been welcomed to many, many community organizations who are concerned with improvement of the health, safety, education and environment of our neighborhood. All of these "spin-offs" of traditional ministry are unique and magnificent opportunities for our small-but-committed parish family to be an influence for good in the Name of Christ.

With thanks to God and in genuine appreciation of the fellowship we share, I look forward to a future bright with opportunities for the people of Saint Luke's to carry on a vital and meaningful ministry.

God bless you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale D. Hansen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dale D. Hansen, Pastor

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Genevieve Savio

Ex-officio on all committees are Herman Reichert, President, and Pastor Hansen. The first name on each committee is the chairman of that particular committee.

The Ladies' Aid Society Report
1975

The Ladies' Aid with the help of the Dorcas Guild sponsored the Congregational Luncheon and the Installation Reception for Pastor Dale Hansen.

Our other projects and contributions were:

Teens Summer Program	\$200.00
Altar flowers Palm Sunday and Easter	200.00
Kiddie Kits for Lutheran World Relief	42.20
Draperies - 2nd floor lounge	875.00
American Bible Society	15.00
McAuley Water Street Mission	50.00
Public Address System	855.00

We roll bandages for Lutheran World Relief, host the Sunday coffee hour once a month, some of our members are active in the Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital and serve at the Senior Citizen Coffee House.

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. The Spring and Fall Rallies were attended by some of our members.

We received a legacy of \$500.00 from the Estate of Miss M. J. Tietjen.

Our former faithful member and treasurer, Miss Edith Dorfmueller was called to Rest.

The social hour before our meeting is enjoyed by all and we invite you to join us the 2nd Wednesday in the month. Bring a sandwich - coffee and cake is served by the hostesses. Come and be our guest. Pastor Hansen opens our meeting with a Bible discussion. On several occasions he showed and narrated his slides of the Holy Land and other travels. We are grateful to him for his spiritual help and guidance.

My sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Ladies' Aid for their loyalty and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted

Elsie S. Koester, Pres.

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
1975

Balance on hand - January 1, 1975

\$ 1,117.96

Receipts

Dues	\$ 66.00	
Hostess Fees	1.00	
Special Contributions	40.00	
LWML Mite Box Collections	98.25	
Interest on Investments	1,257.50	
Legacy from Estate of Miss M. J. Tietjen	500.00	
Withdrawal from Franklin Savings Bank	900.00	
Total Receipts	<u>2,862.75</u>	2,862.75
 Total		 3,980.71

Disbursements

LWML Mite Boxes & Quarterlies	\$ 112.00	
Kiddy Kits for Lutheran World Relief	42.20	
Loss on Congregational Luncheon	14.55	
Teens Summer Program	200.00	
Altar flowers for Palm Sunday & Easter	200.00	
Draperies for 2nd floor lounge	875.00	
Cleaning of draperies in choir alcove	9.00	
Refreshments	37.68	
Installation reception expense	60.46	
Rubber stamp, post cards & postage	16.30	
Gifts:		
Mark Schmidt	18.75	
Miss Eber	8.80	
Contributions to:		
American Bible Society	15.00	
McAuley Water Street Mission	50.00	
Memorial for Edith Dorfmuller	10.00	
Legacy from Estate of Miss M. J. Tietjen		
Deposited in Franklin Savings Bank	500.00	
Public Address System	855.00	
Deposited in Franklin Savings Bank to partially replace money withdrawn for P. A. System	<u>450.00</u>	
 Total Disbursements		 <u>3,474.74</u>

Balance on hand - December 31, 1975

\$ 505.97

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
1975

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	Balance December 31, 1975	
	Franklin Savings Bank	\$ 1,206.31
	Bowery Savings Bank	3,281.47
	Total	4,487.78
	Balance in savings accounts	\$ 4,487.78
	Balance in checking account	505.97
	Total	4,993.75

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	4,487.78
	Total	30,312.78

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 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
Miss Matilda J. Tietjen	500.00
Total Memorials	\$ 29,599.00

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

1975 ANNUAL REPORT

DORCAS GUILD OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The past two years of 1974 and 1975 have been very different at St. Luke's, in that in 1974 ended a 39 year Pastorate of Pastor Albert Neibacher and in March of 1975 Pastor Dale Hansen was installed as Our Pastor and Shepherd.

