



## *1991 REPORT*

***SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*308 West 46th Street  
New York, NY 10036*



***ANNUAL MEETING**  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 1992*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR . . .



"You oughta write a book!" is said to me with increasingly frequency. As I grow older and the years of my ministry here at Times Square pile up, so do the anecdotes and the stories which surround hundreds of real-life situations wherein the ministry of our Lord has come into focus. Saint Luke's presence at these Crossroads of the World is far more meaningful than our little flock may sometimes appreciate. Every day our staff is involved with a myriad of ministries . . . touching lives with a Gospel that bestows God's love without thought of return or benefit.

That is one of the prime reasons for my joy in ministry with you these seventeen years. I can't imagine another setting where so many opportunities come along "to be the Church" . . . where the Word and Sacraments form the core from which flow forth God's reply to human needs on every plane.

1991 was as eventful as all those earlier years. The rhythm of our Life in Christ was maintained through over 400 worship services and countless hours of Christian service. All of our programs are healthy and continue to provide what they were geared to do: food for the hungry and homeless, a wide menu of services for the elderly and homebound, clothing for those in need, counseling and encouragement and referrals and understanding for those who turn to Saint Luke's for help. Vicar Hutchens is a faithful sharer in our ministry, bending his abilities and love for Christ unstintingly; John Patches has kept our huge food programs perking, providing not only nourishment but also the helping hand and word of encouraging love the elderly and homebound thirst for. Steve Lawson keeps our spirits high with the beautiful music pouring forth from the new Walcker Organ and a dedicated choir and instrumentalists. Helen Nisius and Julian Harris have given of their time and talent as volunteers in the church office and reception areas, picking up where dear Sister Martha left off! And the host of members who so faithfully are there when we need the extra lift: with the Coffee House, the Soup Kitchen, clothing distribution, the Christmas tree sale, the Rummage Sale, church cleaning bees, an ever-delightful Benefit, ushering, counting, cooking . . . all of which makes our old parish vital and alive. Thanks to you all from a very grateful Parson!

Now as we look back on years of stabilization and renewal, it is important to put at the very top of our goals the need to reach out more effectively with the Gospel invitation to know the Lord Jesus and to share in his mission and ministry. It remains one of my frustrations: how more effectively to evangelize in our community . . . a diverse, oftentimes difficult turf which seems to defy the simple welcome to come and share and care. Each of us is called and commissioned by virtue of our Baptism to be a witness and an evangelist for the Lord. While we have welcomed dozens of new sisters and brothers into our fellowship over the years, we have also lamented the loss of dozens who have moved away or who have lapsed or

lost their affirmation and commitment. I am happy to know that we will be organizing and activating some committees to work especially in the area of evangelism and conservation of members. As our congregation reflects more and more a neighborhood/community identity we will begin to rely more and more on more and more members being more involved in our mission and ministry.

My gratitude to you all for sharing faith and fellowship. God has blessed us *together* . . . and God will continue to use us as we surrender to his will and joyfully seize a positive response to his call. I'm looking forward to another wonderful Chapter for my book on my life at St. Luke!

God bless you!

+ Dale D. Hansen

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Pastor

#### Membership December 31, 1991

Communicants            106  
Children                    7

#### Deaths

Sister Martha Eber  
Timothy Ryan  
Edward Carroll

#### Removals

Phyllis Mitchell & family - White Plains  
Ernest Vickroy - Jacksonville, FL  
Martin Witt - joined Episcopal Church  
Andrew Oster - moved to Australia  
Betsey Hayes - moved to Minnesota  
Heidi Mordhurst-Hill - moved to England  
Barry Hansen - moved to Long Island  
Daniel Grothusen - moved to St. Petersburg, FL

#### Marriages

John Thomas McCool and John Theresa Russell  
William Henry Gallo and Kathryn Terri Hill  
Kevin Rafael Jimenez and Ana Faustina Mejia  
Mark Jeffrey Buchan and Nancy Ann Rocke  
Henry C. Corey and Geraldine Schubert  
Alexander Albert Ermeling and Jennifer Rivera  
David Alan Sitler and Carolyn Marie Popp

#### Members Received

Kelly Schoepf  
Christopher and Denise Horn  
Shelli Oien  
Larry Courtney  
Kris Ferkin  
Ronald Cahn  
Violet Hackim  
Genevieve Hackim  
Alice Compton  
Lloyd Gould  
Brian Berkebile  
Patrick Kelly  
Carolyn Popp Sitler  
Jeffrey Krell

#### Baptisms

Grace Marie Compton  
Jiho Justin Stauber  
Bijana Verona Valentino

## TREASURER'S REPORT

This year is another time for celebration. With God's help we were able once more to end the year in the black.

