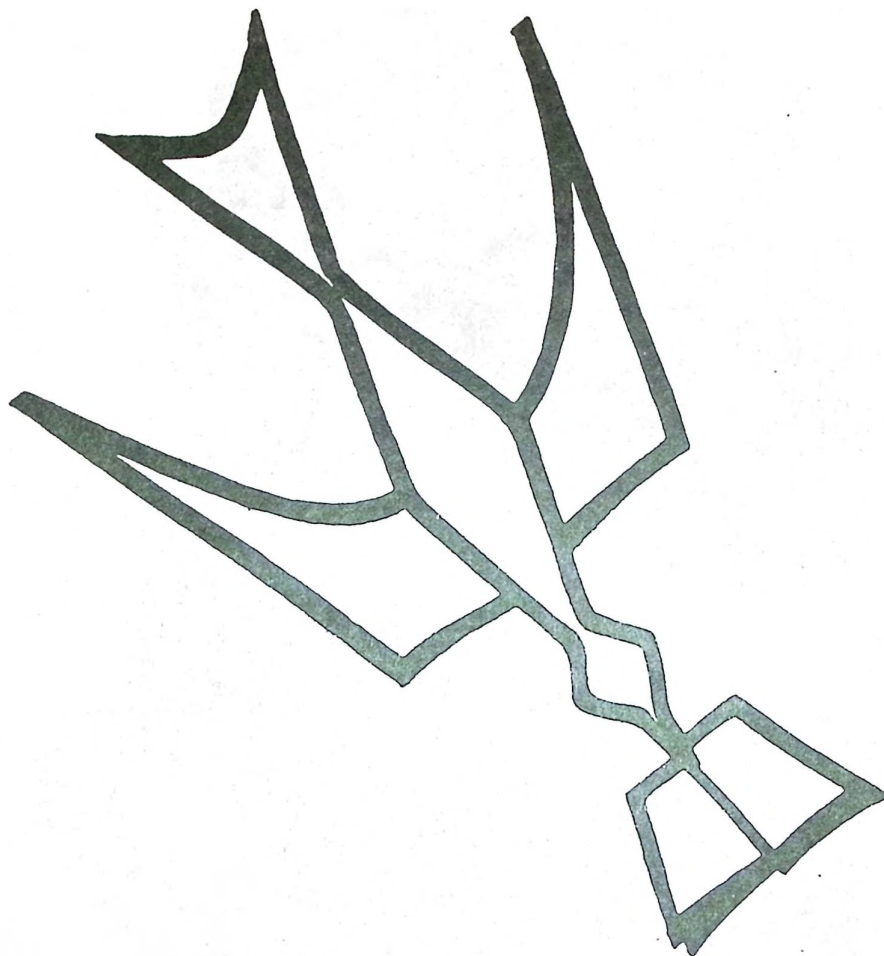


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The FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

March 4, 1979

Saint Luke's Lutheran Church

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Lent I

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

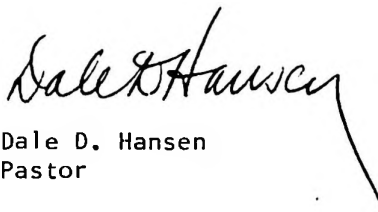
Sometimes I'm asked by visitors, "How do you do it, Pastor?" meaning "How does Saint Luke's continue to exist and to serve such a broad and varied ministry . . . with less than one hundred active communicant members." That gives me the happy opportunity to affirm again and again the wonderful grace and mercy of God. For Saint Luke's is a living testimony of God's power at work, of God's blessing "an hundredfold" when we surrender to Him and simply seek to praise and serve Him with what we are and what we have.

Of course we are not alone! Not only are we confident of the words of Paul in today's Epistle: "If God is for us, who is against us? . . . in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us," (Romans 8), but we are grateful for so many others of God's family who have become our Friends and joyfully share the challenges of mission here at Times Square. And so, at an annual meeting, we review the old year and thank and bless our God and our Friends for helping us to witness and certify in Word and deed the love of God for all people.

Our life as a parish family has not been without its trials and tribulations, however! The frustration of limited resources and unlimited opportunities weighs heavily at times. The distances which separate our members from one another and from the place of Saint Luke's often leaves only a few to assume even greater responsibilities to maintain our ministries. The mobility of our membership and those we serve leaves us often feeling there can be little or no stability or continuity in our parish.

