

1977



Saint Luke's Lutheran Church

308 West 46th Street (8th Avenue and West 46th Street)

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036



Lent IV
5 March 1978

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

An annual meeting is a time for reflection and a time for anticipation, a time for evaluation of the past and a time for challenge and commitment for the future. This is now my third annual report to you since assuming the pastorate of Saint Luke's in February of 1975 . . . only three years in our ministry together, yet so many changes have occurred . . . changes among our parish family, changes in the community, and certainly changes within each one of us.

Saint Luke's remains a unique parish. It is unique for many reasons: our unusual location, bordering the glamorous and the garrish, the affluent and the oppressed, the resident and the visitor . . . as only Times Square is! +++ our unusual membership, small, scattered, multi-ethnic and multi-economic, mobile, traditional, experimental, +++ our opportunities to "be the Church" are varied and unique . . . working among the elderly, the poor, the theatre, the business world, the aliens and strangers to the City, the transients and tourists, the forgotten or ignored of society -- lonely, displaced, ill, addicted, enslaved. For these unique characteristics of our neighborhood and our parish we are grateful that God has placed us here and that He continues to make us useful for His purposes.

Our membership is a startlingly low ninety-three active communicants! But through this small core membership a ministry is possible which touches hundreds and hundreds of lives: through our regular offering of Word and Sacraments and Worship Services, through Project FIND -- Saint Luke's, through programs for children (tutoring, Sunday School, summer program, remedial reading, Girl Scouts, etc.), through the countless daily experiences calling for personal help -- clothing, food, shelter, counseling, referrals, and through our sheer physical presence -- an affirmation in this place that GOD IS LOVE!

Too often the Church has thought of "mission" only in terms of "foreign mission." But Saint Luke's is a front-line mission of the Church, waging a courageous ministry of witness and service in an unlikely place, a place where the forces of evil conspire to expunge God and religion from life in favor of the flesh and the moment. We are grateful that more and more of our brethren around the country are realizing the importance of Christian presence in the inner-cities of America, and especially here at Times Square. Their generous support through gifts of money and prayer require us to be responsible stewards as we try faithfully to use all the resources at our disposal for ministries which please God and bless people.

Some of the good things we can be grateful for in 1977:

1. Our SPIRIT of '76 Program came to a successful conclusion in mid-year. Nearly all of the projects we aimed to accomplish were completed, only a few minor ones remain. We praised God in a festival service of re-consecration of our sanctuary on May 22nd, at which our former Pastor and Mrs. Neibacher participated.
2. A generous grant from the Commission on Aging, together with some of our Spirit of '76 funds, enabled completion of our new arts/crafts and recreation center in the old bowling alley area.
3. The national CBS television program "Look Up and Live!" selected Saint Luke's as one of the Times Square agencies to feature in their study of people-services here.
4. Over two thousand dollars was received from Friends of Saint Luke's to help us carry on our ministry.
5. Our church hall was completely re-decorated, the floor re-finished and carpeting installed in the lobby. The heating system was repaired, the third floor classroom received new lighting and blackboards, and several concrete planters were given us by the City to enhance our front facade.
6. A filmstrip, record and brochure were authorized to tell the Saint Luke's story and solicit support from Friends of Saint Luke across the country. The materials are in production now.
7. Our neighborhood social service programs continue to be strong and effective: Project FIND -- Saint Luke's (averaging nearly 5,000 meals per month), the Spanish School, our tutoring program for grade school children, the coffee house on 43rd Street, our clothing distribution program, etc.
8. A set of new chasubles (eucharistic vestments) was consecrated -- the gift of six of our members.
9. A new addressograph was presented to Saint Luke's, replacing a real antique, the gift of one of our members.

The Pastor is active in community and church-at-large associations as well:

Chairman of Tri-District Pastoral Conference
Chairman of Project FIND -- Saint Luke's Advisory Board
Member of Project FIND for the Aging
Member of Community Board of Saint Clare's Hospital
Member of East Coast Synod Pastoral Conference Committee
Member of Tri-State Media Committee (inter-denominational radio/tv com.)
Member of 46th Street Block Association

Preaching and/or speaking engagements:

Saint John's, Glendale, LI
Redeemer, Glendale, LI
Saint Matthew's, Manhattan
Saint Mary the Virgin, Manhattan

Clifton Lutheran, Marblehead, MASS
WRFM Radio
Saint Malachy's, Manhattan
Synodical Convention, Dallas, TX

