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SISTER MARTHA EBER was feted on her 60th Anniversary of Consecration as a Deaconess of the Lutheran Church, on Pentecost, June 10th. Letters of appreciation and congratulation were received

from all over the country, as former members and friends joined Saint Luke's parish family in thanking God for Sister Martha's ministry. Present for the occasion were her niece, nephew and wife, and representatives of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. Miss Phyllis Kersten, former president of the LDA brought greetings from Sister Louise Williams, present director of the Association.

After the Festival Service a reception was held in the church hall, hosted by the Ladies Aid and Dorcas Guild. The refreshments were complimented by a lovely cake, decorated with the words, "Thanks to God for Sister Martha's Ministry." Later a luncheon brought together a group of her friends at nearby Crepes Suzette Restaurant.

SUMMER-TIME RENOVATIONS/ REPAIRS TO KEEP OUR PROPERTY

"LOOKIN' GOOD"

A badly needed fresh coat of paint has been applied to the hallways of the parish house . . . after ten years of wear. "Bright and fresh" best describes the result. An intense

wind-storm in April left the flashing of the sanctuary peak torn. An insurance claim enabled us to have the repair work done in matching copper materials. In May, after ten days of "no hot water" due to a break-down of our boiler, the chronic problem was remedied with a new commercial gas hot water heater, capable of providing water hot enough to serve the dish washer in the Senior Center as well. The Church Council is presently receiving proposals for major work on the heating system before cold weather returns . . . possibly a new gas burner and/or boiler as well. Bids are also being received for roof repairs to the parish house, necessitated by "bubbles and breaks" in the roofing materials now there.

As a result of "all of the above" the Church Council will be considering a special FUND DRIVE to raise sufficient funds for all the work to be done outside our already overburdened budget. We will be asking our members and friends to consider helping meet these critical property needs with special gifts.

DR. WALTER HILSE was honored upon his resignation as organist/choirmaster on Trinity Sunday, June 17th. Dr. Hilse served Saint Luke's parish for fifteen years, providing a magnificent program of recitals and concerts as well as leading the music for our worship services.

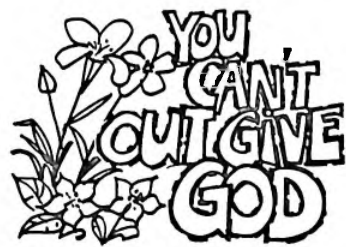
His letter of resignation was accepted "with regret and deep appreciation for his services" by the Church Council. In Dr. Hilse's letter of resignation he writes; "This year I will have completed fifteen years of service at Saint Luke's and will have been a regularly employed church musician for 27 of my last 28 years. It is, I feel, time to take a sabbatical from church work -- at least until such time as a new offer comes 'which I cannot refuse.' My freelance business has burgeoned in the last two years, accounting for a steadily increasing percentage of my income. Also, I want to concentrate in the coming months on filling two major composition assignments which have come my way."

After the morning Eucharist, Dr. Hilse was honored with a reception in the church hall, hosted by members of the choir and congregation. Words and gifts of thanks were presented him, as well as our prayers for his future.

SAINT LUKE'S PARTICIPATES IN THE NINTH AVENUE FESTIVAL

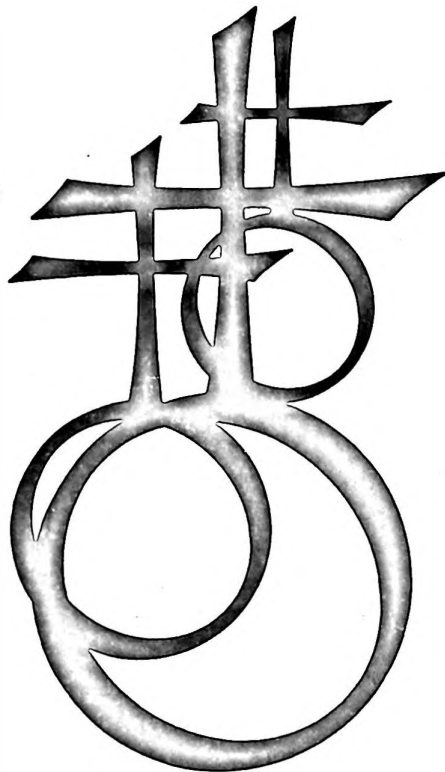
The annual 9th Avenue Festival features food, food and more food . . . and again this year we were represented thru the efforts of Senior Center Director Chris Greene and Vicar Goetsch -- ably assisted by a host of volunteers. Proceeds from the two-day affair (nearly \$ 1,000) will be used to re-finish the wood floor of the Senior Center dining room. Work will be done by staff and volunteers using rented equipment and thereby saving more than half the cost.

