

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

September 1, 1983

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Luke . . .

The view from the rectory windows is fast changing with the rise of the new 50-story Marriott Marquis Hotel one block to the east. Growing like a giant mushroom, the center elevator core is nearing the peak, even as hundreds of workmen scramble around the block-wide steel structure destined to change the face of Times Square.

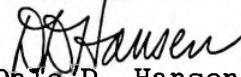
Rumors continue to circulate regarding new buildings to be erected along Eighth Avenue . . . where, in a few years, our church bell tower will appear to be a midget alongside the giants of business and industry!

But the bell will continue to ring . . . and to call those who hear and ponder to come for the real "pause that refreshes." It is always a joy -- and often a miracle -- to meet people who have come to our worship services because the little bell has caught their attention and they've entered to look . . . and remained to worship. How often delight is expressed for Saint Luke's little oasis, where the Water of Life flows freely and any and all find a warm and happy welcome.

At the moment, we are busily nailing down plans for another "season" . . . the resumption of regular parish activities and searching for new opportunities to glorify our Lord and serve people. We anticipate with real joy the big celebration of Lutheran/Episcopal "Interim-Sharing" of the eucharist and fellowship recently declared by the Bishops of our respective churches. Saint Luke's choir has been invited to be one of the two Lutheran and two Episcopal choirs which will sing for the Celebration at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on September 11th at 4 o'clock. After years of dialogue and consultation, the Interim Sharing marks a big step forward in the cause of Christian unity.

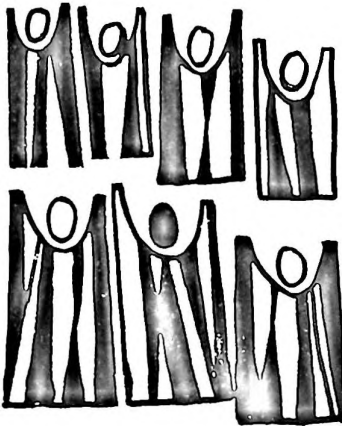
Meanwhile, we hold you all in our prayers . . . may the waning days of summer provide sufficient Rest & Recreation to energize one and all for a blessed and productive Fall . . . God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

  
Dale D. Hansen  
Pastor

# worship

Sundays at 11 o'clock -- The Sung Eucharist



- September 4 "PIETY'S PROTOCOL" - Luke 14:1, 7-14
- September 11 "GOD'S ARITHMETIC" - Sermon by  
Pastor Edward C. May  
\*\* Plan also to attend the Celebration at  
the Cathedral of St. John the Divine -- 4 p.m. \*\*
- September 18 "ON OUR WAY REJOICING!" - Luke 15:1-10
- September 25 "BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?" - Luke 16:1-13
- October 2 "RICH MAN, POOR MAN . . ." - Luke 16:19-31
- October 9 "LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH" - Luke 17:1-10
- October 16 ST. LUKE'S DAY (Our 133rd Anniversary)

## 1983 BENEFIT for ST. LUKE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH!!\*

6 O'CLOCK

THEME: *LE BISTRO PARISIENNE*

CREPE SUZETTE RESTAURANT  
363 West 46th Street

\$75 per person (\$55 tax-deductible)  
(reservations limited!)



\* RECEPTION

\* DINNER

\* A SPARKLING SHOW BY  
"OUR OWN KIDS"!

NEWS AND NOTES: Chris Greene has been named Acting Director of CROSSROADS at St. Luke Senior Center, replacing Pastor Robert Splittgerber . . . Sister Martha Eber and Christine Gausman continue to "man" the office as volunteers . . . and member John Fricke is on site two days a week to handle our typing and parish worker responsibilities. +++ Extensive repairs were necessary to our old-but-appreciated elevator . . . whose electrical connections finally gave out after 60 years of ups-and-downs . . . "when it rains, it pours" . . . plumbing in the first floor lavatory also gave out and cascades of water drenched the elevator pit and required major plumbing repairs . . . too bad Medicaid or Medicare don't apply to old buildings! +++ Our two-Saturday Rummage Sale proved to be another boon to our Friends of Saint Luke program . . . netting over \$2,300 for the cause. A large and wonderful group of volunteers -- members and neighbors -- turned out to help . . . also spilling merchandise

out onto the sidewalk in Orchard Street fashion! +++ Thanks to The Ladies Aid Society for sponsoring a beautiful new set of green vestments (chasuble, burse, and veil). +++ Saint Luke's Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th, 6:30 p.m. . . . and our Sunday School begins its fall season on September 11th at 9:45 a.m. +++ Attendance for our midweek Services varies from 5 to 20 at noon and at 7 o'clock. We will continue the evening Eucharist through September on an experimental basis. +++ These summer weeks have brought many parish guests to the rectory . . . Pastor and Mrs. Manfred Kiessig from Hanover, Germany; Pastor and Mrs. Helmut Steinlein from St. Luke's in Munich; and a fine young fellow Lutheran from Ethiopia, Yohannes Mengsteab. Really good news is that Yohannes has been granted a scholarship to study at Concordia College, Bronxville, in the pre-ministerial course. Seminarian Bernhard Schutze was our guest while enroute to Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in an exchange program with the Lutheran Free Church of Germany. Pastor Lisandro Orlov from the Lutheran Church of Argentina was also a parish guest, studying American Lutheran parish life. +++

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21st September 1983

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Luke . . .

The other day as I filled out a credit application for a new heating oil supplier, the questions were asked, "How long have you been in business?" and "How long at this location?"

"Well," I replied, "the corporation has been in existence for about 1,954 years . . . but at this location only for 133 years." The interviewer concluded, "You certainly aren't a fly-by-night operation!"