At Saint Luke's: Preached

44 Sundays
44 Wednesdays
5 Special Feast Days
3 Weddings
5 Funerals
3 Baptisms

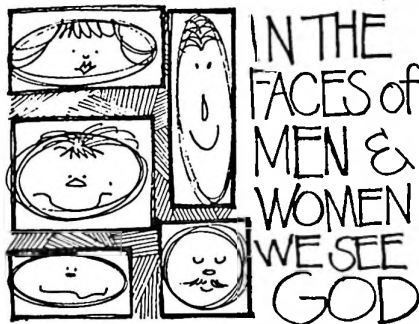
Some of our goals for 1978:

1. Launch our extensive Friends of Saint Luke program to secure stable support for our continuing ministry.
2. Expand our interest and concern for problems peculiar to the elderly. Cooperate with Hartley House in a new program for elderly.
3. Continue to work toward improvement of 46th Street through resident, business and governmental cooperation.
4. Strive for increase in parish participation: at worship and communion, in Sunday School enrollment, in adult accessions.
5. Decide regarding adoption of new Lutheran Book of Worship.
6. Explore possible new opportunities for "open church" days, theatre involvement, youth programs.

The Church is people . . . people who are called by Christ to serve Him through people. I am grateful for each of our members who has taken seriously the demonstration of faith . . . in regular worship, in generous support of our work, in service rendered to help Saint Luke's ministry in so many different areas. Thanks especially to the officers and committee members, the societies and the musicians for their faithful and dedicated support of my ministry . . . and together . . . the ministry of Christ!

Dale H. Hansen

Pastor





TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Fellow-Members,

It is again my pleasure to report to you regarding our finances for the past year. Although our ministry at Saint Luke's is much more than raising the necessary funds for a full and varied ministry, I can report that the year 1977 was a good year financially.

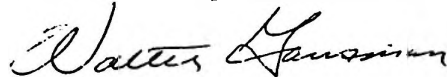
We started the year with a \$ 13,550.00 indebtedness due to our cleaning and painting of the sanctuary. During the year we reduced the amount by \$ 3,201.00, leaving a balance owing of \$ 10,349.00.

The attached income and expense sheet reports a deficit of \$ 5,122.18. This is some \$ 700.00 less than that of 1976. Our income from the congregation shows a decrease. However, other sources of income brought our income figures above that of 1976.

We still have room for improvement and this is not the time for a let down, Many of us are not regular in our weekly contributions. It would be helpful if more of us were regular.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your financial help for the past year. I also wish to thank both Miss Christine Gausman and Mrs. Virginia Callahan for their assistance throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter Gausman, Treas.

God is more
concerned
about YOU than
about YOURS



SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1976</u>
Envelopes	\$ 23,379.17		\$ 24,383.61
Plate collection	2,334.24		2,722.17
Christmas	1,502.50		1,355.00
Easter & Lent	1,753.42		1,966.75
Thanksgiving	830.00		623.00
Birthday (127th Anniversary)	**		1,166.00
Special Income	5,182.00		4,339.46
Flowers	595.00		677.00
Devotional Booklets	127.43		144.00
Initial Offering	114.50		137.00
FIND Nutrition Program	6,777.04		4,583.37
Christmas and Easter Decorations	482.54		445.08
Coffee Hour	188.53		123.07
Recitals-Organ and Choir	249.13		237.32
Received for Special Purposes	3,131.52		651.05
Sub-total	<u>46,647.02</u>		<u>43,553.88</u>
Income from Investments	22,736.29	21,448.71	
Income from Savings Account	<u>1,837.87</u>	<u>2,030.32</u>	23,479.03
Total Income	<u>71,221.18</u>		<u>67,032.91</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	35,642.58		33,568.00
Travel Allowance	1,008.00		1,008.00
Retirement & Medical	5,056.16		4,494.77
Printing & Stationery	1,392.54		1,635.50
Insurance	4,433.58		6,128.33
Heating	5,133.84		5,804.73
Gas & Electric	7,411.93		5,538.88
Telephone	1,628.63		1,594.88
Postage	408.23		390.04
Advertising	1,981.42		1,596.82
Devotional Booklets	266.10		222.80
Flowers	435.00		555.00
Envelope Expense	115.87		109.56
Repairs & Replacements	4,378.48		4,844.11
Bank Custodial Charges	522.12		459.61
Sunday Coffee Hour	291.82		213.74
Special Expenses	550.74		564.04
Christmas & Easter Decorations	482.54		484.63
Youth Program	20.00		200.00
Recitals-Organ & Choir	257.50		854.00
Miscellaneous	1,794.76		1,972.88
Disbursements for Special Purposes	3,131.52		651.05
Total Expense	<u>76,343.36</u>		<u>72,891.37</u>
Total Income	<u>71,221.18</u>		<u>67,032.91</u>
Deficit	<u>5,122.18</u>		<u>5,858.46</u>