Thanks to Chris and Vicar and all who helped out . . . another one of those loving services which help us to keep "lookin' good!"



SUMMER WORSHIP AT SAINT LUKE'S
(Sung Eucharist at 11 am)

July 1	PENTECOST III "WHAT A WAY TO GO!" Sermon by Vicar Goetsch
July 8	PENTECOST IV "Needed: Get Up and Go!" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
July 15	PENTECOST V "What a Deal!" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
July 22	PENTECOST VI "Still a Sunny Place for Shady People" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
July 29	PENTECOST VII "Better than Geritol!" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
August 5	PENTECOST VIII "HARVEST-TIME" Sermon by Vicar Goetsch
August 12	PENTECOST IX "SEED-TIME, WEED-TIME" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
August 19	PENTECOST X "The Church is No Bargain!" Sermon by Pastor Hansen
August 26	PENTECOST XI Sermon by Vicar Goetsch



News and Notes

From a letter received from Mary Shea, Nutrition Consultant for the New York City Department for the Aging, re: our CROSSROADS SENIOR CENTER, "On June 5, 1984, I visited the Crossroads Center. This letter constitutes a report on that visit. The meal consensus was: congregates - 175; home-delivered - 36. The salisbury steak meal with fresh strawberries was most attractive and met all nutrition standards of the Department for the Aging. In addition, the center was well managed and clean." We join our "congrats" to Chris Greene and his staff! +++ *Negotiations are underway for Saint Luke's to receive a new program in the parish house, "Sanctuary for Families." This program is geared toward helping battered women and children by providing emergency housing with city families, offering pastoral and social counseling, assisting with legal problems and advocacy for the physical and emotional needs of the victims of domestic violence. A small staff will direct the program from the third floor of the parish house, with social workers doing much of the work out in the field. It is expected that the program will be inaugurated at Saint Luke's in August. +++ Construction of the Restaurant Row Improvement Project -- a complete re-building, modernizing and beautifying of our Block -- is set to begin in the early spring of 1985. Engineers and Consultants are meeting with representatives of the two blocks between 8th and 9th Avenues before finalizing drawings and advertising for bids. The several million dollar project is being funded by Federal and City budgets. +++ Coming: Celebration of Pastor Neibacher's 50th Anniversary in the Ministry on Sunday, October 14th . . . save the date . . . more information will be coming soon! +++ We are remembering our sick and shut-ins in Sunday prayers . . . add yours to ours for: Elizabeth Hutchinson, Louise Klinge, Jean Vogel, Nancy Sheepstra, James O'Connell, Henry Trick, Blanca Cooper and Florence Mattheis. +++ John Danielson, Genevieve Savio, and Kathy Weber are serving as a Music Search Committee in quest of a new organist/choirmaster. Applications are being received and interviews/auditions will take place in the next few weeks. +++ Several hundred pounds of USDA surplus butter and cheese were distributed through our CROSSROADS Senior Center a few weeks ago. +++ An exciting lecture/discussion series on issues in South Africa and Christian concern will be presented by our member, David Messenbring, during the Sunday mornings in July. Presently he is called to a special ministry of the Office of World Community, LCUSA, to help inform and sensitize Christian consciousness of the problems in South Africa. Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30, in the lounge. +++*



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MAJOR REPAIRS UNDERWAY ON CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE

A contract was let for installation of a new gas heating system, replacing the old oil unit which has suffered from chronic breakdowns for many years. The new system -- costing \$17,600 -- will provide zone-controlled heating for the sanctuary and parish house areas, as well as hot water for the buildings in heating season. A new hot water heater was recently in-

stalled for non-heating seasons, providing temperatures adequate for dishwasher use in the Senior Center. *** *Work was recently completed on a new roof for the parish house, correcting drainage and numerous breaks in the roof seal. **** Painters have also completed the hallways of the parish house, freshening the building after 10 years since the last paint job! *** *A new telephone system tying together the church, Senior Center, and American Lutheran Publicity Bureau offices has been installed. It will "self-pay" in less than four years, current telephone rental charges being paid toward the new system. After that period we will own the equipment and save over \$200 per month. The new system also has a complete intercom feature enabling each of the 13 stations to call within the building and to transfer outside calls. **** Finally, after sixty years in the buildings, a doorbell system is being installed! Contact can be made from the parish house entrance to the various offices and apartments in the building. Costs are being borne by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, our new Sanctuary for Families program and Saint Luke's. *** *And . . . critical repairs are underway on our Moeller Pipe Organ . . . which "gave out" several times in the past few months! Major re-building of the organ is needed and proposals are to be submitted in the Fall for the re-wiring of the instrument, restoring several ranks of presently non-working pipes, and re-conditioning of wind chests. ****



PLANS BEGIN FOR 5th ANNUAL "BENEFIT FOR SAINT LUKE"

It will be difficult to top last year's Benefit held at Crepes Suzette . . . "A Night in Paris" . . . but plans are underway to journey to Italy for 1984's version of our annual Benefit for Saint Luke. November 4th, Sunday,

is the date, and the place-to-be will be announced . . . but on our wonderful Block! John Fricke will turn Italian for the occasion and stage another "spectacular" of our own talent . . . For now: mark the date . . . and save your "Lire" (\$\$\$) for our annual help-for-Saint-Luke event . . . More later!

He will share with us his experiences and our Christian witness in support of sisters and brothers in that part of the world. Under special Call to the Office of World Ministry of the Lutheran Council USA, Mr. Mesenbring is lecturing across the country on our Christian responsibility in witness for those suffering injustice in Southern Africa and other countries.

+++ WORSHIP SCHEDULE +++

Sunday Eucharists at 11 o'clock

August 19th Pastor Hansen
"The Church is No Bargain!"

August 26th Vicar Goetsch
"Fed-Up?!"

September 2nd Sermon by
Vicar Goetsch

September 9th Sermon by
Pastor Martin Hauser

September 16th Pastor Hansen
"Keeper of the Keys"

September 23rd Pastor Hansen
"What, the Devil!?"

September 30th Sermon by
Vicar Goetsch

October 7th Pastor Hansen
"Enough Already!"

October 14th Pastor Victor
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CELEBRATION OF
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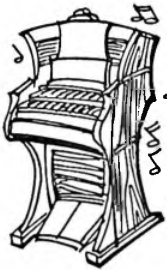
October 21st ST. LUKE'S DAY
Our 134th Parish Anniversary
"THE HASTY HEART"
Sermon by Pastor Hansen

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS At our altar every Sunday, we remember our parish family and friends in special prayers for strength: Albert Ebeling (Haverford Hospital, Haverford, PA), Jean Vogel, Florence Mattheis, Henry Trick, Blanca Cooper, Elizabeth Hutchinson, James O'Connell, Nancy Scheepstra, Louise Klinge, & Emma Hahn . . . may our good Lord sustain them in their weakness and give them much joy and peace in their faith!

BIBLE CLASS Our Adult Bible Class will resume sessions on Sunday, September 16th at 9:30 a.m. This special series will feature David Mesenbring, former mis-

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC NAMED

CROSSROADS SENIOR CENTER HAS BUSY SUMMER



Mr. Steven E. Lawson, formerly organist and choirmaster of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Manhasset, has been named Director of Music for Saint Luke's. A member of the American Guild of Organists and The Guild of Carilloneurs of North America, Mr. Lawson brings with him a long list of credentials as organist, recitalist, and choirmaster. He will begin his duties with us on September 23rd.

The air conditioning of the church hall provides a special welcome on torrid summer days to the elderly who attend our Crossroads Center.