But all of these "tests" only make us more sensitive to our need for God's strength and His vision for our tasks. We are driven again and again to reliance on God's grace and mercy and time . . . and we can only respond gratefully with Abraham in today's Old Testament Lesson, "So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord will provide; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided'."

My personal thanks and prayers for you all . . . the officers and leaders who share so much of their time and abilities to assist me in our mutual ministry . . . all of the members who so faithfully encourage and support . . . all of our Friends who care with us and through us . . . God bless you!


Dale D. Hansen
Pastor

PASTORAL REPORT:

Some of the good things we can be grateful for in 1978:

1. Stabilization and some growth in membership and participation in parish.
2. The launching and successful beginning of our FRIENDS OF SAINT LUKE program, realizing over \$ 10,000 by the end of the year (thru end of 1978) and funding both our vicarage program as well as subsidizing our deficit for the year.
3. Introduction and wonderful reception of the new LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP. Our members and friends completely underwrote costs of the new hymnals and the special books for altar, clergy and organist.
4. The installation of new glass doors at the entrance to the Senior Center, providing an attractive, safe and inviting welcome to participants.
5. The addition to our staff of a seminarian/intern, Vicar Richard Mokry.
6. Opportunities for sharing our mission and ministry with many neighborhood groups, visitors and business and church leaders via our new film strip, MIRACLE ON 46TH STREET. The film was shown to the Netherlands Mission to the United Nations, the Lutheran Council in the USA staff, the Association of Evangelical Lutherans Pastoral Conference, the Larger Church Seminar in Chicago, the Central Wisconsin Valparaiso University Guild, the Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Chaplaincy in Metro New York, and many others.
7. A color television set was purchased by members of Project FIND - Saint Luke's and is available also for use by our parish groups.
8. Community concern was shown in providing space and, at times, assistance and participation in a number of efforts to improve living and learning conditions for people in the City. The Universidad de Trabajadores continues to provide English classes, high school equivalency assistance, and social activities for Hispanic people; the Lower Manhattan Welfare Advocates meet monthly at Saint Luke's to discuss and work toward more equitable and fair distribution of public assistance funds; the Grupo Renacimiento, Spanish chapter of AA, meets two evenings a week here; the Restaurant Association of 46th Street meets at Saint Luke's (Pastor Hansen serves as coordinator); the Midtown North Precinct Community Meetings are here every three months; the Mayor's Midtown Action Committee and block representatives met several times at Saint Luke's to plan major rebuilding of the block; the Family, a group of young people, many of the ex-offenders, meets weekly at Saint Luke's for a drama-music workshop conducted by Gilbert Price; a Fountain House recreation group learning Karate meets weekly in our gymnasium; Pastor Hansen served on a pilot project with Community Social Services and Hartley House for the elderly, called the Natural Supports Program; and the parish was a co-sponsor of the Clinton Town Meeting, an attempt to identify our neighborhood's needs and resources and to plan for coordination of community agencies and people for a better Clinton.

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

Vice Chairman of the Community Board of St. Clare's Hospital
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tri-State Media Ministry
Coordinator of the 46th Street Restaurant Association
Chairman of Project FIND - Saint Luke's and member of the Board of Project FIND
Member of the Episcopal/Lutheran Dialogue Commission
Member of the Lutheran Hour Sermon Committee

Preaching and/or speaking engagements; articles and conferences:

Church of Our Savior, Manhasset, L.I.
Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin
Department of Consumer Affairs, NYC
Larger Church Seminar, Chicago, ILL
Group leader for Natural Support Program, Hartley House
Title VII public hearings, chairman of Press Conference
Sermons submitted for WORD & WITNESS, national sermon publishing series
Article on worship for UNA SANCTA, in Lutheran Forum
Quarterly devotions for Women's Chaplaincy Auxiliary
Presented address on worship for the Larger Church Seminar in Chicago
Attended a workshop on Immigration procedures sponsored by Archdiocese of NYC
Attended East Coast Synod Convention
Met with representatives of WNBC re: religious programming in Metro area
Celebrant at ordination of former parishioner at Zion, Wausau

Hospitals visited to call on members or referrals:

Doctors, LeRoy, Astoria General, Columbia Presbyterian, Saint Clare's,
Roosevelt, Montefiore, Bellevue, Lenox Hill, Midtown, New York Hospital,
St. Vincent's, St. Luke's, Medical Arts Center, Beth Israel, Jewish Memorial.