In the following months we all settled down to carrying out God's Work in His House.

Donations were given to the Mite Box projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (\$67.60); Memorials were given in Memory of Dorcas member, Miss Edith Dorfmuehler and in memory of Peter and Rudy Savio, father and brother of Gen Savio.

(15 Dorcas - 15 Ladies Aid)

Thirty Kiddie Kits consisting of Towel, wash cloth, face tissues, nail file, Band Aids, cup, vaseline, comb, toothpaste and brush also notebook, pencils and sharpener. The Kits were then forwarded along with the Kits of the Ladies Aid to the Lutheran World Relief for distribution to mission areas.

Our programs were diversified this year, such as Pastor Hansen showed his films of Norway and his family, so we all wanted to go immediately to Norway, what a beautiful country.

October 18, Ladies from St. Luke's were invited by the Ladies of Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity to join them on a all day trip to Boscobel,

a Restoration of early Dutch home near West Point and lunch at a lovely restaurant. This was our third encounter with the Ladies of the Five Westside Parishes. The Fall Foliage was magnificent, even in the rain.

In November we took a NYC Culture Bus Tour #2 through lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, stopping off for refreshments at Gen Savio's apartment.

Our annual Flea Market was held the latter part of October (25) and the Choir participated with 2 tables and the Dorcas profit was divided as follows:

	\$100.00 to Senior Citizens for Thanksgiving Day Dinner
	50.00 Banner Fund for Beautifying the Church
	64.32 Kitchen Fund
	<u>105.00 Dorcas Treasury</u>
	\$ 319.32

Balance of the clothing was divided as follows:

- Lutheran World Relief
- Alcoholic Rehabilitation Project of Polyclinic Hosp.
- Fountain House

You probably are wondering "what is the Kitchen Fund" and what do we need? Several years ago we bought our refrigerator and you all know we like coffee around here, so we bought a 30 cup Coffee Urn, Pyrex coffee servers, white plastic table cloths etc.

From the legacy left to The Dorcas Guild by a former Officer and member, Miss Ethel Mahenken, the Ladies decided to give the following in her Memory, which we have received and are now using.

- 4 Purificators (napkin to wipe the cup lip)
- 1 Pall - cover
- 1 Corporal - placement mat
- 1 Communion Veil
- 1 Fair Linen altar linen - on large altar

Our Ladies also participate in Hospital Escort service at Roosevelt the 3rd Sunday in each month - serve at the Coffee House and on Wednesday our Church doors are open from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM for public meditation and the Ladies are door Greeters. Anyone wishing to help, see Pastor Hansen.

All in all, we had a busy and rewarding year, coupled with good friends, good fellowship and carrying out the business of Our Father.

I want to Thank the Ladies and Pastor Hansen for a good year and hope 1976 will be a joyful and rewarding year also.

Mrs. Virginia Callahan
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Mrs. Virginia Callahan
President 1975-76

CROSS COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
1975

Balance on hand January 1, 1975 \$ 609.29

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 150.75	
LWML Mite Box Collections	53.85	
Proceeds from October 25th sale	319.32	
Special Contributions	104.00	
Proceeds from sale of Plaid Stamps	19.14	
Hostess Fees	5.00	
Bank interest	38.42	
Total Receipts	690.48	
Total		1,299.77

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies	67.60	
Altar flowers - Palm Sunday & Easter	50.00	
Altar flowers - in memory of departed members	15.00	
Kiddy Klenli Kits for Lutheran World Relief	42.20	
Gifts - Miss Eber	8.80	
Mrs. Schreiber	7.45	
Rubber stamp, post cards & postage for meeting notices	22.60	
From October 25th sale-Project Find for Thanksgiving Dinners	100.00	
Banner Fund	50.00	
Kitchen Fund	64.32	
Refreshments	7.63	
Memorials - Mr. Peter Savio	10.00	
Miss Edith Dorfmueller	10.00	
Mr. Rudy Savio	10.00	
Rev. Barndt for talk at March meeting	10.00	
Material for Banners	13.25	
Communion Cloths in memory of Ethel Mahnken	59.31	
Total Disbursements	548.16	

