



1997 Annual Report

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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PASTOR'S REPORT

10 March 1998

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Dear Members of Saint Luke . . .

What a remarkable year 1997 was in the life of our parish and in my life personally. Each time I sit down to write the Pastor's Report for our annual meeting a whole host of experiences pops into mind, evidencing God's continued grace and mercy for us all.

Our life together in Christ has again enjoyed the rich bounty of Word and Sacrament, offered amid the beautiful setting of our church sanctuary and complemented by the unusual resources of outstanding music and many very committed members and friends. If any characteristic can be cited about this family of Christians it is the richness of worship at Saint Luke's. And how right and proper that is! For it is from the strength God provides through the Means of Grace that we are equipped to provide such a wonderfully diverse ministry to others. Worship is at the heart of our being as church and individuals.

The Soup Kitchen never wants for "business"! The line continues to stretch down the Block as hungry persons anticipate another delicious and nutritious meal. Members and friends also continue to support the Soup Kitchen with monetary gifts and, from neighboring eateries, a variety of food. Government surplus commodities are substantial additions to the program. Matthew Knip administers the Soup Kitchen and adds his culinary expertise to provide a delicious menu of soups and hot dishes, ably assisted by Phyllis Earl. A special drive for funds in behalf of the Soup Kitchen was prompted by the offer of a philanthropist to match funds for food programs. In a ten-day time slot we raised \$ 6,302. Now we await his check!

"Late Nite Catechism" continues performing into its second year at Saint Luke's. Several other producers have indicated interest in the theatre space when "Late Nite" closes. Income from the theatre has, of course, enabled us to tackle many deferred maintenance and special projects this past year. The Pullman kitchen was installed in the lounge; the Pastor's Office was renovated, including re-wiring and plastering; the elevator was replaced with a Mitsubishi-motored new model; and several roof and drainage problems were corrected (although a few remain!).

On February 4th the boiler mis-fired and burned dry, completely destroying the controls and interior of the furnace. Thank our good Lord, we were covered by boiler insurance, which covered the entire costs of a new furnace (\$ 16,000), less a \$ 500 deductible.

The corner properties are nearing completion. In about two months we expect to be tenanting the Eighth Avenue buildings, after which work will commence on rehabilitating the two brownstones adjacent to the church. A fifth floor will be added to both buildings. The entire project should be finished by the end of the year, including a beautiful garden south of the buildings. Seventy otherwise homeless persons will have permanent, secure and attractive housing.

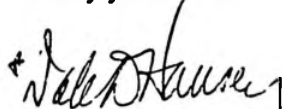
Conversations are underway with the Bishop and Synod Council regarding their possible move to our parish house. Architects are presently refining drawings and cost estimates for presentation to Saint Luke's Trustees and, subsequently to the Council and Congregation. Other projects for this year include installation of new carpeting in the narthex, replacing carpet more than thirty years old;

celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Church and Parish House buildings in September; and continued care of our buildings as they age.

1997 included two other very important events in my life . . . the death of my dear mother on September 4th . . . and the celebration of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination on September 21st. My Saint Luke's family proved to be a loving blessing in both instances. My mother, Melva Hansen, was known to most of our parish family after so many visits here over the years. We rejoiced at her final victory after some months of critical illness. She loved you and thoroughly enjoyed her times here. And the Anniversary celebrations were just magnificent . . . enabling members and friends to come together for thrilling worship, and lovely receptions, and a delightful evening of dinner and fellowship. My thanks for being so loving and generous!

We enter a New Year with a full plate . . . continued joy in sharing with one another the grace of God through worship and fellowship . . . and the excitement of being part of the changes and challenges of our mutual ministry through Saint Luke . . .

