

## PASTOR KURT HUTCHENS INSTALLED

The Rev. Kurt Alan Hutchens, our vicar for the past two years, was installed as Assistant Pastor on September 19th. Recently ordained to the Holy Ministry at a Festival Eucharist in his home congregation, Saint Paul's in Dearborn, Michigan, he accepted Saint Luke's Call to direct our social service ministries and assist with Word and Sacrament.

Pastor Hutchens' home pastor, the Rev. Richard Knaus, preached for the installation service, and Pastor Hansen conducted the Rite of Installation. Nearly forty relatives of the Pastor-elect and his wife, Karen, came from Michigan, New Jersey and Long Island to share in the festivities.

Dinner for 100 guests was served in the Senior Center following the Service. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Assistant to the Bishop, was present to bring greetings from the Synod.

Thanks to David and Carolyn Sitler, Chris and Denise Horn, and Alan and JoLynn Henning for planning and organizing the dinner. . . and to Naomi Sherwood and Jonathon Bixby for table decorations.

Pastor and Mrs. Hutchens are living "off campus" at 440 West 43rd Street.

## NEW VICAR ARRIVES

Seminarian Rosanne Anderson, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, began her duties with us on September 1st. She brings to our ministry a unique background and experience, having served nearly twenty years as a Roman Catholic nun with the Sisters of Mercy. She has special skills in education, music and liturgy, and social service work. Vicar Anderson will lead the Sunday School program, work with the Soup Kitchen and Clothing Distribution Program, and share in the core ministry of preaching and teaching. She is living in the Vicar's apartment in the parish house.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Classes for children began on September 12th. Invitations have been extended to neighborhood children to attend. For the first time in many years we have several babies in the congregation and prospects for growth in our Sunday School, which had been closed for five years and re-opened three years ago. Our teachers: Vicar Anderson, Hilda Johnson, Christine Negendank, and Heidi Faber.

## 1993 BENEFIT RESERVATIONS OPEN

This year's Benefit will again be at Danny's Restaurant on the Block. . . on our 143rd Anniversary, Sunday, October 17th, at 5 o'clock. The \$100-a-plate event supports our Friends of Saint Luke programs, which over the years has helped to sustain and expand our ministries. John Fricke will again produce and direct the cabaret for the evening, this year "TIN PAN ALLEY." One hundred guests can be accommodated. . . already twenty reservations are in!

**BIBLE CLASS** Our Adult Evening Bible Class continues Wednesdays at 6 pm, prior to the Midweek Eucharist. Topics include: Sanctification (the process by which God uses us for good), Christian spirituality, ethics, and Christian living, Who is Jesus?, N.T. parables, and more . . . 'Tis a good opportunity to share and learn . . . stop in after work . . . always have room for more!

**ADULT FORUMS** to begin on October 10th, Sunday at 9:30 am. The current series "A CLOUD OF WITNESSES" covers the early period of Christian history, from Paul through Reformation. A video series will be used as discussion "starters." The group meets in the third floor classroom . . . and coffee and donuts are provided!



## NEW! A NURSERY for TOTS!

Saint Luke's will now provide Sunday morning nursery care for young children, with mothers and others volunteering. Ask the Vicar or Pastors for info . . .

**COUPLES NIGHT OUT** With a growing number of couples among our Lukans, Pastor Kurt and Karen invite all to a "first gathering" at their apartment on Friday, October 15th, 8:00 pm. A sign up sheet is in the narthex . . . or speak with one of the hosts for info. . . come!

**FUN NIGHT!** Looking for something to do? Then join a group of Lukans for an evening of bowling and munchies at the legendary Port Authority Lanes. We will meet at church on Friday, October 22nd, at 8 pm, and then take a "scenic stroll" down Eighth Avenue to the Lanes. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to reserve a spot . . . y'all come!

**SAINT LUKE'S CHOIR** has resumed its "season" and welcomes new members . . . rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and after the Morning Eucharist.

*I thought you might be interested in this "review" of our Soup Kitchen which appeared in THE STREET NEWS, sold on New York's streets by homeless persons . . . notice we received three and a half spoons as a grade!*

**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church  
—West 46th Street,**

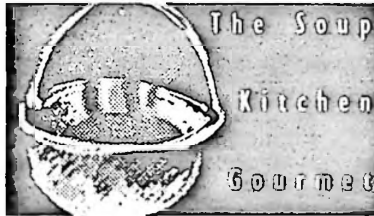
(Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 p.m.)

Rating: ♪ ♪ ♪ ½

In the best of all worlds I suppose there would be no need for soup kitchens. But if they must be, perhaps the best place for one to be located is on Restaurant Row. Every Tuesday and Thursday a sandwich-board sign (appropriately) appears by the side entrance of St. Luke's Church—just off Eighth Avenue on 46th Street—and proclaims SOUP KITCHEN TODAY anyone hungry welcome.

This friendly, unconditional invite aptly reflects the manner our host, Father Hansen Pastor of St. Luke's, as he greets the hundred or so street folks who stream through the church's doors each seating.

The service, cafeteria-style by number (issued at entrance) is cordial and efficient. Food and beverages are spread out on four tables at three stations; entree's, soups, coffee and an amusing eau blanc (water). Among the entrees are pastas dishes; three bean, zucchini, and other vegetable salads; sliced ham, turkey and various sandwich



makings along with a healthy selection of bagels rolls sodabreads and so forth. All of this is culled from the surpluses of eating establishments along The Row and vary with the reputation (and inspiration) of each.

I find the pastas to be consistently tasty and filling while I've never been particularly partial to 'hard' salads, preferring the subtler crunch of leafy tosses, inelegantly drenched in creamy dressing. Ham is always a tangy delight, and that served here never seems to suffer from over saltiness, (though the over-processed turkey often leaves me yearning for a pinch or two of the stuff).

Ever hear of M&M soup? Well this place has it. Before your stomach turns at the thought of candied chocolates bobbing in a sea of chicken broth I should explain that the M&M stands for Macaroni and Minestrone and it's really quite refreshing.

This brings us to St. Luke's real claim to fame which is in creative and sometimes inspired combinations of donated soups into single, robust concoctions hearty enough at times to stand in for stew. It's ladled from huge steaming pots so the inside hint here is to arrive a little on the late

side so that more of the goodies lingering at the bottom will end up in your bowl.

By the way, there's a baby grand style piano by the door and often some benevolent soul willing to provide a little entertainment of the ivory music kind, which, depending on the level of artistry, provides high atmosphere or low comedy.

All and all this 'soup' consistently presents a handsome spread, week after week, and it keeps the irrepressible Father Hansen busily working the solicitation circuit. Leading him to remark to his hungry hordes one day, "I'm the biggest beggar in this room."

So if you are 'anyone hungry' and like to eat in a conducive, unhurried, and non-patronizing environment, walk in and taste the coffee! (On second thought, unless you like it well done, skip the coffee. If you really need a caffeine 'fix' it would be more pleasant chewing coffee grinds than braving their potent brew.)

Bon appetit! ■

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