Missions 1,456.11

* Amount of \$2,051.00 applied to borrowing for Cleaning & Painting of Sanctuary

* 35 Per cent of total income

1,655.91

SPIRIT OF '76

December 31, 1977

Amounts received

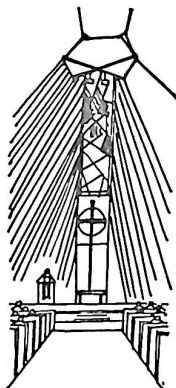
\$ 27,063.00

Expenditures

Organ Repairs	5,856.00
Roofing, Gutters, etc.	1,410.00
Cleaning of Drains	452.50
Astro Turf	675.87
Cementing of Astro Turf	187.50
Garden Equipment	2,404.70
Garden Stairway	530.00
Youth Room	763.06
Refinishing Pews, etc.	2,600.00
Glass Doors	1,540.00
Typewriter	830.00
Sacristy Carpet	250.00
Sacristy Mirror	37.00
Postage & Stationery	51.37
Narthex Office	500.57
Stencil Work Renewal	260.00
Third Floor Remodeling	1,876.90
Miscellaneous	<u>291.26</u>

Total

\$ 20,516.73



COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS - 1977

Missions	\$ 1,456.11
American Bible Society	10.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	10.00
Fresh Air Fund	400.00
Lutheran Braille Workers	5.00
Lutheran Charities Fund	100.00
Lutheran Community Services	525.00
Lutheran Education Society	25.00
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf	410.00
Lutheran Hour	47.00
Lutheran World Relief and World Hunger	216.00
New York Bible Society	202.00
Project Find, Coffee House	60.50
Project Find, Saint Luke's Church	300.00
Roosevelt Hospital Chaplaincy Services	150.00
St. Paul's Lutheran College	10.00
Valparaiso University	10.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging	500.00
Wheatridge Foundation	<u>156.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,592.61

SPECIAL FUNDS*

Friends of Saint Luke	\$ 1,791.19
Organ Repair Fund	192.00
Project Find Coffee House	269.66
Spanish Ministry	<u>845.53</u>

* Balance on hand as of December 31, 1977



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 1977.

1923	Catherine Karsch	1965	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1927	J. Louis Schaefer	1966	Elsa Husser
1932	Bernhard Karsch	1966	Charles Unger
1942	Adele Henning	1966	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1946	Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1967	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1951	Annie L. Hohns	1967	Henry J. Koester
1952	Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1968	Lottie B. Steinbach
1953	John Dettmer	1968	Marie Schweitzer
1954	Alfred M. Grizzle	1968	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1955	Louisa M. Nusskern	1969	John Theurer, Sr.
1955	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969	Elsie Eiermann
1956	Anton & Marie Koester	1969	Rudolph Fischer
1957	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1969	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer
1958	Miss M. Scommodau	1970	John Theurer, Sr.
1958	Anna Ahrens Menge	1970	August Hauff
1958	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1970	Mr. & Mrs. C. Voigt
1959	Mrs. Minna Theurer	1970	Alfred Hebert
1959	Matilda Schlobohm	1971	Henry Rieth
1959	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1972	Henry Rieth
1960	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1972	Alfred Gobber
1961	John & Anna Marie Theurer	1973	Paul A. Koepchen
1961	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1974	Anna C. Viehl
1962	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1974	Ethel Mahnken
1963	Sophie Schaefer	1975	Mrs. Elizabeth Baader
1963	Margaret Schroeder	1975	Miss Matilda Tietjen
1963	Bernhard & Catherine Karsch	1976	Alexander McKean
1963	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1977	Renata McGannon
1964	J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer	1977	Henrietta Burger
1965	Elsa Husser	1977	Bernhard & Catherine Karsch
1965	Elsie Eiermann		

