

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
308 West 46th Street  
New York, New York

N E W S L E T T E R

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Narrative Communion Service

On Pentecost Sunday, May 17th, at 11:00 A.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated. We shall follow the Communion Service on Page 15 of our hymnals as we have done for years. However, interspersed with the liturgy will be a narrative explaining the various segments of the service, which too often are repeated as mere form with little thought or significance. The purpose of the Narrative Communion Service is to make our worship experience more meaningful for everyday life.

Art-Handicraft-Hobby Show

The Coffee Hour this Sunday will take on the form of an Art Show, which is being sponsored by the Dorcas Guild. Members and friends of Saint Luke's are asked to put on display and share with others some piece of art they have created. It can be a painting, a piece of hand craft, some coin or stamp collection, or anything else which happens to be your hobby. Mrs. Virginia Callahan will be at the church on Saturday from 2 to 4 P.M. and on Sunday morning from 10 A.M. to receive and assist you in arranging your display. Share with your fellow-members any special skill or interest that the Lord has given you.

Social Problems and the Church

On Monday, May 18th, at 7 P.M. the 4th and final of the Spring series of discussions on some of the social problems of our time will be held. The Rev. Paul Qualben, who is a Lutheran Clergyman and a Practicing Psychiatrist, will speak on the subject of Drugs and Alcoholism. These are somewhat related problems, drugs being the problem of many young people and alcohol of many older people. These Monday Evening Forums have been extremely informative. In these days of tension and confusion we all need to be better informed on some of the problems facing our society. We need a sharpened Christian consciousness. Let us take advantage of the final forum this coming Monday evening. Dr. Qualben is an outstanding speaker and in great demand as such. We are very fortunate at Saint Luke's to have him speak to us. Let us take advantage of the final forum this coming Monday evening.



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The Rev. Dr. Dale D. Hansen, Pastor

27 September 1999

Dear Members and Friends,

*Tempus fugit!* Time flies! How true that is, especially the older we become!

And speaking of "older" . . . we are preparing to observe our 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 17<sup>th</sup>. As I was leafing through my sermon file of past parish anniversary observances I came upon my first anniversary sermon here . . . on our 125<sup>th</sup>! Now we look toward the Millennium Year and our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary just around the corner.

How wonderfully God's presence is etched into the fabric of old Saint Luke's. From our early beginnings with a handful of faithful German Lutheran immigrants to the present membership, a "little United Nations," God's grace is painted vividly on the lives of thousands of Lukans, most now in glory and the rest of us struggling to remain faithful.

A lot of things are on Saint Luke's "plate" at this anniversary. A year-long celebration of our sesquicentennial will present several special events—concerts, recitals, lectures—remembering and rejoicing over a century and a half of fellowship around the Cross of Christ. My retirement at the end of January has set in motion a detailed process of congregational self study and an intensive introspection before calling a new pastor. The Call Committee is busy these days trying to meet deadlines established by the bishop's office. No one wants a l-o-n-g interim period before installing a new shepherd of the flock. . . .  
*Tempus fugit!*

An annual Anniversary offering continues to be an important part of maintaining our varied ministries. The Soup Kitchen remains one of our most significant missions in serving the poor and needy of the community. The Clothing Distribution via our Big Closet, the Door Ministry for crisis intervention, and the Respite Center (shelter), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services help to touch hundreds of additional lives with meaningful evidence of God's love for all.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement . . . God bless you with joy and peace!