Balance on hand December 31, 1975 \$ 751.61

BANNER FUND

RECEIPTS

From October 25th sale \$ 50.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Banner Material 5.00

Balance on hand December 31, 1975 \$ 45.00

KITCHEN FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1975 \$ 166.29

RECEIPTS

From October 25th sale	64.32	
Bank interest	7.75	
Total Receipts	72.07	

Total 238.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Vases, ash trays & measuring cups	7.79	
30 cup coffee urn	12.10	
2 coffee servers & 2 plastic table cloths	17.00	
Total Disbursements	36.89	

Balance on hand December 31, 1975 \$ 201.47

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
TREASURER'S REPORT
1975

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1975 \$ 512.70

RECEIPTS

Initial Offerings	\$ 2.50	
Envelope Collections	121.34	
Plate Collections	201.43	
Candle Light Service	56.00	
Bank Interest	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>389.27</u>
Total		901.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Sunday School Supplies	105.41	
Petty Cash (postage, etc.)	5.00	
Plants for Sunday School Children (Easter Sunday)	34.00	
Prizes for Sunday School Children's Plants	7.30	
Bus for Picnic	174.00	
Hartley House Contribution	25.00	
Expense of Youngsters to Circus	19.00	
Christmas Gifts & Refreshments	55.00	
Duplex Envelopes	<u>26.81</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>451.52</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 1975 \$ 450.45

MISSION FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1975 \$ 490.22

RECEIPTS

Envelope Collections	<u>24.13</u>
Total	514.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Transportation for Sunday School Teachers from Bronxville	<u>50.00</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1975	\$ 464.35

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Fellow-Members,

During the past year we incurred a deficit of some \$ 7000.00. However, approximately \$ 3000.00 of this amount was spent in the change over in our ministry. Not to take away from the fact that we were unable to meet our expenses on a current basis, there are several encouraging aspects to the report.

First, we were able to turn the tide of our decreasing revenue from our envelopes. True, we did not have a great increase, but we made a step in the right direction.

Then, too, Project Find has increased it's yearly contribution toward the utilities from \$ 2400.00 to \$ 5000.00.

Finally, although we are still faced with a rising price index, the rate of increase has levelled off considerably. Should prices be held to only moderate advances, we may be able to adjust our income and expenses and arrive at a better balanced budget.

We, at Saint Luke's have very much to be thankful for. As individuals, the Lord has shown us great mercy and most of us enjoy gifts which many others do not have. In gratitude, we should all, as a result of our loyalty and devotion to our Lord, seek to support our ministry at Saint Luke's.

You will see from the report and this letter that we fell short of meeting our normal expenses by about \$ 80.00 a Sunday. All of us that are able to should make an increased effort to meet this need.

I wish to thank the assistant treasurer, Miss Christine Gausman and Mrs. Virginia Callahan for their able assistance for the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gausman
Walter Gausman, Treas.

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

INCOME

	<u>1975</u>		<u>1974</u>
Envelopes	\$ 24,212.19		\$ 23,413.29
Plate	2,400.34		2,398.39
Christmas	1,394.12		1,870.02
Easter	1,650.50		1,891.10
Thanksgiving	818.35		301.00
Birthday (125th Anniversary)	1,562.10		783.00
Special Income	2,866.67		3,158.35
Flowers	917.00		992.00
Devotional Booklets	124.15		140.96
Initial Offering	88.00		98.00
Find Nutrition Program	3,433.34		800.00
Received for Special Purposes	2,592.59		918.05
Sub-total	<u>42,059.35</u>		<u>36,764.16</u>
Income from Investments	20,824.73	20,357.58	
Interest from Savings Account	1,656.19	649.44	
Income from Paul Koepchen Estate	---	<u>2,508.23</u>	
Total	<u>22,480.92*</u>		<u>23,515.25</u>
Total Income	\$ 64,540.27		\$ 60,279.41