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1977

Mrs. Henrietta Burger
Miss Minna Giese
Mrs. Theresa Guitson
Mr. Karl Koepchen
Miss Mary Kompa
Mrs. Marie McKee
Mrs. Winona Nienow
Mr. Herman Reichert, Sr.
Mr. Henry Scharff
Mrs. Clara Schreiber
Mrs. Anna Marie Stobe
Mr. Stanley Tyburski



Total received for Memorial Wreaths in 1977 - \$ 418.00



The Ladies Aid Society Report

The Ladies Aid Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month beginning together by attending the noontime service conducted by Pastor Hansen, followed by lunch at 12:30. We each bring our own sandwich and the hostess serves coffee and cake. A short meeting is held after lunch, followed by a speaker, usually Pastor Hansen, a film strip, slide show, discussions or just time for good Christian Fellowship.

Our cash contributions were as follows:

<u>To Others</u>	
McAuley Water Street Mission	\$ 50.00
Wartburg Home	25.00
Lutheran World Relief	31.00
LWML Int'l. - 35th Anniversary	35.00
Christmas Gifts to shut-ins	28.00
<u>To St. Luke's</u>	
Garden Fund	150.00
Summer Youth Program	244.00
127th Anniversary	100.00
Memorial Fund	30.00
Altar flowers I/M/O departed members	15.00
Cakes for special services	25.00
Cleaning of choir gowns	39.00

We are also in membership with the Lutheran Womens' Missionary League and contribute to the various projects through our Mite Box collections. We roll bandages for Lutheran World Relief, host Sunday coffee hour once a month and serve whenever called upon throughout the year. Several of our members are active in the Hospital Escort Service at Roosevelt Hospital and also serve at Project Find's Senior Citizens Coffee House.

Our current membership is nineteen, of which eleven are active, two honorary (out-of-town) and six shut-ins.

We warmly invite anyone to our meetings, get to know us and perhaps join our Society to share in the joy of serving the Lord and our beloved Saint Luke's.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie S. Koester

Elsie S. Koester, President



LADIES AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
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Balance January 1, 1977

\$ 215.51

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 66.00	
Special contributions	50.00	
Birthday collection	16.70	
LWML Mite Box collections	73.30	
Congregational Luncheon - Collected	46.25	
Expense	<u>20.25</u>	
Collected for World Hunger	5.00	
Interest on investments	1,538.98	
Total Receipts		<u>1,775.98</u>
 Total		 1,991.49

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies - 4th quarter 1976	26.75	
LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies - 1977	88.30	
Altar flowers in memory of departed members	15.00	
Cakes for Reconsecration & Anniversary Services	25.00	
Post cards & postage	11.00	
Cleaning of choir gowns	39.00	
Memorials:		
Ellie McKee	10.00	
Etta Burger	10.00	
Clara Schreiber	10.00	
Christmas Gifts:		
C. Von der Au	10.00	
A. Crosmon	7.00	
A. Weiman & O. Frahm	6.55	
Walter Nimmo	4.00	
Contributions to:		
McAuley Water Street Mission	50.00	
Wartburg Home for Christmas program	25.00	
Lutheran World Relief for World Hunger	31.00	
LWML International - 35th Anniversary Thank offering	35.00	
Saint Luke's Garden fund	150.00	
Saint Luke's Summer Youth program	244.52	
Saint Luke's 127th Anniversary	100.00	
Interest on Savings Accounts remaining in Savings Banks	<u>281.48</u>	
 Total Disbursements		 <u>1,179.60</u>

Balance December 31, 1977

\$ 811.89

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Balance December 31, 1977		
Franklin Savings Bank	\$ 1,814.71	
Bowery Savings Bank	3,650.60	
Total	5,465.31	
Balance in savings accounts		\$ 5,465.31
Balance in checking account		811.89
Total.		6,277.20

MEMORIAL FUNDS:

Total memorials received by Ladies Aid for which we hold:		
General Telephone of California $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bonds		19,825.00
Atlantic District Notes		5,000.00
Two savings accounts		5,465.31
Total		30,290.31

Standard Oil of California Bond owned by Saint Luke's - interest is payable to Ladies Aid

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

DORCAS GUILD OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

The Dorcas Guild celebrated their 35th birthday in February 1977, and with the Lord's help, prospered, even though our church is small in number, but thoroughly dedicated with love for Him and for one another.

