



Saint Luke's Lutheran Church

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PASTOR'S REPORT

21 February 1997

Dear Members of Saint Luke . . .

As the millennium approaches a lot of hullabaloo is already in the hopper! The Times Square Business Improvement District is already planning for a "millennium-worthy" New Year's Eve event . . . bigger, better and brassier than ever. Reservations are already being received at the Rainbow Room and other stylish eateries in the City, even as arguments continue to swirl about whether the millennium occurs January 1, 2000 or not until January 1, 2001. Most folks, I suspect, hope only that they will be around on both dates to celebrate another thousand years of this era.

And here at Saint Luke? We haven't begun any millennium plans, save for the continual preparations that each of us makes "to meet the Lord" when he calls us to himself. The year 2000 will mark our 150th anniversary and that should add to our parochial celebrating the benchmark of millennium and bicentennial.

Meanwhile we have many reasons to celebrate the "old year" -- 1996 -- as we review our life together as members of the Lukan family. The integration of our Senior Center into Encore at Saint Malachy's has been completed and all of our seniors are well taken care of. Our Soup Kitchen continues to thrive (if that's the right word) with an ever-ready-present line of hungry persons grateful for this place. And the Respite Center (Shelter) has completed a year and a half successfully, that is, without any significant problems. The good work of the Center's staff has touched dozens upon dozens of lives with caring words and meaningful deeds, seeking to help those caught in the terrible clutches of alcohol or drug dependencies.

And we tackled a whole new venture when we welcomed an Off Broadway theatre production to our church hall. "Late Nite Catechism" is drawing good attendances and hopefully will enjoy a long run here at Saint Luke's. The eight performances a week conveniently work around our Soup Kitchen and Clothing Distribution schedules, enabling otherwise unused space to be productive. Income from the show is helping us catch up on many long-deferred maintenance projects, as well as undergirding many of our ministries.

Work on the corner properties finally commenced toward the end of '96. The five-years of planning and filing for funding and permits taxed one's patience, but finally demolition and renovation is moving ahead. We optimistically look forward to tenancy by the beginning of next year. Attractive new studio/suite apartments will provide housing for seventy persons otherwise potentially homeless. The coming months will require planning for our assuming social services for the residents and pastoral ministry as requested.

Note that our financial picture at the end of the year is the strongest in many years. Largely due to income from the theatre, we ended the year with a surplus of about \$ 25,000. The Church Council made a special year-end gift of one thousand dollars to the Metro New York Synod for missions, and wiped out a deficit in the Easter/Christmas Flower Fund. Additional special projects are in the works: installation of a Pullman kitchen in the lounge; renovation of the Pastor's Office (after 22 years!); and the possibility of upgrading our antique elevator.

We lamented the loss of our organist/choirmaster, John Sherer, who accepted a position at one of Chicago's most prestigious congregations (Fourth Presbyterian Church), leaving us in March.

Again God's blessing was evident when Matthew Knip, our parish administrator, offered to take over the music position. To help pick up some of slack resulting from putting two jobs together, we were fortunate "to find" Christopher Monti, a pre-sem student at Concordia, Bronxville, who joined us as part-time Parish Worker.

We continue to know frustration in attempting to maintain a Sunday School. Despite calls and follow-ups, neighborhood invitations, etc, few children have been brought by their parents with regularity. Chris and all of us will continue to encourage, invite and seek new ways to reach out for children to enroll in our Christian education program.

It's been good to have an energetic group of Lukans gather occasionally for fellowship and service projects. Lori Mahl is the originator of the idea and plans for the group. May it continue to be a healthy expression of Lukan joy and commitment to the Lord!

At this writing we are also thrilled and grateful to God for the generous bequest from Walter Gausman's estate, of \$ 170,957. Not only did Walter serve us unselfishly with his time and ability as Treasurer for 35 years . . . but this quiet, God-fearing man saw fit to include his beloved Saint Luke's as a major beneficiary of his life's goods. He also provided generously for Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and the International Lutheran Hour. *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . and their works do follow them."*

I look forward to the millenium as a great opportunity for us to witness of God's presence in this place and his good grace and love for all. Meanwhile, let us "work while it is day . . ." anticipating mercies new and sufficient for each unique opportunity we Lukans have to show and share our love in Jesus Christ!