We fell some three thousand dollars short of our budget goal for Sunday envelope offerings, but our gifts for the special Anniversary, Christmas, and Friends offerings exceeded our expectations. Repairs and miscellaneous expenses were greater than anticipated, however, when the dust finally settled the end of the year we were able to pay all our bills and end the year with a surplus of \$4,349.51. The Renovation Debt was credited with our goal of twenty five thousand dollars and the above surplus, leaving an amount owing as of January 1st of \$ 33,533.87. Considering that the renovations and restoration of the church sanctuary amounted to well over \$ 175,000, we have much to be thankful for in being able to reduce the indebtedness to the above figure. Upon payment of outstanding pledges to the Organ Fund we will have completely paid for the new instrument, amounting to \$ 159,900, with any additional pledge payments to be assigned to the Renovation Debt.

Our thanks to Pastor Hansen and his Friends for their help. I would also like to thank all who participated and supported Saint Luke's so faithfully and generously this past year . . . and all who assisted me in my work.

The attached reports itemize our receipts and expenditures for general purposes as well as the special accounts which we carry for specific programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gausman  
Treasurer

**SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
New York City

Financial Report

1-8-92

INCOME	1991 BUDGET	1991 INCOME	1992 Proposed Budget
Envelopes	44,000	40,589	44,000
Plate Offerings	9,500	7,842	8,500
Lent & Easter	4,500	4,483	5,000
Anniversary	2,500	4,713	4,000
Thanksgiving	1,500	2,562	2,000
Christmas	5,500	9,270	7,500
Property Use Fees	62,500	60,733	62,000
Miscellaneous Income	-----	1,681	-----
Investment Income	50,000	46,403	50,000
Friends of St. Luke	19,100	29,350*	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199,100</b>	<b>\$207,626</b>	<b>\$203,000</b>

\* includes \$ 6,387 from Friends balance 1990

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	1991 actual	1992 proposed
Salaries	75,500	73,590	76,815
Vicar fees			2,350
Travel	3,000	3,400	3,000
Pension & Medical	10,500	12,066	10,800
Social Security	5,000	4,525	4,600
Office Supplies	750	1,118	750
Telephone	1,600	1,331	1,500
Postage	1,200	1,407	1,250
Printing	1,200	572	750
Worship Materials	2,000	1,919	1,500
Advertising	6,000	5,498	6,000
Insurance	7,000	6,913	7,000
Repairs/Maintenance	16,800	21,119	17,500
Gas/Electricity	30,000	32,370	32,000
Bank Charges	5,500	6,010	6,000
New Equipment	4,000	4,692	1,000
Renovation Debt	25,000	25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	6,096	5,185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199,100</b>	<b>\$ 207,626</b>	<b>\$ 203,000</b>

Balance in Friends 12/31/91    \$ 2,604.91

## SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

### FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE FUND

Balance January 1, 1991		\$ 8,991.74
Receipts:		
FRIENDS Gifts	\$ 15,064.74	
Tree & Wreath Sale	600.00	
1991 Benefit	5,762.50	
Rummage Sale	<u>1,586.44</u>	<u>23,013.68</u>
		\$32,005.42
Disbursed:		
To 1991 Budget	29,349.51	
Miscellaneous	<u>51.00</u>	<u>-29,400.51</u>
		Balance January 1, 1992
		\$2,604.91

### RESTORATION/RENOVATION FUND

Amount owing January 1, 1991		\$ 55,548.69
Receipts:		
Members and Friends	1,823.00	
1991 Budget	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>26,823.00</u>
Amount owing after receipts above		(28,725.69)
Disbursements in 1991:		
Architect	1,064.83	
Choir robes	<u>3,743.35</u>	<u>4,808.18</u>
Amount owing January 1, 1992		(\$33,583.87)

### ORGAN FUND

Balance owing January 1, 1992	(\$567.42)	
Outstanding pledges owed us	\$ 6,900 (balance to go to restoration fund)	

