

Saint Luke's Lutheran Church

"The Lutheran Church of Times Square"
308 West 46th Street (between 8th and 9th Avenues)
NEW YORK CITY 10036

ANNUAL REPORT

1983



PASTOR'S

COMMENTS

Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
308 West 46th Street
New York, NY 10036

4 March 1984

Dear Brothers and Sisters . . .


You may have heard the old definition of an optimist and a pessimist. If you give an optimist six feet of rope he will open a cigar factory. If you give a pessimist six feet of rope he'll hang himself. It all depends on how you look at it.

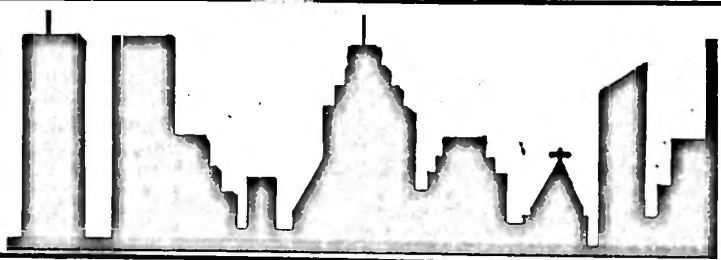
The essence of our response to the Good News of God's love in Christ must, of course, leave us with great optimism. After all, "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" . . . and, with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The mark of each of us individual Christians -- as well as our community of faith through Saint Luke -- must be optimism: optimism in the face of change and decay which confronts us in and around our part of God's Kingdom, optimism when it comes to the power of God for change as well as salvation, optimism that the seed of the Word and Sacraments will bear fruit according to his good and gracious will.

As I look back over the year gone by it would be only too easy to succumb to pessimism. We went through some difficult times in 1983 . . . a less-than-dramatic growth in membership, some severe financial crises compounded by aging buildings and heavy use for our social-service ministries, and some hard -- and sad -- decisions which involved our staffing and continued ministry ahead.

Never-the-less, we are called to celebrate the grace of God sufficient for every need! We are called into his family with no guarantee of immunity from the problems and pressures of a sinful world in which we also live and struggle and sometimes succumb to its tug away from God. How wonderful that with "one foot in heaven" and "the other foot planted firmly on God's turf" we can live out our vocations and our life together as a parish knowing that God will use us -- all of us -- our strengths and our failures -- to accomplish his will. While I have no hope of opening a cigar factory, I do have confidence in God's strength and trust in his promises and thanks for his guidance and a willingness to follow and to serve with with joy through our mutual fellowship.

Thanks to each of you, my dear spiritual family, for your part in our witness through Saint Luke's . . . and for the love you have shared with me throughout the year. God bless you!


Dale D. Hansen
Pastor



PASTORAL REPORT for 1983

The Year in Review . . .

1. Cause for optimism . . . and gratitude? We're still here! As I often tell visitors, each new day is for us another miracle and demonstration of God's goodness. We held our own in terms of membership, support and vibrancy of ministry. Statistics don't tell the whole story (even in Presidential campaigns) but you will note in our statistical reports that 1983 found us quite "alive and well and kicking" . . .
2. Our most active auxiliary ministry, CROSSROADS at Saint Luke Senior Center, continues to thrive and affirm our love for others. We have met and exceeded our goals for daily meals on site and to the homebound, as well as provided many ancillary services for the elderly who turn to us for assistance. Pastor Robert Splittgerber left the directorship in August and was succeeded by our Parish Worker, Chris Greene. Christopher's familiarity with the Program and his experience working for our parish for the past five years equipped him to take over with a remarkably smooth transition.
3. FRIENDS of Saint Luke helped to wipe away the red ink from the Treasurer's books for the fourth straight year . . . Since the FRIENDS program was begun in 1978 over \$100,000 has been contributed to help us sustain our ministries! What would we ever do without "Friends" who care for us and through us . . . and keep us going!
4. This year's BENEFIT for Saint Luke moved down the Block to Crepes Suzette Restaurant. There our good friends and neighbors, Madeline and Jeanette, hosted a delightful evening with a French Bistro theme. Our own amiable John Fricke organized a marvelous cabaret show, performed by "our owns" . . . Ayl Mack, Greg Henry, and David Gebel . . . and Air France gave us a lift with decorations, posters and a door prize. The evening netted \$3,850 for Saint Luke's.
5. The worship life of the parish was enhanced with a resolution to return to the Reformation principle of every-Sunday Eucharists, the main service of Worship of the Church. In addition, Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesdays at 12:10 and 7:00 pm, and on Feast Days at 12:10. This has served an increasing number of our members and visitors who come to Saint Luke's for the refreshment of Word and Sacrament. We have also received a beautiful green chasuble from the Ladies Aid Society, and a very lovely set of festive white eucharistic vestments from Marguerite Novak in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Theurer.