Faithfully yours in him,

The Rev. Dr. Dale D. Hansen
Pastor

Pastoral Acts in 1996

Baptisms

Randall Joseph Blake
Dylan Robert Willem Gerrese
Christopher Jonathan Velez-Mercado
Kathryn Margaret Cantine

Marriages

Charles Edward Cantine III and Shelli Ann Oien
Victor Anthony Meich and Susan Clare Houlihan
Juan Ruiz, Jr. and Maria Rosado
Robertg Roman and Jacqueline Pacheco
Steven Kendell Brown and Michelle Lovell
Richard Peter Martin and Maureen Mary Delaney

Burials

Helen J. Merlino

New Members in 1996

Cassandra Wilson
J. Todd Howell
Kristof Weiteheimer
Paul Lachenauer
James Deliman
Thomas Felgner
Scott Burkell
Dr. Harry Moon
Susan-Jayne Foster
Aaron Binder
Christopher Monti
Kristin Erie

Public Worship Services 435



MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 26, 1997

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

I feel honored to serve St. Luke's as organist and choir director. I feel blessed to be in a congregation which values good liturgy and music. Each week I look forward to Sunday morning, not just in my work preparing, but because working with the choir and playing for the service are the highlights of my week.

I wish to thank Pastor Hansen for his friendship and support and the members of the Worship Committee for their guidance and support. The members of the choir continue to work with enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you to them for the role they play leading our community in song and lending beauty to our liturgies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Knip".

Matthew Knip



THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

Nineteen ninety-six has moved along quite rapidly, but unfortunately there was no visible excitement showing growth!

We have tried to interest more of the ladies of our congregation to join with us but we have not found the proper fire cracker to set off this explosion!

We have asked for suggestions but none came forth to make things more exciting or attractive as to When, Where or How to have the meetings. It has been difficult to hold meetings when there are but four or five members present. Consequently our meetings have been very sparse. We are sorely in need of some new suggestions and then we could try to have meetings more regularly. Can we try to do that for 1997? I certainly do hope so.

We have continued to carry on our running projects but could also use more help in those collections.

During the course of 1996, we have sent 3,893 Campbell Labels to Bethesda Lutheran home in Watertown, WI. These are used toward the acquisition of audio visual equipment, library and computer-related items.

Canceled postage stamps (foreign and U.S.A.) have been sent to Washington, D.C. for funds for missions.

Eyeglasses—Sixteen pair were sent in July to Eyes for the Needy in New Jersey. We now have some on hand and would like to remind you that if you have any at home and around, we will be sending them off for that project very soon again.

Scott Company labels—We are still collecting and sending them (the UPC), though they do not acknowledge them.

Tea Tag Program—We continue to collect them and only recently I took a goodly amount over to the school in Teaneck, N.J. and I received a lovely letter once again from the teacher, thanking us for our continued efforts. Please keep up that good work!

The cook book project is still there but very few have been sold of late. Anyone still interested, please ask!

At this time, we would like to make a statement that we will have a Ladies Aid Meeting on Sunday, March 9th and trust that there will be a sizable group who will find the time to remain after Coffee Hour and hope that we can start off on a good foot and try to build up more enthusiasm. How about some "Spring Tonic" and get some energy going so that we can celebrate the 125th Anniversary in May for The Ladies Aid Society!

Come join us!

Marguerite Novak, President
Virginia Callahan, Treasurer
Genevieve Savio, Secretary

P.S. I deeply appreciate the assistance I have had by my wonderful co-workers. Thank you so very much for your consistent loyal assistance. Most sincerely,

Marguerite Novak



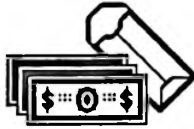
SAINT LUKE'S ENDOWMENT and TRUST FUNDS

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	1972	Alfred Gobber
1927	J. Louis Schaefer, Sr.	1973	Paul Koepchen
1932	Bernhard Karsch	1974	Anna C. Viohl
1942	Adele Henning	1974	Ethel Mahnken
1946	Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1975	Elizabeth Bader
1951	Annie L. Hohns	1975	Mathilda Tietjen
1952	Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1976	Alexander McKean
1953	John Dettner	1977	Renata McGannon
1954	Alfred Grizzle	1977	Henrietta Burger
1955	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1977	Bernhard & Catherine Karsch
1956	Anton Sr & Marie Koester	1978	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1957	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1979	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1958	Miss M. Scommodau	1980	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1958	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1982	J. Louis Schaefer Jr.
1959	Minna Theurer	1982	Emile Cordes
1959	Mathilda Schlobohm	1982	Anton W. Koester
1959	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1983	Olga Rustia
1960	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1984	Marguerite Schaefer
1961	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1984	Amanda Baltera
1961	John and Anna Marie Theurer	1985	Bernhard K. Schaefer
1962	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1985	Anna Kuhle
1963	Sophie Schaefer	1987	Emma Hahn
1963	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1988	Albert Ebeling
1964	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1990	Elsie Koester
1965	Elsa Husser	1990	Mary Mory
1965	Elsie Eiermann	1991	Eleanor Koepchen
1965	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1992	Timothy Ryan
1966	Elsa Husser	1992	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1966	Charles Unger	1992	James O'Connell
1966	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1993	Mathilda Theurer
1967	Henry J. Koester	1994	Christine Gausman
1968	Lottie B. Steinbach	1995	Louise Peard
1968	Marie Schweitzer	1995	Evelyn Wisch
1968	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1995	Walter Gausman
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		