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 31,826.50		\$ 29,541.00
Travel Allowance	882.00		1,125.00
Retirement & Medical	4,840.94		3,468.43
Printing & Stationery	2,307.72		1,219.23
Insurance	2,965.33		2,546.00
Heating	4,765.30		3,805.30
Gas & Electric	4,375.47		2,847.69
Telephone	1,579.99		2,051.56
Postage	479.40		634.69
Advertising	1,467.11		1,355.07
Devotional Booklets	180.90		239.65
Flowers	940.00		967.00
Envelope Expense	228.07		94.57
Repairs & Replacements	5,924.41		4,879.87
Spanish Ministry	150.00		300.00
Bank Custodial Charges	401.55		472.80
Sunday Coffee Hour	40.87		47.08
Special Expense	3,717.68		3,044.01
Miscellaneous	2,009.99		2,667.78
Disbursements for Special Purposes	2,592.59		918.05
Total Expense	<u>71,675.82</u>		<u>62,224.78</u>
Total Income	<u>64,540.27</u>		<u>60,279.41</u>
Deficit	<u>7,135.55</u>		<u>1,945.37</u>

Missions	\$ 1,821.12		\$ 1,961.35
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* 35 per cent of Total Income

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1975

Missions	\$ 1,821.12
American Bible Society	35.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	20.00
Evangelical Lutherans in Missions	300.00
Fresh Air Fund	200.00
Lutheran Braille Workers	15.00
Lutheran Chaplaincy Service	10.00
Lutheran Charities Fund	413.00
Lutheran Community Services	1,020.00
Lutheran Commission for Mentally Retarded	10.00
Lutheran Education Society	25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	410.00
Lutheran Hour	75.00
Lutheran Hospital	200.00
Lutheran New Yorker	5.00
Lutheran World Relief	85.00
Needy Families (Christmas)	225.00
New York Bible Society	70.00
Project Find	100.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home	300.00
Wheatridge Foundation	82.00
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Total	5,421.12

SPECIAL FUNDS*

Christmas & Epiphany Decorations	\$ 61.08
Dorothy Mundt Memorial Fund	205.00
Garden Fund	500.00
Organ Repair Fund	54.00
Project Find Coffee House	304.71
Spanish Ministry	917.77
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Total	\$ 2,042.56

* Balance on hand as of December 31, 1975

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 here-with 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 1975.

1923 Catherine Karsch	1964 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1927 J. Louis Schaefer	1965 Elsa Husser
1932 Bernhard Karsch	1965 Elsie Eiermann
1942 Adele Henning	1965 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1966 Elsa Husser
1951 Annie L. Hohns	1966 Charles Unger
1952 Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1966 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1953 John Dettmer	1967 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1954 Alfred M. Grizzle	1967 Henry J. Koester
1955 Louisa M. Nusskern	1968 Lottie B. Steinbach
1955 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1968 Marie Schweitzer
1956 Anton & Marie Koester	1968 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1957 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969 John Theurer, Sr.
1958 Miss M. Scomodau	1969 Elsie Eiermann
1958 Anna Ahrens Menge	1969 Rudolph Fischer
1958 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1959 Mrs. Minna Theurer	1970 John Theurer, Sr.
1959 Matilda Schlobohm	1970 August Hauff
1959 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Mr. & Mrs. C. Voigt
1960 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Alfred Hebert
1961 John & Anna Marie Theurer	1971 Henry Rieth
1961 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1972 Henry Rieth
1962 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1972 Alfred Gobber
1963 Sophie Schaefer	1973 Paul A. Koepchen
1963 Margaret Schroeder	1974 Anna C. Viehl
1963 Bernhard & Catherine Karsch	1974 Ethel Mahnken
1963 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1975 Mrs. Elizabeth Baader
	1975 Miss Matilda Tietjen

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1975

Mrs. Elizabeth Baader
Miss Edith Dorfmueller
Mr. John Henry
Mr. David Irgang
Mrs. Louise Lengemann
Dr. Louis P. Lochner
Mr. Peter Savio
Mr. Rudolph Savio

Total received for Memorial Wreaths in 1975 - - \$ 975.00