PASTORAL REPORT cont'd

6. After several months of study and discussion the Church Council in September resolved to discontinue Pastor Jerry Fargo's part-time, non-stipendary ministry at Saint Luke's as Minister for Performers. Differing visions of that mission and its relationship to the parish contributed to that decision.
7. Upon Bishop Ressmeyer's referral, Steven Goetsch, a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary and candidate for Lutheran Ordination and Call, was engaged as Vicar for one year. During this time he will fulfill requirements for in-service training by assisting the Pastor and administering the Church Office. We welcome Vicar Goetsch to our staff and are delighted to have him share in our ministry and fellowship.
8. Finally, chronic problems with plumbing, heating and electrical services continued to eat away at our budget for the year. One of these years we will have to face a major "rehab" of those areas to replace and modernize services which have performed well, but after 60 years' use, are wearing out. Perhaps 1984 will find us readying decisions for remedies that can see us through another sixty years! Optimistic?!

Preaching and/or speaking engagement, articles, conferences, meetings:

New York City Lutheran Urban Network
Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Manhattan
Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin
Metro Area Lutheran Women's Chaplaincy Auxiliary
Metro Synod Convention of the Lutheran Church in America
Judging panel for the TV Academy Awards for Religious and Social Service Programs
Women's Guild of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Flushing, Queens
Episcopal/Lutheran Dialogue Committee
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally, Bronx-Westchester Zone, Yonkers, NY
Book Review for the Lutheran Forum
Lutherans Cooperating in NYC Ecumenical Committee
Chairman of Restaurant Row Association
Member of the International Lutheran Hour Research Committee
Sermons for Augsburg Publishing House
Radio Devotionals (8 weeks) for WRFM
AELC Cetro Convention, Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, NJ
Christ Lutheran Church Women, New York City
Consultant/Coordinator for Christmas Day Dinner for the Homeless (Sheraton)
Midtown Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry

At Saint Luke's:

Preached:	40 Sundays	4 Baptisms
	68 Wednesday/Holy Days	15 Weddings
	17 Special Services	6 Funerals

New Communicant Members (thru March 4, 1984):

Carol Rosecrans	Mark Buchan	Betty Sabsevitz
Efigenia Mercado	Linda Southworth	Phyllis Mitchell
Yvette Mercado	Terry Vaughn	Mark Jobson
Micheal Ricca		Kathleen Weber

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS USING SAINT LUKE'S FACILITIES

47th Street Block Association
Restaurant Row Association
Housing Conservation Coordinators
Centro de Educacion - Spanish School
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau
Wardrobe Worker's Union
Midtown North Precinct Community Council
Manhattan Lutheran Pastors' Association
New York City Lutheran Urban Network
Metro Area Lutheran Women's Chaplaincy Auxiliary
Saint Peter's Youth Group, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Episcopal/Lutheran Dialogue
The Showstoppers (Senior Citizen Performers' Club)
Manhattan Montessori School
The Family (Theatre Group)

CROSSROADS L. ENCRUJADA AT SAINT LUKE EN SAN LUCAS

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Christopher H. Greene
Director

Dear Friends,

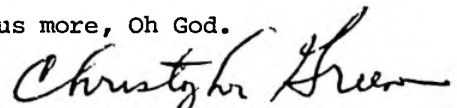
Within the lower bowels of Saint Luke there thrives an organism of both known and unknown origin, feeding and being fed, Unknown, because its members are from the darker corners of Manhattan, persons of the gentler years: some living, some half-living, some in life's last moments of light -- whispering, struggling, giving, screaming, yearning (were there better years?). Known because money has been set aside for such purposes -- and -- some courageous people have accepted the challenge to provide a place, an atmosphere, a purpose, a gift . . . far differently than said money could in right or wrong hands procure.

Well, the pipes are leaking and are wrapped up, tapped up, scrapped up -- fixed? And everybody has that special problem which only a special act of God himself could suspend. How, with human hands can such plumbing, such overwhelming problems be healed?