### BENEFIT FOR SAINT LUKE

Received:		
Tickets & Gifts	\$ 9,675.00	
Lutheran Brotherhood	<u>450.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,125.00</u>
Disbursed:		
Danny's Restaurant	\$ 3,762.50	
Piano, Sound & Lighting	400.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>                    </u>	<u>4,362.50</u>
Amount credited to FRIENDS of St. Luke		\$ 5,762.50

### EVANGELISM MATERIALS FUND

Balance January 1, 1991	\$ 168.59	
Disbursed	<u>12.14</u>	
Balance on hand 1/1/92	\$156.45	

CROSSROADS AT SAINT LUKE (Church Account)

Balance on hand January 1, 1991		\$ 23,731.76
Receipts: General contributions	\$ 16,706.47	
Holiday meals	<u>2,037.00</u>	<u>18,743.47</u>
		42,475.23
Disbursed: Utilities	\$ 2,500	
Telephone	765.75	
Contract ending 1991	1,000.00	
Contract ending 1987	2,760.28	
Funds due DFTA (cutback)	8,500.00	
Personnel	3,000.00	
Range/Oven	1,770.00	
Repairs	4,666.72	
Garden equipment/supplies	500.00	
Holiday meals	2,265.64	
Staff Christmas Dinner	305.00	
Christmas gifts for Seniors	1,167.75	
Miscellaneous	<u>848.67</u>	<u>30,049.81</u>
Balance January 1, 1992		\$ 12,425.42

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance January 1, 1991	\$ 1,000.00	
Received in 1991	<u>325.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,325.00</u>
Disbursed in grants		<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance January 1, 1992		(\$ 675.00)

*? Ice Cream, Social after Easter?*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

Balance January 1, 1991	-0-	
Offerings received in 1991	\$ 137.10	
Disbursed for Sunday School materials	<u>305.60</u>	
Balance January 1, 1992		(\$ 168.50)

SOUP KITCHEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1991		\$ 13,732.17
Receipts: Crepes Suzette Benefit	\$ 5,266.06	
Gifts from Friend	<u>8,152.59</u>	<u>13,448.65</u>
		\$ 27,180.82
Disbursements: Utilities	\$ 2,500.00	
Food, Equipment, Staff	<u>6,265.54</u>	<u>8,765.54</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1992		\$ 18,415.28

## BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance January 1, 1991		\$ 6,054.81
Receipts: Interest on Investments	\$ 172.50	
Poor boxes	60.51	
Gifts received	<u>68.00</u>	<u>301.01</u>
		\$ 6,355.82
Disbursed for emergency housing, food, medical, travel		<u>1,099.75</u>
	Balance on hand January 1, 1992	\$ 5,256.07

## MISSION and CHARITY FUNDS

Received: General missions (Synod)	\$ 4,583.95	
Lutheran World Relief	280.00	
Bangladesh	<u>25.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,888.95</u>
Disbursed: Metro Synod ELCA	\$ 4,583.95	
Lutheran World Relief	280.00	
Bangladesh	<u>25.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,888.95</u>

\*\*\* An additional \$ 325.00 was received and sent on for AIDS services and ministries

## CHANCEL FUND

Balance January 1, 1992 (\$ 303.38)

## EASTER & CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND

Balance January 1, 1991	\$ 1.95	
Received during the year	<u>\$ 1,516.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,517.95</u>
Disbursed		<u>\$ 1,998.53</u>
	Balance January 1, 1992	(\$ 480.58)



## SAINT LUKE'S ENDOWMENT and TRUST FUNDS

The generosity of members and friends have, over the years, helped us to build up a portfolio of trust funds through special bequests, memorials and gifts. We encourage YOU to consider designating a portion of your estate to Saint Luke's, thereby assuring a continuing presence and ministry here at Times Square. We thank and bless all who have given to the Endowment Fund . . . their living testimony continues through our witness today and tomorrow.