Chris Greene and his staff continue to provide a wide variety of activities for the nearly 200 persons each day . . . including bus trips to parks, entertainment by volunteer performers, "golden oldies" of the cinema, and the usual recreational programs on site.

In June and July, Chris estimates that upwards of 8400 meals were served.

The Music Committee -- John Danielson, Genevieve Savio, and Kathy Weber -- interviewed and auditioned a number of candidates selected from over 40 applicants. Criteria used in the selection, in addition to proficiency on the keyboard, included liturgical service playing, congregational hymn leading, experience in choral conducting and diversity of material, and sensitivity to the important role music plays in serving the Word in a worshipping community.

OFFICE SPACE RE-ASSIGNED

Mr. Lawson holds a Master of Music degree from Indiana University, his Bachelor of Music from Oklahoma City University. He has frequently served as guest organist and carillonneur at Riverside Church and performs as a recitalist throughout the country.

The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau has been relocated to the ground level of the parish house to accommodate our new Sanctuary for Families program on the third floor. Our resident "carpenter," Vicar Goetsch, constructed a partition to set aside ample office space for the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

We welcome him to Saint Luke's and look forward to his ministry among us.

Our Spanish School -- Centro de Educacion has also been shifted to the church hall area, used during the day by the Senior Center.

SANCTUARY FOR FAMILIES, INC., BEGINS



A new program -- funded by the Human Resources Administration -- has settled into quarters on our third floor. The program serves battered women and children, victims of abuse who desperately need temporary housing, food, clothing, and legal assistance. Social workers based at Saint Luke's will serve the

An office area has been set aside and classes are held four evenings a week throughout the basement area.

five boroughs of NYC, seeking safe shelters for the women and children and handling follow-up services for them. Some clients will be assisted at Saint Luke's through counseling and referrals. This pilot program is the result of a coalition of churches seeking funding from HRA and Saint Luke's providing space and assistance in meeting special needs. Alisa del Tufo is director of the program.

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NEWS & NOTES

Plans are underway for observing the 50th Anniversary in the Ministry of Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, who served Saint Luke's from 1935 to 1974. Former St. Luke assistant pastor, Rev. Victor Albers, who served with Pastor Neibacher, will be the guest preacher. Former members and friends are receiving invitations to join us for the Celebration, Sunday, October 14th. As of this writing, Pastor Neibacher is recovering from major surgery performed in July. We join his family and friends in praying for a full and speedy recovery. +++ Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer (Marguerite) died in the Lord on August 5th and was granted Christian burial on the 8th. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord from henceforth." +++ The West 46th Street Block Improvement Program is forging ahead (we hope). Goals are to have the architectural drawings completed by the end of the year, with bids and construction to take place in the early spring. . . widened brick sidewalks, granite curbs, old-fashioned park lights, flowering trees. . . funded by Federal and City Grants. +++ The Meer Building, adjacent to the parish house, has recently been purchased by the International Stagehands' Union. A million dollar renovation is currently underway, facing of the entire front with granite and remodeling of interior offices for the corporate headquarters of the Union. +++ CHARLES WILLIAMS left recently on a three-week industrial show to the West and South. GREG HENRY wrote to say how wonderful his life is aboard a Scandinavian Cruise Ship out of Copenhagen, on which he entertains in a sparkling show, "Broadway at Sea." MICHAEL LYNCH will soon be seen on nationwide McDonald's commercials. . . and DAVID SITLER continues to be part of the "extras" in numerous films done in New York.

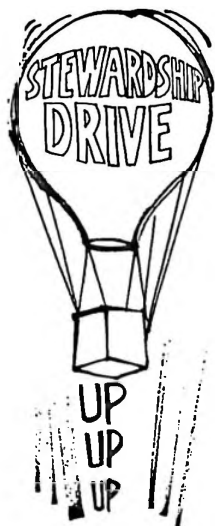


Today we begin another "season" at Saint Luke . . . after the lazy, hazy days of summer and the lull in activities of the parish due to vacations. We welcome you back! And we welcome Saint Luke's Choir back to the choir loft and their marvelous service of beautifying our worship life.

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>