Savios and Reicherts and Malinas and Gausmans and Ebers and Gakelers sizing and sorting, giving out for free or so cheaply priced clothing -- Why can't I have more? -- "To sell them on the street or exchange them for booze?", these saintly women ask. "Ah, No. To augment my ever expanding wardrobe of second-hand clothing. I only have \$ 75 thou' in the bank." The folding, the sizing, the sorting continues. Someone is being helped, those ladies know. And God surely is guarding their humility by never letting (or hardly ever letting) them know just who is and who isn't.

Church council presidents picking up butter and cheese to help feed the throng . . . Fricke's singing the oldies to help lift the spirits if even for a short moment . . . volunteers (strangely giving and loyal) preparing the bread and butter, wiping up the spills, collecting the small donations, day in and day out The work never ends but never either the power of God to use all these hired hands and sired hands to work his healing in this work of Saint Luke's. And where. after all, is God's work being done? Is He making us his own? Serving the dying we die every day and sin and evil is being defeated in us and those we serve.

How his Grace does burn us! Give us more, Oh God.



SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH / "THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF TIMES SQUARE"

TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Fellow-Members and Friends,

I am again privileged to report to you on our financial condition for the year 1983. However, I would first like to thank all of our members and friends for their support. You enabled us to meet all of our expenses for the year. We were not able, however, to reduce the balance of our borrowing in 1982 for the cleaning and repairing of our church facade. We expect to do something in this regard this year.

Our income from our envelopes was about \$ 1,000.00 more than last year, but this income is about \$ 2,000.00 short of our budgeted figure. Other income accounts varied, some above our budget figure and some fell short of our estimates. The same is true of our expense items. In regard to our Repairs and Maintenance account, we had large repairs to our Plumbing, furnace, elevator and organ. We also had repairs to our ceiling under the garden and to the apartment formerly occupied by the Rev. Splittgerber. We budgeted \$ 15,000.00 for this account and spent \$ 12,603.82. As \$ 10,000.00 of our budgeted amount was to reduce our borrowing, we could not do this in 1983.

In order to balance our income with our expenses, we had to transfer the sum of \$ 20,546.16 from our Friends account to our general funds.

I, again, want to thank all for rendering your support. I thank Pastor who did so much to make this a good report. With your help and God's blessing, we look forward to another good year.

I offer my thanks to Kathleen Andrews, Virginia Callahan and Christine Gausman, who aided me in my work as treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,


Walter Gausman

SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

One of the privileges which has been bestowed upon Saint Luke's Lutheran Church'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 - 1983.

1923 Catherine Karsch	1966 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1927 J. Louis Schaefer, Sr.	1967 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1932 Bernard Karsch	1967 Henry J. Koester
1942 Adele Henning	1968 Lottie B. Steinbach
1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1968 Marie Schweitzer
1951 Annie L. Hohns	1968 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1952 Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1969 John Theurer, Sr.
1953 John Dettmer	1969 Elsie Eiermann
1954 Alfred Grizzle	1969 Rudolph Fischer
1955 Louisa M. Nusskern	1969 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1955 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 John Theurer, Sr.
1956 Anton, Sr. & Marie Koester	1970 August Hauff
1957 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1970 Mr. & Mrs. C. Voigt
1958 Miss M. Scommodau	1970 Alfred Hebert
1958 Anna Ahrens Menge	1971 Henry Rieth
1958 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1972 Henry Rieth
1959 Minna Theurer	1972 Alfred Gobber
1959 Matilda Scholbohm	1973 Paul Koepchen
1959 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1974 Anna C. Viohl
1960 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1974 Ethel Mahnken
1961 John & Anna-Marie Theurer	1975 Elizabeth Baader
1961 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1975 Matilda Tietjen
1962 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1976 Alexander McKean
1963 Sophie Schaefer	1977 Renata McGannon
1963 Margaret Schroeder	1977 Henrietta Burger
1963 Bernard & Catherine Karsch	1977 Bernard & Catherine Karsch
1963 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1978 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1964 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1979 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1965 Elsa Husser	1980 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1965 Elsie Eiermann	1982 J. Louis Schaefer, Jr.
1965 J. Louis, Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1982 Henry & Louise Cordes
1966 Elsa Husser	1982 Anton W. Koester
1966 Charles Unger	1983 Olga Rustia