And we aren't! For once again we will celebrate our "franchise" here at Times Square and the 133 years since it was granted. Saint Luke's has enjoyed serving the community since 1850, when a small group of German Lutherans organized and called a Pastor to administer the sacraments and preach the Word of God in their midst. Since that time, thousands of lives have been touched through the ministries of this "franchise" . . . thousands of them written in heaven and, no doubt, other thousands who merely "passed through" and opted for a "more convenient season" before surrendering to Christ in faith.

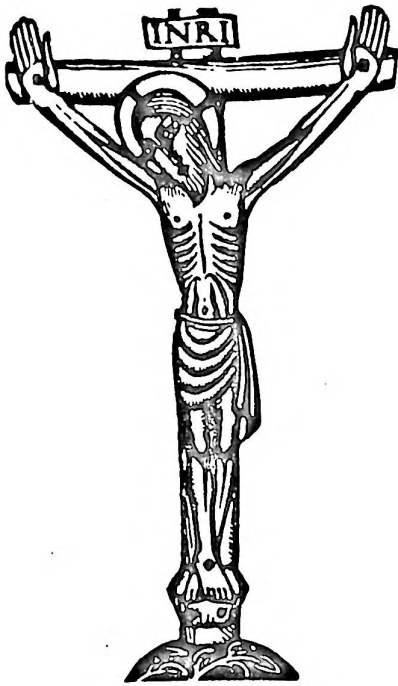
Saint Luke's Day -- this year observed on Sunday, October 16th -- we shall gather in remembrance and resolution to thank God for past, present, and future evidence of his grace sufficient for every need. We want to rejoice over the manifold opportunities he sends our way to represent him with words and deeds . . . attesting to his love for each and for all.

I hope many of you will be able to join us for the Anniversary Celebration, even as I beg of those of you not able to be here in person to remember us before our Lord with thanksgiving.

God bless you!

  
The Rev. Dale D. Hansen  
Pastor

P. S. Oh, yes -- our credit application was approved! Not only was our "business history" impressive, but our financial responsibility as well (thanks to all our good Members and Friends) . . .



# Worship

SUNDAYS at 11 o'clock -- THE SUNG EUCHARIST

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| October 16  | St. Luke's Day (Our 133rd Anniversary)<br>"WE'RE HERE TO STAY!" |
| October 23  | "DOES IT PAY TO PRAY?"  |
| October 30  | Reformation Sunday<br>"BOUND TO BE FREE" -- John 8:31-36        |
| November 6  | All Saints' Sunday<br>"SAINTS' ALIVE!"                          |
| November 13 | Guest Preacher  |
| November 20 | "NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!" -- Colossians 1:13-20                      |

NEWS AND NOTES: A "first" for this old Parson occurred on Saturday, September 10th, when I conducted a "Sweet Sixteen" blessing ceremony for Yvette Mercado, hosted by her family.

The tradition is widely observed in Puerto Rico as a coming-out occasion for young ladies and the family's presentation of their daughter to society. Fifteen teen couples participated in the ceremony. Afterwards, a festive dinner and ball were held. +++ *The Lutheran/Episcopal celebration of Holy Communion at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on September 11th was a beautiful experience . . . even though temperatures near 100 degrees shaved the attendance to only about 1,500 worshippers.* +++ Local observances of the Lutheran/Episcopal declarations will take place on Tuesdays, November 1 and 8. The first event will be hosted by Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 99th and Amsterdam. A 6 o'clock buffet supper will be followed by a celebration of the Eucharist according to the Episcopal Rite, and a lecture/discussion on Episcopal history, tradition, and teaching. On the 8th of November, Saint Luke's will host a similar event, using Lutheran Rites and a presentation of our Lutheran history, tradition, and theology. West Side parishes of both communions are being invited to attend. +++ *"Key Doctrines of the Reformation" is the theme of the Adult Bible Class series conducted Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.* +++ Sunday School has resumed classes at 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the church hall. Chris Greene, Jane Baetz, Jeanine Russell-Hussein, and Virginia Herman are teachers of classes for children 4 - 14 years of age. +++ *The Rev. Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on the International Lutheran Hour, was a rectory guest recently. The Lutheran Hour Research Committee meets at Saint Luke's twice each year.* +++ On All Saints' Sunday, November 6th, a beautiful new set of white vestments and communion paraments will be consecrated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Minna and John Theurer, by Marguerite Novak. These festival vestments will be used on "high" days of the Church Year: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Holy Trinity, All Saints and Christ the King. The set consists of a chasuble, dalmatic, communion veil, and burse. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! +++ *CROSSROADS at Saint Luke Senior Center has inaugurated a monthly series of Ethnic Dinners, focusing on a different national cuisine and tradition . . . last month, Italian Day drew a large and enthusiastic crowd of seniors . . . the menu featured veal parmigiana, spaghetti, and spumoni (no wine, however!)* +++ Ugh! More repairs have surfaced . . . this time to the pipe organ. Work on several ranks of pipes has been recommended by our organ maintenance person . . . to the tune of \$352 . . . +++ *The Ladies Aid has received a bequest from the estate of Amanda Baltera in the amount of one thousand dollars. Mrs. Baltera was a long-time, faithful member of the parish and of the Ladies Aid.* +++

1983 BENEFIT FOR SAINT LUKE

Sunday evening NOVEMBER 6th, 6 o'clock at CREPES SUZETTE RESTAURANT

Reception \*\*\* Dinner \*\*\* A sparkling French cabaret show \*\*\*

Tickets \$75 per person (\$55 tax deductible)