1923 Catherine Karsch  
 1927 J. Louis Schaefer, Sr.  
 1932 Bernhard Karsch  
 1942 Adele Henning  
 1946 Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfueller  
 1951 Annie L. Hohns  
 1952 Henry & Katherine Puckhaber  
 1953 John Dettner  
 1954 Alfred Grizzle  
 1955 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1956 Anton Sr & Marie Koester  
 1957 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1958 Miss M. Scommodau  
 1958 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1959 Minna Theurer  
 1959 Mathilda Schlobohm  
 1959 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1960 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1961 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1961 John and Anna Marie Theurer  
 1962 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1963 Sophie Schaefer  
 1963 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1964 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1965 Elsa Husser  
 1965 Elsie Eiermann  
 1965 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1966 Elsa Husser  
 1966 Charles Unger  
 1966 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1967 Henry J. Koester  
 1968 Lottie B. Steinbach  
 1968 Marie Schweitzer  
 1968 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1969 John Theurer, Sr.

1969 Elsie Eiermann  
 1969 Rudolph Fischer  
 1969 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1970 John Theurer, Sr.  
 1970 August Hauff  
 1970 Alfred Hebert  
 1970 Mr. and Mrs. C. Voigt  
 1971 Henry Rieth  
 1972 Henry Rieth  
 1972 Alfred Gobber  
 1973 Paul Koepchen  
 1974 Anna C. Viohl  
 1974 Ethel Mahnken  
 1975 Elizabeth Bader  
 1975 Mathilda Tietjen  
 1976 Alexander McKean  
 1977 Renata McGannon  
 1977 Henrietta Burger  
 1977 Bernhard & Catherine Karsch  
 1978 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1979 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1980 J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer  
 1982 J. Louis Schaefer Jr.  
 1982 Emile Cordes  
 1982 Anton W. Koester  
 1983 Olga Rustia  
 1984 Marguerite Schaefer  
 1984 Amanda Baltera  
 1985 Bernhard K. Schaefer  
 1985 Anna Kuhle  
 1987 Emma Hahn  
 1988 Albert Ebeling  
 1990 Elsie Koester  
 1990 Mary Mory  
 1991 Elcanor Koepchen

### MEMORIAL WREATHS 1991

Mildred Druckert  
 Sister Martha Eber  
 Gertrude Griesback  
 Lucie Griesback  
 Pastor Albert Neibacher  
 Christopher O'Brien  
 Herman Reichert

## MUSIC at SAINT LUKE'S

### THE SAINT LUKE'S CHOIR

We are fortunate to have a dedicated semi-professional choir at St. Luke's church. The Choir is currently comprised of both paid section leaders and volunteers, and is sometimes augmented by other singers and instrumentalists on festive and special occasions.

The choir's "season" begins the first Sunday after Labor Day, and concludes with either Pentecost or Trinity Sunday, depending on the calendar. This past year, the choir sang for 43 regular services, 3 funerals or memorials, and 1 wedding.

The 1991 calendar year began with "The Boar's Head Feste," a celebration of the Epiphany, on January 5 and 6. Our own Tim Ryan produced and directed the event in which the Senior Center was amazingly transformed into a medieval banquet hall, complete with costumed singers and instrumentalists, and centered around a delicious seven-course meal.

This year, we lost two choir members due to death: Tim Ryan and Chris O'Brien. Both were very talented performers and are very much missed by all who knew and loved them. The choir was honored to sing at Chris' memorial and Tim's funeral. The choir also sang for Sister Martha Eber's funeral in a celebration of her ministry at Saint Luke's Church.

On a happier note, the choir celebrated at the weddings of four of its members: First, with Nancy Rocke and Mark Buchan, at a joyous service in May; and then with Carolyn Popp and David Sitler at their wedding in the fall. Nancy and Mark are now living in Philadelphia, where Mark is a seminarian and Nancy is a student at the Wharton School, but both return to sing with the choir on special occasions. Carolyn and David are still "regulars" in the choir, and a testimony to the fact that singing in a choir encourages more than good diction and tone!

The new choir vestments were ordered in the fall and dedicated in Advent. The undergarment is a flax-colored alb, and is available in a variety of sizes to accommodate singers large and small. The "scapulars" which are worn over the alb are available in four of the liturgical colors: Blue (Advent), Green (Epiphany and the Sundays after Pentecost), Purple (Lent and Holy Week) and Red (Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, Days of Martyrs, Reformation, Dedications and Anniversaries). While we did not purchase scapulars in the other liturgical colors (white, gold, scarlet and black), it has been suggested that we consider a white scapular with gold brocade or piping for those Sundays where white or gold is the liturgical color (Easter, Christmas, Holy Trinity, Christ the King, etc.).