MEMORIAL WREATHS -- 1983

Linda Balling	Amanda Baltera	Magnus Hansen
William Hedge	Richard Kuhle	
Adria Lane	Catherine Neher	Helen Zurmuehl



SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1983

INCOME:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
Envelopes	\$ 30,202.35	\$ 29,085.20
Plate Offerings	5,127.90	3,964.58
Lent & Easter	3,219.40	2,619.54
Thanksgiving	1,085.90	1,269.00
Christmas	2,390.75	3,020.00
Anniversary	2,053.00	1,216.30
Altar Flowers	670.00	660.00
Coffee Hour	131.17	215.66
Recitals	--	95.50
Initial Envelopes	124.50	78.00
Devotional Booklets, etc.	151.25	133.02
Use Receipts	26,249.34	25,977.49
Special Income	1,888.00	5,549.00
Friends of Saint Luke	20,546.16	18,616.97
Investment Income		
Securities	\$ 27,845.45	\$ 29,355.08
Bank Accounts	4,538.14	7,391.26
	<u>32,383.59</u>	<u>36,746.34</u>
	\$ 126,223.31	\$ 129,246.60

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$ 51,645.05	\$ 48,974.15
Travel Allowance	1,200.00	1,200.00
Medical/Retirement	9,398.47	8,285.49
Office & Printing Supplies	1,125.62	1,300.19
Telephone	2,089.65	1,736.02
Postage	731.72	656.70
Worship Materials	1,453.97	1,162.28
Advertising	2,877.57	2,263.25
Altar Flowers	615.00	629.60
Coffee Hour	183.24	320.06
Recitals	8.95	104.65
Devotional Booklets	329.35	329.35
Envelope Expense	165.02	162.12
Insurance	5,622.06	6,060.63
Repairs & Maintenance	12,460.82	21,529.12
Heating Oil	14,136.36	14,612.68
Gas & Electric	15,264.86	12,971.02
Bank Charges	4,333.32	3,999.96
New Equipment	400.00	615.36
Miscellaneous	2,182.28	2,333.97
	<u>2,182.28</u>	<u>2,333.97</u>
	\$ 126,223.31	\$ 129,246.60



FUNDS RECEIVED and DISBURSED for MISSIONS

General Missions	\$ 1,942.35
Wheat Ridge Seals - Charities	451.00
Dorcas Guild	300.00
Ladies Aid Society	16.00
Other Receipts	<u>409.00</u>
	\$ 3,118.35

DISTRIBUTION of MISSION FUNDS

General Missions	1,942.35
Christmas Gifts - Crossroads	349.00
Lutheran Charities Fund	75.50
Lutheran Community Services	175.50
Lutheran Television	10.00
Lutheran World Relief	216.00
Lutheran World Relief, Central America	50.00
Roosevelt Hospital Chaplaincy	100.00
Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner	100.00
Wheat Ridge - Medical Missions	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 3,118.35



REPORTS OF ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1983

FRIENDS OF SAINT LUKE

Balance January 1, 1983		\$ 6,565.76
Received from Benefit		3,851.15
Received from Rummage Sales		2,678.05
Received for Altar Flowers		615.00
Other Receipts		<u>9,905.83</u>
		23,615.79
Expenditures		
Miscellaneous	293.34	
Used to Balance 1983 Expense Account	<u>20,546.16</u>	<u>20,839.50</u>
Balance January 1, 1984		\$ 2,776.29

PERFORMING ARTS FUND

Balance January 1, 1983		\$ 1,591.26
Receipts		
From Ladies Aid Society	100.00	
From Dorcas Guild	<u>100.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
		1,791.26
Expenditures		
Payment to Rev. Fargo	1,200.00	
Typewriter Repairs	93.00	
Invoices 8/6/82 - 4/6/83	202.32	
Lumber	57.92	
Printing	26.95	
Literature	<u>7.58</u>	<u>1,587.77</u>
Balance January 1, 1984		\$ 203.49

REPAIRS TO CHURCH FACADE

Balance owing January 1, 1983		20,485.00
Receipts		
From Dorcas Guild January 1983	150.00	
From Dorcas Guild December 1983	<u>400.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>
Balance owing January 1, 1984		\$ 19,935.00