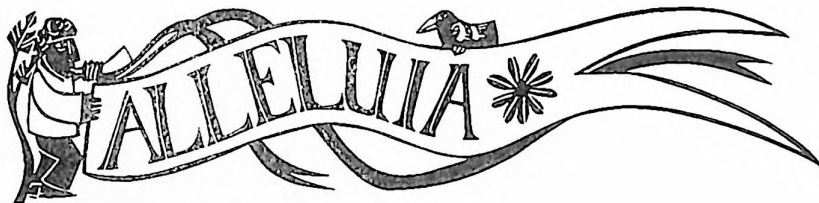
Cordially and Gratefully in Christ,

+ + + WORSHIP AT SAINT LUKE'S + + +

**Sundays: The Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock**  
**Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 12:10 and 7:00 pm**  
**Monday through Friday: Morning Prayer at 8:45 am**

**News & Notes:** A special meeting of the Voters Assembly of Saint Luke's met after church yesterday and adopted a proposal to renovate/remodel/refurnish the **second floor lounge** of the parish house. Plans call for new windows, air conditioning, a more efficient kitchenette, new carpeting (to replace the 75-year-old carpeting), refinished and reupholstered and new furniture, more adequate lighting, etc. +++ A number of beautiful **new chancel furnishings** have arrived, memorials and thankofferings from members. They will be dedicated to the Glory of God on Saint Luke's Day / Anniversary Sunday. +++ Coming, The Göttinger Knabenchor, a boy choir from Göttingen, Germany, will present a **noonday mini-concert** here on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. +++ We have been asked to host the annual Metro New York Synod **Pastoral Conference** on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The all-day meeting will include lunch in our church hall. Volunteers

are needed to help serve .  
.. help! +++ Pastors  
**Kris and Krista Ferkin,**  
Lukans for the past  
several years, completed



their seminary years and have been installed as co-pastors of Morning Star Lutheran Parish near Brookings, South Dakota. The Rev. Dr. **Carolyn Schneider**, also a Lukan, has accepted a position as Professor of Church History at Texas Lutheran University. She completed her doctoral work at Princeton Theological Seminary. +++ *Finegan's Farewell*, an interactive comedy has joined the groups using our downstairs theatre. *Late Nite Catechism* is in its fourth year at Saint Luke's, and *Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding* is in its thirteenth year (two of which have been here). The performances of the shows never interfere with our Soup Kitchen use of the space, the clothing program, or occasional meetings. We are blessed with the opportunity to **use the church hall to its maximum!** +++ A large **donation of food** was received from our neighboring restaurant, Dorsay, as it ceased business—and another from the FireBird, as it went on vacation. Our Soup Kitchen guests have eaten well!

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## NEWS LETTER

HOLIDAY SERVICES. We invite you to worship with us on THANKSGIVING EVE at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Edward C. May will preach. And, plan now also to join us on CHRISTMAS EVE at 11:00 p.m. and CHRISTMAS DAY at 11:00 a.m. Pastor May will preach on Christmas eve and Pastor Lee will preach on Christmas day.

OTHER WORSHIP NOTES. On Nov. 17, our guest preacher will be The Rev. Raymond Schulze, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manhattan. And on Dec. 15, Pastor Wolfe is preaching.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE. Pastor Wolfe and the Sunday School staff and children are planning for our annual Candlelight Service, which this year will begin with a program in the Sunday School room and conclude with a service in the chapel. The choir is also participating with special music. The CANDLELIGHT SERVICE is scheduled for DECEMBER 15 at 7:30 p.m.

DIANA BARNUM recital. This season, Dr. Walter Hilse, our organist and choir director, has created a recital series. His own organ recital last month began the series. You are invited to hear DIANA BARNUM and supporting musicians in a vocal recital, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m., the second program in the series.

CALL COMMITTEE of the Church Council. The Call Committee has been conducting numerous meetings recently, as it searches for a suitable candidate for the office of senior pastor to Saint Luke's congregation. To date, it has reviewed the resumes of eight ministers and interviewed two candidates.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS. At the last Church Council meeting, it was reported that more volunteers are needed for the Sunday morning coffee hour preparations. We ask you to consider helping-out at least one or two Sundays, in order to keep the coffee hour tradition running smoothly. That fellowship time is one of the most valuable moments we have to visit with each other. Speak to Pastor Lee or Pastor Wolfe about which Sunday you will help.

GREETINGS. Greetings have been received from The Rev. and Mrs. Albert L. Neibacher. They are enjoying their first month of retirement, vacationing in California and sightseeing enroute, as they drive the 6,000 mile tour.