At Saint Luke's:

Preached 45 Sundays	10 Baptisms
38 Wednesdays	6 Weddings
10 special Services	5 Funerals

New Communicant Members:



Mrs. Patricia Ishek Raghonauth
Mrs. Patsy Ishek Ramkissoon
Mr. Eusebio Pollack
Mrs. Alma Waites
Mr. Bryan Berry
Mr. Edward Lazarus
Mrs. Ruth Calhoun

Some of our goals for 1979:

1. Continue to work at more effective evangelism and witness in the neighborhood, especially in terms of out-reach with Gospel ministry.
2. Strive for expansion of contacts for our Friends of Saint Luke program, to attain at least fifteen to twenty thousand dollars on an annual sustaining basis.
3. Further acquaint our parish family with the new Lutheran Book of Worship, including more variety in our worship and, hopefully, more frequent celebrations of Holy Communion . . . as well as possible use of a free-standing altar.
4. Expand out-reach of Project FIND - Saint Luke's.
5. Work toward early implementation of the 46th Street renovation.
6. Property needs: overhaul heating system; re-build alley-way adjacent to sanctuary on the East; correct roof problems where leaks occur; repair damaged floor in Senior Center; repair sewer drains from kitchen to street.



Dear Fellow-Members,

My treasurer's report for the year 1978 is a better report than that of many years. While we ended the period with a deficit of some \$ 1,890.00, we were able to reduce the amount of our indebtedness for the cleaning and painting of our church sanctuary by \$ 5,306.00. Also, as a result of our charities collection, added the sum of \$ 500.00 to our benevolent fund and applied \$ 234.41 to a new fund as a reserve for our FIND noon-day nutrition program. Our members and friends contributed the amount of \$1637.25 for the new Lutheran book of worship. Our Friends of Saint Luke endeavor brought us an additional \$ 5,937.63 in 1978. You will find these transactions listed in the attached reports.

I want to thank our pastor as well as all of our members for making such a report possible. Then, too, I wish to thank Zion Lutheran Church and it's members and all the Friends of Saint Luke, for providing the funds that enabled us to increase our ministry at Saint Luke's and helped us to meet our financial needs.

My thanks are extended to our assistant treasurer, Miss Christine Gausman, and to Mrs. Virginia Callahan, who were of great help to me during the year in performing my duties as treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gausman

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1977</u>
Envelopes	\$ 24,740.21		\$ 23,379.17
Plate collection	3,107.76		2,334.24
Christmas	1,513.00		1,502.50
Easter & Lent	2,189.25		1,753.42
Thanksgiving	880.00		830.00
Birthday (128th Anniversary)	1,786.00		2,051.00
Special Income	7,562.00		5,182.00
Flowers	633.00		595.00
Devotional Booklets	146.50		127.43
Initial Offering	123.00		114.50
FIND Nutrition Program	8,234.71		6,777.04
Coffee Hour	136.29		188.53
Recitals-Organ and Choir	115.00		249.13
Received for Special Purposes	6,953.32		4,587.63
Sub-total	58,120.04		49,671.59
Income from Investments	23,341.42	22,736.29	
Income from Savings Account	<u>1,941.68</u>	<u>1,837.87</u>	<u>24,574.16</u>
Total Income	83,403.14		74,245.75

EXPENSES

Salaries	36,648.19		35,642.58
Travel Allowance	1,008.00		1,008.00
Retirement & Medical	5,287.29		5,056.16
Printing & Stationery	1,584.07		1,392.54
Insurance	4,423.13		4,433.58
Heating	8,016.98		5,133.84
Gas & Electric	7,703.84		7,411.93
Telephone	1,545.34		1,628.63
Postage	336.08		408.23
Advertising	1,614.46		1,981.42
Devotional Booklets	191.43		266.10
Flowers	---		435.00
Envelope Expense	136.78		115.87
Repairs & Replacements	4,736.83		4,378.48
Bank Custodial Charges	789.53		522.12
Sunday Coffee Hour	252.55		291.82
Special Expenses	200.50		550.74
Birthday Collection	1,786.00**		2,051.00**
Youth Program	17.69		20.00
Recitals-Organ & Choir	247.89		257.50
Miscellaneous	1,817.66		1,794.76
Disbursements for Special Purposes	6,953.32		4,587.63
Total Expense	85,297.56		79,367.93
Total Income	83,403.14		74,245.75
Deficit	1,894.42		5,122.18