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Dale D. Hansen
Pastor

Pastoral Acts in 1997

Baptisms

Lukas Schaljo Chin
Lilly Elaine Fischer
Julia Jean Thurston

Burials

John Thomas Publik
Violet Rose Hackim
Albert Benner

Marriages

Matthew Adan Jaeger and Allesandra Catherine Ravetti
Martin Alexander Ljunggren and Laila Salah Abhasi

New Members in 1997

David Phillips
Richard Nesbit, Jr.
Sarah Kosarko
Glenn von Bernewitz

Public Worship Services 435



ADMINISTRATOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 11, 1998

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

It seems like I just arrived in New York yesterday, but it's actually the middle of my third year here at St. Luke's. As Pastor Hansen likes to say, "*tempus fugit.*" My how time flies!

A lot of my energy this past year focused on the soup kitchen, which I believe has finally come into its own, so to speak. Our menu this past week, for instance, included: Tuesday: homemade turkey gumbo, split pea soup, breadsticks, 2 salads per person, bananas, pastries, coffee and pineapple juice. Thursday's menu was chili over rice, homemade turkey soup, peaches, granola bars, an apple, orange juice, coffee, and a Little Debbie cake. Thank you to Esther Montanez, who talked Carl Mazzella's produce market into giving us free produce each week, which we use for soups, chili, etc. We still collect food and bread from Good N' Plenty To Go and from the Paramount Hotel. A big change has come in our government suppliers, who now offer us a large variety of foods—everything from applesauce to turkey loaf to dried figs. Our freezers downstairs are filled to the brim with frozen chicken, turkey and hamburger.

This past year we did significant repairs on the freezers and walk-in cooler and added a high-tech gadget to the grease trap so it no longer needs to be cleaned by hand—ever. Pastor Hansen purchased a rice cooker, which means Phyllis now makes perfect rice—as good as you'd get in a Chinese restaurant! Suzanne Dodd and Helen Nisius continue as faithful volunteers in the soup kitchen, but they are about the only people from St. Luke's we see regularly. I would like to see more Lukans—the volunteers are almost all from outside the parish.

A new project in the church office this year has been volunteer receptionists for each day of the week, morning *and* afternoon. Thank you to our volunteer receptionists for the outstanding job you do: Julian Harris, Mel Meisinger, Virginia Callahan, Norma Crosier, Rosemary Lebron, and Suzanne Brashaw. A few more are needed . . .

I have less to report in the music area, except that I continue to 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 because working with the choir and playing for the service are the highlights of my week. The choir continues to work with enthusiasm and dedication, thanks in part to our wonderful section leaders: Ann Hoyt, Angela Madia, Aaron Binder and Bill Powers. Thank you to all the members of the choir for the role you play leading our community in song and lending beauty to our worship services. Thanks to Pastor Hansen for his friendship and support and to you, members of St. Luke's, for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Matthew Knip



TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Lukan Family,

We continued in good financial health in 1997. The use of the community room as a part-time theater brought us a good deal of income. The Church Council took advantage of our "windfall" to authorize some much needed improvements, including: rehabilitation of the elevator, addition of a kitchen area to the second floor lounge, repairs to Pastor's office, as well as some electrical and plumbing upgrades.

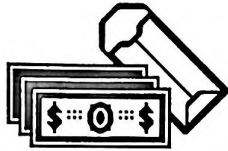
A change in how we manage our investments was authorized by the Church Council by moving our investment portfolio from Citibank to Sanford C. Bernstein & Company. The decision has been a profitable one. Included in our investments was a bequest of over \$130,000 from Walter Gausman. Mr. Gausman continues to serve his St. Luke's family and we are truly thankful for his generosity.

Through your contributions, St. Luke's donated almost \$12,000 to mission support, disaster relief and the Bishop's Mission Fund in 1997. We continued to support our Soup Kitchen with over \$5,500 in contributions. As you can see, we fell slightly short of our goal for member's contributions as tracked through our envelopes. Since many of us forget our envelopes from time to time (and I confess to being a frequent offender myself), please jot your name on the pew envelope so your contributions can be credited properly.

I would like to thank all of you for financial support of St. Luke's. It's easy to look around and see the fruits of your generosity.