MEMORIAL WREATHS 1996

George Matzat
Rose Swan
Mario Rizzi



INCOME and EXPENDITURES

as of December 31, 1996

INCOME	1996 BUDGET	ACTUAL 96	ADOPTED 97
Envelopes	56,000	59,710	60,000
Plate Offerings	9,000	9,025	9,000
Lent & Easter	8,000	10,014	10,000
Anniversary	5,000	7,127	5,000
Thanksgiving	3,000	2,446	3,000
Christmas	10,000	13,869	10,000
Property Use Fees	70,000	92,257	93,200
Special Income	---	1,904	---
Investment Income	42,000	45,127	45,000
Friends of St. Luke	<u>14,000</u>	<u>13,245</u>	<u>12,000</u>
	217,000	254,724	247,200
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries	107,700	103,544	114,900
Continuing Education	750	520	1,000
Travel	5,060	5,060	5,060
Music Department	13,000	14,937	13,000
Pension & Medical	15,200	13,563	15,000
Social Security	6,500	3,873	6,500
Housing Allowance (Asst)			
Office Supplies	1,000	2,561	2,000
Telephone	2,000	1,772	2,000
Postage	1,500	1,339	1,500
Printing	2,500	1,148	2,000
Worship/Education Materials	2,500	2,466	2,500
Advertising	7,500	8,973	8,000
Insurance	9,500	7,595	7,500
Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	17,084	18,000
Gas & Electricity	26,000	37,149	36,000
Bank Charges	-----	40	
New Equipment	1,000	1,305	4,740
Water/Sewer Tax		1,555	1,500
Miscellaneous	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,118</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Expenditures	218,710	230,602	247,200
Balance December 31st		24,122	
		-957*	
		+\$23,165	

Balance in Friends Account on 1/1/96 not included above -- \$ 4,954

*Paid to Ladies Aid Society \$957, interest on investments



SAINT LUKE'S SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE FUND

Balance January 1, 1996			4,954.47
Receipts:	FRIENDS Gifts	16,704.41	
	1996 Benefit	2,779.85	
			<u>19,984.73</u>
			24,438.73
Disbursed:	Computer, etc.	3,459.79	
	To 1996 Budget	13,245.00	-16,704.79
Balance January 1, 1997			7,733.94

BENEFIT FOR SAINT LUKE

Received:	Tickets & Gifts	8,530.00	<u>8,530.00</u>
Disbursed:	Danny's Restaurant	4,000.00	
	Piano, Sound & Lighting	1,528.00	
	Miscellaneous	222.15	<u>5,750.15</u>
Amount credited to FRIENDS of St. Luke			2,779.85

CROSSROADS AT SAINT LUKE (Church Account)

Balance on hand January 1, 1996			(-14,764.00)
Receipts:	General income	9,314.04	<u>9,314.04</u>
			(-5,449.96)
Disbursed:	Copy Machine	195.00	
	Taxes	129.71	
	DFTA	1,780.14	
	Bookkeeper	1,953.00	
	Auditors	<u>2,610.00</u>	
		6,667.85	(-6,667.85)
Balance January 1, 1996			(-12,117.81)

SOUP KITCHEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1996			12,787.04
Receipts:	Gifts from Friends, etc.	8,185.78	<u>8,185.78</u>
			20,972.82
Disbursements:	Utilities	1,200	
	Food, Equipment, Staff	7,922.44	<u>9,122.44</u>
Balance January 1, 1997			11,850.38

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance January 1, 1996			2,821.13
Receipts:	Interest on Investments	172.50	
	Poor Boxes	38.57	<u>211.07</u>
			3,032.20
Disbursed through our Door Ministry		125.00	-125.00
Balance January 1, 1997			2,907.20

MISSION AND CHARITY FUNDS

Received:	General missions (Synod)	7,198.00	
	Special year-end gift	1,000.00	8,198.00
Disbursed:	Metro Synod ELCA		8,198.00
Balance January 1, 1997			0.00

EVANGELISM MATERIALS FUND

Balance January 1, 1997			156.45
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SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance January 1, 1997			175.00
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CHANCEL FUND

Balance January 1, 1996			2,934.13
Receipts:	Gifts received	3,910.00	<u>3,910.00</u>
			6,844.13
Expenditures:	Communion supplies	240.79	
	Candles	328.30	
	Banner	1,212.72	
	Albs, paraments	306.20	2,058.01
Balance January 1, 1997			4,756.12

EASTER AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND

Balance January 1, 1996			236.82
Receipts:		1,751.00	<u>1,751.00</u>
			1,987.82
Disbursed:		1,605.92	1,605.92
Balance January 1, 1997			381.90