** Birthday collection applied to borrowing for cleaning & painting of Sanctuary

* 30 Per cent of total income



Received and Disbursed for Special Purposes

Wheat Ridge and Charities	\$ 2,459.41
Vicar's Salary and Rent	1,600.00
Missions	1,335.45
Bulletin Board and Pedestal Stand	552.50
Addressograph	570.00
Altar Cloths	200.00
FIND Thanksgiving Dinners	100.00
Summer Program	92.12
Lutheran World Relief	15.00
Miscellaneous	<u>28.84</u>
Total	\$ 6,953.32

Friends of Saint Luke Fund

Balance January 1, 1978 \$ 1,791.19

Receipts

For Vicar's Salary and Rent	\$ 2,491.63	
Other	<u>3,446.00</u>	<u>5,937.63</u>

Total 7,728.82

Disbursed

Vicar's Salary and Rent	1,600.00	
Film Strip	3,847.96	
Brochures	2,487.90	
Audio and Visual Equipment	418.43	
Stationery, records etc.	71.40	
Postage	11.94	
Contributed to Saint Luke's toward December 31, 1978 Deficit	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>10,437.63</u>

Debit Balance December 31, 1978 \$ 2,708.81

Spirit of '76 Fund

Balance January 1, 1978 \$ 6,546.27

Disbursed

3rd floor re-modeling and painting	\$ 533.57	
Youth and Shower Room	646.84	
Painting and cleaning of Sanctuary	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>4,680.41</u>

Balance December 31, 1978 \$ 1,865.86

Fund for Easter and Christmas Decorations

Balance January 1, 1978 \$ 41.46

Received

524.50

Total

565.96

Disbursed

475.55

Balance December 31, 1978 \$ 90.41



Lutheran Book of Worship

Purchased 192 Hymn Books		\$ 1,529.00
5 Special editions for Pastor and Organist		88.25
Transportation and handling		<u>42.62</u>
Total Cost		1,659.87
Amount contributed for books	\$ 1,462.25	
Books sold	100.00	
Received for imprinting	<u>75.00</u>	<u>1,637.25</u>
Balance owing December 31, 1978		\$ 22.62

Spanish Ministry Fund

Balance January 1, 1978	\$ 845.53
Disbursed	<u>110.82</u>
Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 734.71

Find Coffee House

Balance January 1, 1978	\$ 269.66
Disbursed	<u>14.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 255.66

Project Find Fund for Future Needs

Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 234.41
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Organ Repair Fund

Balance December 31, 1978	\$ 192.00
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Amount Borrowed for Cleaning and Painting of Sanctuary

Amount owing January 1, 1978		\$ 10,349.00
Contribution	\$ 20.00	
Received from Spirit of '76	3,500.00	
Birthday collection	<u>1,786.00</u>	<u>5,306.00</u>
Balance owed December 31, 1978		\$ 5,043.00



Benevolent Fund

Balance January 1, 1978 \$ 3,632.70

Receipts

Income from Investments	\$ 172.50	
Dorcas Guild	50.00	
McGraw Hill	400.00	
Charities Collection	500.00	
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Chappaqua, NY	160.00	
Poor Boxes	130.78	
Individual Contributions	128.00	
Repayment of Loans	<u>315.00</u>	<u>1,856.28</u>

Total 5,488.98

Disbursements

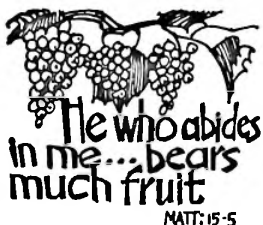
Miscellaneous Disbursements	678.65	
Outstanding Loans	<u>322.00</u>	<u>1,000.65</u>