Respectfully,

Pamela Roetzer
Treasurer



INCOME and EXPENDITURES

as of December 31, 1997

INCOME	ACTUAL 96	BUDGET 97	ACTUAL 97	PROPOSED 98
Envelopes	59,710	60,000	57,144	60,000
Plate Offerings	9,025	9,000	8,586	9,000
Lent & Easter	10,014	10,000	9,752	10,000
Anniversary	7,127	5,000	3,155	5,000
Thanksgiving	2,446	3,000	3,313	3,000
Christmas	13,869	10,000	17,906	10,000
Property Use Fees	92,257	93,200	145,441	144,400
Special Income	1,904	---	2,579	---
Investment Income	45,127	45,000	27,049	50,000
Friends of St. Luke	<u>13,245</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>5,822</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	254,724	247,200	280,747	297,400
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	103,544	114,900	112,784	115,000
Continuing Education	520	1,000		1,000
Travel	5,060	5,060	5,060	5,060
Music Department	14,937	13,000	16,894	16,000
Pension & Medical	13,563	15,000	14,001	15,000
Social Security	3,873	6,500	7,000 <i>est</i>	7,000
Housing Allowance (Asst)				
Office Supplies	2,561	2,000	2,763	3,000
Telephone	1,772	2,000	2,145	2,500
Postage	1,339	1,500	1,474	1,750
Printing	1,148	2,000	1,710	2,250
Worship/Education Materials	2,466	2,500	2,671	3,000
Advertising	8,973	8,000	8,158	8,000
Insurance	7,595	7,500	9,554	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	17,084	18,000	40,360	50,500
Gas & Electricity	37,149	36,000	41,264	40,000
Bank Charges	40			
New Equipment	1,305	4,740	7,570	4,000
Water/Sewer Tax	1,555	1,500	1,656	1,700
Miscellaneous	<u>6,118</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,683</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Expenditures	230,602	247,200	280,747	291,260
Balance December 31st				6,240



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	1973	Paul Koepchen
1927	J. Louis Schaefer, Sr.	1974	Anna C. Viohl
1932	Bernhard Karsch	1974	Ethel Mahnken
1942	Adele Henning	1975	Elizabeth Bader
1946	Sebastian & Margaretha Dorfmueller	1975	Mathilda Tietjen
1951	Annie L. Hohns	1976	Alexander McKean
1952	Henry & Katherine Puckhaber	1977	Renata McGannon
1953	John Dettner	1977	Henrietta Burger
1954	Alfred Grizzle	1977	Bernhard & Catherine Karsch
1955	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1978	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1956	Anton Sr & Marie Koester	1979	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1957	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1980	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1958	Miss M. Scommodau	1982	J. Louis Schaefer Jr.
1958	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1982	Emile Cordes
1959	Minna Theurer	1982	Anton W. Koester
1959	Mathilda Schlobohm	1983	Olga Rustia
1959	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1984	Marguerite Schaefer
1960	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1984	Amanda Baltera
1961	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1985	Bernhard K. Schaefer
1961	John and Anna Marie Theurer	1985	Anna Kuhle
1962	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1987	Emma Hahn
1963	Sophie Schaefer	1988	Albert Ebeling
1963	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1990	Elsie Koester
1964	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1990	Mary Mory
1965	Elsa Husser	1991	Eleanor Koepchen
1965	Elsie Eiermann	1992	Timothy Ryan
1965	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1992	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer
1966	Elsa Husser	1992	James O'Connell
1966	Charles Unger	1993	Mathilda Theurer
1966	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1994	Christine Gausman
1967	Henry J. Koester	1995	Louise Peard
1968	Lottie B. Steinbach	1995	Evelyn Wisch
1968	Marie Schweitzer	1995	Walter Gausman
1968	J. Louis Sr. & Susan K. Schaefer	1997	Agnes Koester
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		

MEMORIAL WREATHS 1997

Ida Mae Schoenfelder
Florence Matheis
Melva Hansen
Violet Rose Hackim
Isabel Macho
Agnes Koester
Frieda Danielson