CROSSROADS AT SAINT LUKE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 3,162.92
Receipts		
Contributions	\$ 8,065.96	
Bus Trip	294.00	
Movies	<u>341.44</u>	<u>8,701.40</u>
		11,864.32
Disbursements		
Program Ass't. Salary subsidy	5,668.99	
Other additional help	536.14	
Severance pay R. Splittgerber	799.44	
Utilities	600.00	
Microphone	434.50	
Vacuum	378.00	
Kitchen Window	200.00	
Dishes & Utensils	493.95	
Balance due on Projector	106.00	
Coffee Pots	144.00	
Bus Trip	589.00	
Shopping Bags	49.50	
Repairs-Baseament Lavatory	93.02	
Transportation on Exxon Furn.	60.00	
Loan to Crossroads personnel	54.00	
Prime of Life	25.00	
Movies	105.50	
Am't over contract on Printing	28.47	
Am't over contract on Food Del'y	497.26	
Miscellaneous	<u>21.58</u>	<u>10,884.35</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 979.97

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EASTER & CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 180.10
Received Mar. 1983	587.00	
Received Dec. 1983	<u>427.00</u>	<u>1,014.00</u>
		1,194.10
Disbursed Jan. thru May	449.24	
Disbursed Dec.	<u>616.43</u>	<u>1,065.67</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 128.43

SPANISH MINISTRY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 578.08
Disbursed		<u>95.85</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 482.23

BENEFIT(1983) FUND

Receipts		\$ 6,055.00
Disbursements		
Crepes Suzettes	\$ 1,850.00	
Performers	250.00	
Piano Tuning	30.00	
Printing	21.35	
Lighting	15.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>37.50</u>	<u>2,203.85</u>
		<u>3,851.15</u>
Amount transferred to the Friends Account		<u>3,851.15</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 1983		.00

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 5,928.18
Receipts		
Mc Graw-Hill	694.00	
Others	345.00	
Poor Boxes	268.42	
Dorcas Guild	200.00	
Income from Investments	<u>173.26</u>	<u>1,680.68</u>
		<u>7,608.86</u>
Disbursements		
Gifts for Senior Citizens	349.00	
Other Disbursements	<u>2,052.56</u>	<u>2,401.56</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 5,207.30

CHANCEL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 197.65
Disbursements		<u>21.50</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 176.15

Sunday School Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1983		\$ 308.70
Receipts		<u>70.64</u>
		<u>379.34</u>
Disbursements		<u>219.42</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 159.92

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adams, Barbara
Andrews, Kathleen

Baetz, Hal
Baetz, Jane
Baetz, Kevin
Balling, Fred
Barris, Richard
Bramer, Henry
Buchan, Mark

Callahan, Virginia
Carlson, Steven
Chin, Denny
Cinelli, Ida
Coester, Kay
Cooper, Blanca
Craig, Casey

Danielson, John
Dugan, Dolores

Ebeling, Albert
Eber, Martha

Fargo, Rev. Jerry
Fourcade, Charles
Fourcade, Ruth
Fricke, John
Fuelling, Don

Gakeler, Albert
Gakeler, Edna
Gausman, Christine
Gausman, Walter
Gebel, David
German, Reynolds
Gordon, Diane
Gordon, Micheal
Grancaric, Diane
Greene, Christopher
Greene, Pamela
Gullikson, Marge

Hahn, Emma
Hansen, Rev. D. D.
Hardnett, Myrtie
Hardnett, Jarrell
Hardnett, Yvonne
Hardnett, Alan
Harper, Larry
Harris, Julian

Herman, Virginia
Hunter, Irving
Hussein, Jeanine Russell
Hutchinson, Elizabeth
Hutchinson, Rita

Jacobs, Charles
Jobson, Mark

Koester, Elsie
Kuhle, Mrs. Richard
Kuznik, Rev. Joel
Kynast, Edwin

Lee, Lillian
Lindeberg, Nancy
Linsenbarth, Margaret

Mack, Ayl
Malina, Martha
Matheis, Florence
May, Rev. Edward C.
May, Winifred
McClure, Frances
Mercado, Efigenia
Mercado, Yvette
Meisinger, Dr. Melvin
Montanez, Esther
Musil, John

Nisius, Helen
Novak, Marguerite

O'Connell, James
Peard, Louise
Pennyfeather, James
Philpott, Paul
Philpott, Ruth
Pollock, Eusebio

Raimes, Bernice
Reichert, Elsie
Reichert, Herman
Reichert, June
Retzlaff, Verna
Ricca, Micheal
Rogers, Lorine
Rosecrans, Carol