### THE WALCKER ORGAN

It has now been two years since the installation of our glorious Walcker pipe organ. Happily, our mechanical-action (tracker) organ has proved to be reliable and trouble-free, and has required only regular maintenance and tuning.

### ORCHESTRA NEW YORK

Orchestra New York, conducted by Jon Dobson, presented its first chamber music concert at the church in the spring. The group has planned three more concerts for the 1992 season: Friday, January 31 at 8:00 pm; Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 pm; and Friday, June 5 at 8:00 pm. We welcome Orchestra New York as a resident performing arts group at Saint Luke's. ??

Respectfully submitted,

Steven E. Lawson  
Director of Music

# CROSSROADS AT ST. LUKE

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March 1992

This past year the CROSSROAD programs have operated at full capacity preparing and serving nearly 91,000 congregate and homebound meals with a staff of 35 full-time and part-time employees and a half-million dollar budget.

Crossroads also participates in an Intergenerational Work/Study Program for Youth at Risk Interfacing with Older Adults. Although only one student has been assigned to us, Crossroads is designated as a core site for 18 students with a budget of \$10,000.

Additionally, Crossroads is a training site for Job Path, a program designed to train and assess developmentally disabled young people.

While we provide these major programs of nutritional support for our community, we have experienced a dramatic increase in the area of social support not only for our aging elderly but also for disenfranchised younger adults who have few resources. Homeless, illegal aliens and runaways are some of the many who walk through Crossroads gate.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff who are uncommonly loyal. I recently discovered, while attending a four week Management Training Seminar sponsored by the New York City Department for the Aging, that many senior centers have major problems in finding qualified staff and retaining them.

This year we installed a new fourteen-burner, three-convection oven cooking unit which gives us the potential for increasing the variety of our menus and equips us to handle the Soup Kitchen more efficiently.

Looking ahead, we are faced with the fact that we will be doing more with less. Budget reductions are inevitable, impacting morale and services. In this regard, we must find creative ways to alleviate these problems and find solutions for the future.

We want to "thank" everyone who has volunteered at Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays at CROSSROADS, and especially to those who regularly serve during the 249 days that we are open.

It is my conviction that CROSSROADS, Soup Kitchen and our Clothing Distribution Program comprise a Christian social ministry that is an essential component in the total mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is personally called to serve "the least of these my brothers and sisters" to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

John I. Patches,  
Director

# SAINT LUKE'S LADIES AID SOCIETY

Dear Members and Friends,

The Ladies Aid Society is a congenial group of ladies, though small in numbers at times, we are always happy to welcome more ladies into our group.

Surprisingly enough, when I think of it, for our size we have accomplished a goodly number of things during 1991. We continue to focus on our previous projects and try to keep ready to help with new projects as well.

Some of our members continue to lend a hand with the Soup Kitchen and also the sorting of clothing for distribution through the BIG CLOSET on Wednesday afternoons and in emergencies.

The Ladies Aid paid for the lovely eight fans for the sanctuary, which helped to keep us all comfortable during the hot summer. We also shared the cost of new planters for the garden. From time to time the Ladies contribute Memorials for various members who have died in the Lord.

In order to help our finances a group of diligent members and friends held a Mini Flea Market and were very successful in raising a little over \$ 500 for our treasury, which was a wonderful plus.

*Needs  
entire  
label.*

During the year we sent 2,000 Campbell labels and other "collectables" for Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wisconsin. A copy of the list of labels wanted is in a box in the narthex. Your cooperation is always welcome and appreciated. A good-sized package of cancelled stamps was sent off to the Mission Board, which sells them to raise funds in behalf of world outreach. Regular stamps are not wanted, but special issue stamps, foreign stamps and stamps of value more than the regular letter-size are collected.

We are also collecting the Scott products UPC seals along with the "Apples" for two different purposes. The "Apples" go to Bethesda and the UPC's are for Scott to help support the Ronald McDonald Houses for children suffering terminal illnesses and their families who come to be with them.

Tea tags are still being collected for an elementary school in Teaneck, NJ. All of these efforts are still in our program for 1992.

May I extend a warm welcome to any ladies from the congregation to join us and perhaps even come up with some more interesting projects. Most meetings are held the second Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour.

Thank you very much, my fellow officers, for all your assistance and support during the year. Without all of your loyal help we could not have accomplished our many interesting projects. . . Elsie Reichert, vice president; Virginia Callahan, treasurer; and Gen Savio, secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Novak  
President