The gifts to charities increased with support to the following:

LWML International - 35th Anniversary Thankoffering	\$ 35.00
Lutheran World Relief (Birthday collection)	35.00
Lutheran World Relief	15.00
Concordia College, Bronxville, NY	25.00
McAuley Water Street Mission	25.00
Salvation Army Hospice	10.00
Fountain House	15.00

Also, the usual contribution for the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Day Dinner of \$ 100, bringing the total to \$ 260.00. The balance in our treasury as of January 1, 1978 is \$ 739.81.

The Dorcas Guild participated in the reconsecration of our newly painted sanctuary and Pastor Neibacher Day on May 22.

On June 5, we made a trip through the FOUNTAIN HOUSE and found out the reason it is named Fountain House is that there is a lovely water fountain inside. We were served a nice lunch by the members. We were impressed with the work of the Fountain House and the aid to its members.

This is Virginia Callahan's last report as president. I have been president since June 5. She would like to thank the officers who served her through her two terms as president and the support of all members, as well as the Ladies Aid Society and Pastor Hansen, who made the years successful and enjoyable in the work of our Savior.

Respectfully,

Myrtie Hardnett
Virginia Callahan



DORCAS GUILD OF SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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1977

Balance January 1, 1977

\$ 739.81

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 130.50
LWML Mite Box collections	69.75
LWML Calendar Mite Box collections	79.84
Contributions for Quarterlies	2.00
Birthday collection	34.26
Hostess fees	3.50
November 13th 1976 sale - additional	17.00
November 5th 1977 sale	435.50
Bank Interest	<u>36.75</u>
Total Receipts	<u>809.10</u>
Total	1,548.91

DISBURSEMENTS

LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies - 4th quarter 1976	50.51
LWML Mite Box & Quarterlies - 1977	164.59
Altar flowers in memory of departed members	15.00
Post cards for meeting notices	9.00
Transporting articles, some of which were sold at our 1976 sale	35.00
3 albs & 1 cincture	72.35
From November 5th sale-Project Find for Thanksgiving Dinners	100.00
Refreshments & Christmas Party expense	15.24
Memorials:	
Ellie McKee	10.00
Mr. Reichert, Sr.	10.00
Theresa Guitson	10.00
Clara Schreiber	10.00
Gifts:	
C. Gausman - in hospital	3.50
C. Von der Au - in nursing home	10.00
W. Nimmo - in Central Islip Hospital	4.00
Contributions to:	
LWML International - 35th Anniversary Thank offering	35.00
Lutheran World Relief (Birthday collection)	35.00
Lutheran World Relief	15.00
Concordia College	25.00
McAuley Water Street Mission	25.00
Salvation Army Hospice	10.00
Fountain House	<u>15.00</u>
Total Distributions	<u>679.19</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$ 869.72

ETHEL MAHNKEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1977

\$ 321.38

RECEIPTS

Bank interest

17.49

Balance December 31, 1977

\$ 338.87

BANNER FUND

Balance December 31, 1977

\$ 34.52

KITCHEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1977

\$ 141.48

RECEIPTS

Bank interest

5.48

Total

146.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Milk pitchers

\$ 4.48

Cord for electric percolator

1.65

6 coffee servers

46.20

Shelf paper, cake plate & cutlery box

4.50

Shelf for Dorcas closet

3.67

Total Disbursements

60.50

Balance December 31, 1977

\$ 86.46

Christine Gausman
Treasurer

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
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GENERAL FUND

Balance January 1, 1977 \$ 385.64

RECEIPTS

Plate collections	\$ 180.34	
Christmas Eve Family Service	39.42	
Bank interest	<u>33.46</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>253.22</u>
 Total		 638.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Sunday School Supplies	124.20	
Pins for Sunday School Children	29.90	
Film cancellation fee	3.00	
Plants for Sunday School Children (Easter Sunday)	21.37	
Bibles for Confirmands	50.00	
Maps & stand	34.00	
Refreshments	6.00	
Christmas Luncheon for Sunday School Children & Parents	35.11	
Christmas Gifts for Sunday School Children	<u>40.60</u>	
 Total Disbursements		 <u>344.25</u>

Balance December 31, 1977 \$ 294.61

MISSION FUND

Balance January 1, 1977 \$ 353.70

RECEIPTS

Collections		<u>.75</u>
Balance December 31, 1977		\$ 354.45

Christine Gausman
Treasurer