Balance December 31, 1978 \$ 4,488.33

Collections for Others

Missions	\$ 1,335.45
American Bible Society	60.00
Benevolences	500.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	5.00
Concordia Tract Mission	8.50
Lutheran Chaplaincy Auxiliary	100.00
Lutheran Charities Fund	100.00
Lutheran Community Services	250.00
Lutheran Education Society	25.00
Lutheran Hour	100.00
Lutheran T.V. Metro Media	172.00
Lutheran World Relief	410.00
Mill Neck Manor	200.00
New York Bible Society	150.00
Project Find Nutrition Program	234.41
Roosevelt Hospital Chaplaincy	150.00
Valparaiso University Student Assistance	20.00
Wartburg Lutheran Home - Brooklyn	250.00
Wheat Ridge Foundation	40.00
Wheat Ridge Medical Mission	<u>150.00</u>

Total \$ 4,260.36



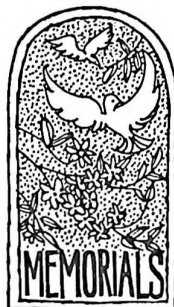
SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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 1978.

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	1978 J. Louis & Susan K. Schaefer

MEMORIAL WREATHS - 1978

Mrs. Meta Deike
Mr. Richard Kuhle
Miss Matilda Tietjen





LADIES AID SOCIETY

1978 REPORT

It is my honor once again to report to you the activities of Saint Luke's Ladies Aid Society, now in its 107th year. We have eleven active, dedicated members and two honorary members. The Ladies Aid Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month, with the exception of July and August. After the noon-day Devotions we have a luncheon followed by our business meeting. Following this, we have either a speaker (often Pastor Hansen), or a filmstrip or slide show, always combining these activities with good Christian fellowship.

For our end of the year party in June and our Christmas luncheon in December, we decided to celebrate by eating out at neighborhood restaurants. The ladies all enjoyed it so much that we have decided to do it again this year.

Our income and contributions for 1978 are as follows:

<u>INCOME:</u>	Dues collected	\$ 59.50
	Interest on Investments	1,556.25

CONTRIBUTIONS:

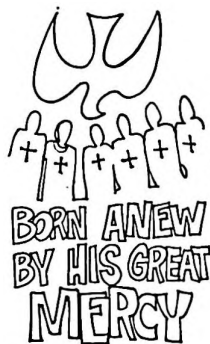
To Saint Luke's:

Altar flowers for departed members of Ladies Aid Society	\$ 15.00
Material for Baptismal altar fair linen	20.15
Cleaning of choir gowns	80.00
Outdoor bulletin board	674.00
Summer Youth Program	92.12
Restoration of St. Luke's Pictures	228.00

To Others:

Christmas gifts to shut-ins	\$ 36.45
Concordia College, Bronxville	25.00
Wheat Ridge Foundation	25.00
McAuley Water Street Mission	50.00

BALANCE as of December 31, 1978: \$ 838.32



The Ladies Aid is also a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and contributes to their various projects through the use of Mite Boxes. Miss Martha Eber attended the LWML convention as our delegate in 1978. We also roll bandages and collect clothing for Lutheran World Relief, host the Coffee Hour after the Service once a month, coordinate used clothing distribution, and help out wherever we can during the year.

I wish to thank the members for their continued support, especially the officers and Pastor Hansen, for his counseling and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
ELSIE KOESTER

DORCAS GUILD REPORT - 1978

The Dorcas Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Occasionally, it meets on Sunday afternoon. There are fifteen members, two honorary members.

We try to plan interesting programs; to name a few which have taken place this past year:

The Ten Commandments - Pastor Hansen
Talk by Covenant House Representative
Ministry to the Deaf - Pastor Schnepf
Wheat Ridge Filmstrip - Pastor May

I was a good year, financially and spiritually.

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale:

Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100
Concordia College, Bronxville	25
McAuley Water Street Mission	25
Lutheran World Relief	15
Salvation Army	10
St. Luke's Benevolence Fund	50

From Ethel Manhken Fund:

	Pedestal Stand for Narthex	128.50
December 31, 1978	Dorcas Guild Balance	\$1,073.49
	Ethel Manhken Fund	226.11
	Banner Fund	29.46
	Kitchen Fund	72.92

We invite anyone who wishes to attend our meetings, to find out more about the activities of the Dorcas Guild and the services we perform . . . hopefully to consider becoming a member of the Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTIE HARDNETT
President