Sabsevitz, Betty
Savage, Alpha
Savio, Genevieve

Schaefer, Bernhard
Schirm, Susan
Schaub, Thomas
Scheepstra, Nancy
Southworth, Linda
Stahl, Mary Lee

Theurer, Mathilda
Thomas, Michele
Trick, Henry

Vaughn, Terry
Vogel, Jeanne

Waites, Alma
Weber, Kathleen
Williams, Charles L.
Witt, Martin

ASSOCIATE AND/OR ABSENTIA

Adams, Martha
Aponte, Luz
Balling, Betty
Baridon, Jean
Carroll, Edward
Chin, David
Edwards, Harry
Hall, Virginia
Hanson, Barry
Heck, Christine
Hilse, Dr. Walter
Klinge, Louise
Koester, Agnes
Levick, Richard
Louie, Mabel
Mathwig, Gean
Mehrtens, Mabel
Moore, Kathleen
O'Dell, Jacqueline
Pistilli, Susan
Prithwipaul, N.
Raimes, Edward
Ramos, Lydia
Rossi, Mrs. Joseph
Rupley, Mrs. Allen
Schaefer, Mrs. B. K.
Schaefer, Mrs. J. L.
Sievers, Carl
Sluberski, Dr. Thomas
Widmaier, Gerhard
Wolfram, Mark
Wong, Joseph
Zurmeuhl, Louise

LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Another year has ended and the members of the Ladies Aid Society are already looking forward to a rewarding 1984.

We are a small group that meets every second Wednesday of the month except during July and August. At these meetings, we begin with attendance at the Noonday Service, continue with visiting over lunch, and usually conclude with the presentation and discussion of a topic most often led by Pastor Hansen.

Our income and disbursements for 1983 follows:

RECEIPTS:	Dues	\$76.00
	Special Contributions	50.00
	Christmas Stocking Collections	10.00
	LWML Mite Box Collection	68.50
	Collected at meetings for World Hunger	16.00
	Interest on Investments	<u>2331.64</u>
		\$2554.14
DISBURSEMENTS:	LWML Mite Box and Quarterlies	\$78.50
	International LWML for 40th Anniversary	40.00
	Altar Flowers for departed members	15.00
	Chausible, Burse & Veil St. Luke's 133rd Anniversary	351.50
	Lutheran World Relief for World Hunger	300.00
	Cleaning & painting of closets	16.00
	Amanda Baltera Memorial	37.50
	Gifts to shut-ins	25.00
	Bank Charges	9.60
	Lutheran World Relief	21.95
	Refreshments/meeting	100.00
	Deficit on December Luncheon	10.00
		3.50

Our other activities include; serving coffee once a month at the Coffee Hour, assisting at the Project FIND Coffee House, and the distribution of clothes at CROSSROADS.

We invite all women members of the congregation to join us.

Elsie S. Koester
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President

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DORCAS GUILD - 1983

As Pastor Hansen always says, "We are a small but dedicated group here at 'Times' Square." Yes, Dorcas Guild is small in numbers but big in the spirit of helpfulness to St. Luke and the church at large.

Here at home some members offer their services at the Senior Coffee House once a month. Others are volunteer escorts at Roosevelt Hospital on a bi-monthly basis and several others work at the "Big Closet" sorting and distributing used clothing. This latter task has become very time consuming as clothing pours in from sister congregations. We stand by ready to pitch in when overflow clothing dictates that a thrift or rummage sale be held.

The main source of income for Dorcas is the fall rummage sale from which we realized \$702 last November. We are not sure how much longer we will be able to hold a sale because of the great amount of work involved and our small numbers to accomplish the task. Dorcas members form the core group for this endeavor with the proceeds going to the Friends of Saint Luke account. Outside of Saint Luke's we help favorite charitable organizations in a monetary way. During 1983 we contributed:

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100.00
Lutheran World Relief	126.00
(26.00 from our birthday bags)	
Concordia College, Bronxville	50.00
McAuley Water Street Mission	50.00
LWML (Mites, Quarterlies & Covention Offering)	92.50

At Saint Luke's we remembered the need thus:

Deficit incurred with church facade	\$150.00
Performing Arts Ministry	100.00
Door Ministry	50.00
We also contibuted \$67.25 for an alb for a very tall assistant	

Dorcas meets the second Sunday of each month when we also host the Coffee Hour.