



Today we begin another "season" at Saint Luke . . . after the lazy, hazy days of summer and the lull in activities of the parish due to vacations. We welcome you back! And we welcome Saint Luke's Choir back to the choir loft and their marvelous service of beautifying our worship life.

The Church Council, at its meeting on Monday evening, approved a number of important items:

1. We will participate in the Metro-wide A CALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE rally on Saturday, October 13th. Thousands of Lutherans are expected to gather at noon at City Hall to begin a procession down Broadway to the Battery. There a Festival Worship Service will be conducted, replete with massed choir, instrumentalists and stirring preaching. Afterwards entertainment and social events will lend a picnic atmosphere. The purpose of the rally is to stimulate our response to needs of the homeless, hungry and needy of our City . . . gathering food donations from participating parishes and offerings. Saint Luke's parish family is asked to contribute at a special offering on the Sunday prior, October 7th . . . please bring canned goods or food staples and a cash gift to be shared.
2. *Our former Pastor, the Rev. Albert Neibacher, will be honored on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry on Sunday, October 14th. Former members and community friends have been invited to join us in the celebration. Following the Morning Sung Eucharist a reception will be held in the church hall.*
3. Our Annual Benefit for Saint Luke will be held on Sunday, November 4th, at 6 o'clock. This year's theme takes us to Italy . . . with our neighboring restaurant, Nick & Guido's, hosting the event. Proceeds support our Friends of Saint Luke program, which helps to pick up much of the slack of our day-to-day ministries. Reservations are being accepted at the church office . . . \$75 per person, \$50 of which is a tax deductible contribution. Again we will enjoy a sparkling cabaret show, directed by John (Giovanni) Fricke, and featuring our own Saint Luke's performers.
4. *The Dorcas Guild's annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for November 3rd and 10th . . . begin thinking about cleaning out closets, etc. and helping this year's Sale again be a success! Proceeds support Saint Luke's needs and charities in the Metro area. Items can be brought to the church anytime after mid-October.*

GOOD . . . BETTER . . . BEST! The Challenge is always there to improve, to strive, to g-r-o-w in faith and in response to God's grace.



In 1976 our little parish family adopted and met a challenge to repair our properties and to expand our opportunities for ministry. "The Spirit of '76" fund drive resulted in the cleaning and painting of the sanctuary, remodeling of the third floor for our Spanish School, installation of the new glass doors in the narthex, repairs to the roof, extensive "therapy" for the pipe organ, renovations in the parish house basement for a recreation/arts and crafts center, and cleaning and painting of the gym.

Now, eight years later, we are confronted with a host of additional needs! The Church Council has adopted a goal of \$30,000, to be raised over the next year, to underwrite the following:

Our new heating system	\$18,000
Our new parish house roof	2,500
Organ repairs to date	2,500
Toward deficit remaining from cleaning of the facade	7,000
	<u>\$30,000</u>

We hope to receive cash and pledges during the next six weeks to underwrite these crucial repairs . . . pledges may be paid over the coming year . . . cash gifts will, of course, reduce amounts borrowed.

Members of the parish will want to be part of the project . . . but we also welcome friends to join us in sustaining our presence and ministry here. Gifts in any amount are welcome . . . some "food for thought" may be in accepting one of the following challenges for yourself:

2	\$1,500 gifts	\$ 3,000
10	1,000 gifts	\$10,000
10	500 gifts	5,000
15	250 gifts	3,750
20	150 gifts	3,000
30	100 gifts	3,000
	Miscellaneous gifts	2,250
		<u>\$30,000</u>