SAINT LUKE'S SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE FUND

Balance January 1, 1997		7,733.94
Receipts:		
	FRIENDS Gifts	4,165.00
	1997 Benefit Net	1,107.00
		<u>5,262.00</u>
		24,438.73
Balance January 1, 1998		12,995.94

BENEFIT FOR SAINT LUKE

Received:	Tickets & Gifts	5,800.00	<u>5,800.00</u>
Disbursed:	Danny's Restaurant	2,800.00	
	Piano, Sound & Lighting	1,618.00	
	Miscellaneous	275.00	<u>4,693.00</u>
Amount credited to FRIENDS of St. Luke			1,107.00

SOUP KITCHEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1997		11,850.38	
Receipts:	Gifts from Friends, Grants, etc.	6,743.75	
		<u>6,743.75</u>	
		18,594.13	
Disbursements:	Equipment repairs	1,938.00	
	Food, Equipment, Staff	5,222.84	<u>7,160.84</u>
Balance January 1, 1998			11,433.29

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance January 1, 1997		2,821.13
Disbursed through our Door Ministry	1,265.00	1,265.00
Balance January 1, 1998		1,556.13

MISSION AND CHARITY FUNDS

Received:	General missions (Synod)	9,964.00	
	Food Relief	447.00	
	Bishop's Mission Fund	400.00	10,811.00
Disbursed:	Metro Synod ELCA		10,811.00
Balance January 1, 1998			0.00

CHANCEL FUND

Balance January 1, 1997			4,756.12
Receipts:	Gifts received		<u>1,929.50</u>
			6,685.62
Expenditures:	Communion supplies	71.92	
	Candles	1,158.40	
	Banner	150.50	
	Albs, paraments	840.50	2,221.32
	Balance January 1, 1998		4,464.30

EASTER AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND

Balance January 1, 1997			381.90
Receipts:		1,550.00	<u>1,550.00</u>
			1,931.90
Disbursed:		2,264.50	2,264.50
	Balance January 1, 1998		-332.60



THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

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

We come to another Annual Meeting and we have been trying to rally more members to join our small but dedicated Ladies Aid Society. Unfortunately, our numbers have not grown to many more, but we are still trying. Couldn't some of you ladies come and try us out for a bit? We would surely be happy to see a few new faces! Our monthly meetings are the second Sunday of each month with the exception of July and August. Please try to come and join us!

We continue our regular programs thus far and this year have received some "Thank You's" from the recipients, which always makes us feel better and want to try harder.

We sent things to Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, WI and now they have added a few more items—sheets of the requested items are in the box on the shelf in the Narthex—UPC's from Hershey bars, Hefty products and Kodak film. So if more of you find that you use these products, just toss them in the box on the shelf and we will get them sent off from time to time. Elsie Reichert has been a big help on that project. Thank you, Elsie! (4,075 Campbell labels) Canceled postage stamps of all kinds are also welcome and I did get a very nice reply from this last batch I sent, so they, too, do appreciate our effort. Tea tags are still on the list and I always get a thank you from that teacher at the Englewood/Teaneck Grammar school.

I recently sent off 400 UPC's from Scott-Kimberly Clark Products, but as yet have not heard from them. They are to donate money to the Ronald McDonald Houses. Used eye glasses are always welcome and they are sent to Eyes for the Needy in New Jersey.

Suzanne Dodd was a tremendous help in moving quite a few Cook Books at Christmas time and we truly did appreciate her great help. There are still more available just in case you find need for additional ones.

We also try to do projects for St. Luke's when there is a need for something that we might be able to carry out.

I do hope that we will be able to see some growth and have more news for our 1998 report. Thank you all for your interest in the Ladies Aid. I deeply appreciate all the wonderful loyal assistance and how co-workers have untiringly served our Ladies Aid Society year after year. Thank you so much.

Marguerite Novak