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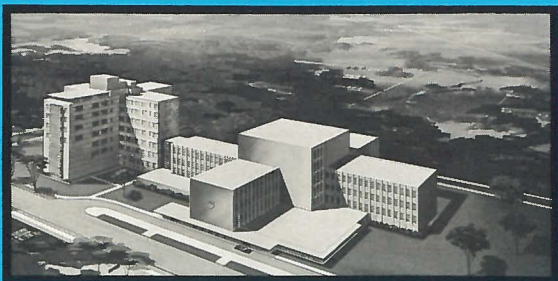
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# St. Luke's Voice

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### Almost Tenfold Increase Is Shown in Patient Care

A 40 year span is only a very brief period in recorded history, but as St. Luke's Hospital observes its 40th anniversary it is apparent that an envious record of service and achievement has been scored in that period. It is an even more dramatic accomplishment when it is recognized that most of the attainments have been scored in the last two decades.

St. Luke's opened its doors on December 2nd, 1928 as a small hospital at 230 West Madison street. It had been organized by a group of business executives, educators and professional men determined to provide the first non-profit voluntary hospital south of the Menomonee river in Milwaukee. It was destined to retain that sole distinction for 25 years.

The first 12 years of operations were relatively uneventful. St. Luke's strove — as it does today — to provide the finest possible care for patients but the depression of the 30s limited demand for hospitalization.

All that changed with the advent of the 40s. War induced prosperity brought unprecedented demand for services. By 1941 it was apparent that larger facilities would be needed and the present site on South 29th street and West Oklahoma avenue was acquired. But war-time restrictions and material shortages prevented building.

Nevertheless planning for the future went hand in hand with improvement in service and improvisation during the war years. Medical and nursing standards continued to be upgraded to keep pace with evolving technical progress, which included the availability of the first antibiotics.

In 1948 when readjustment to the post-World War II scene was achieved by the community, a fund drive to defray the cost of a new hospital was launched. By 1950 construction of a 176 bed hospital on the Oklahoma avenue site was underway. It was opened in 1952, the first completely new voluntary institution to be built in Milwaukee in almost a quarter of a century. Six years later two additional wings were constructed providing a total of 263 beds on the site. This action permitted the closing of the Madison street facility.

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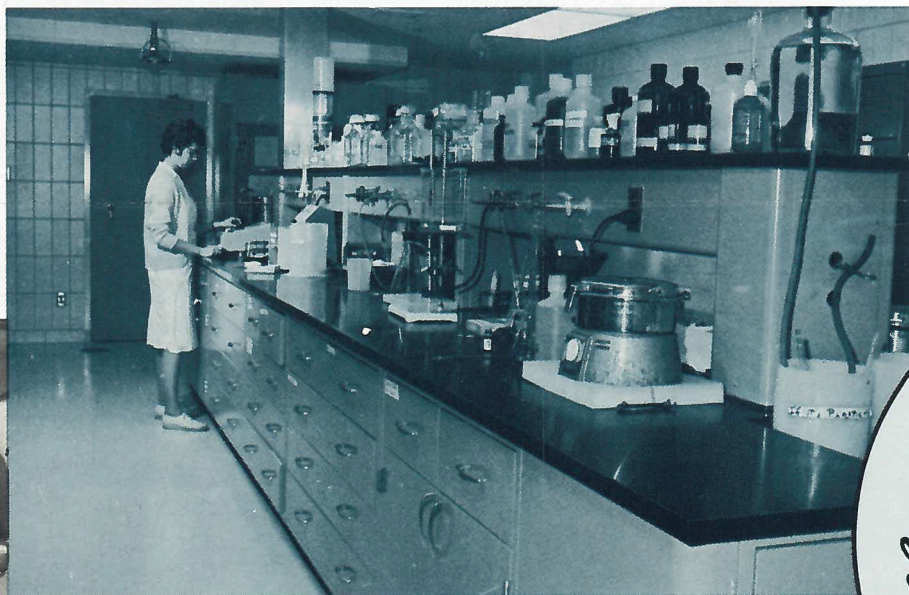
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## The Past Foretells the Future

Some of the changes that have marked the tremendous growth of St. Luke's Hospital are shown on these pages. Since its humble beginning, serving only 1,529 patients during the first year to

the present providing for an estimated 14,650 during 1968, the hospital has strived to furnish the best possible care for the entire community.

*An emergency room scene at the Madison Street Hospital is shown here contrasted with some of the emergency care facilities at the present hospital.*



*A small utility room of the old hospital is compared with a portion of the hospital's modern laboratory 40 years later.*





# First Heart Transplant in Area at St. Luke's

## Surgical Team Experience Is Helpful Factor

The persistent efforts of St. Luke's Hospital and its medical staff to provide facilities and skills in a community hospital to meet all types of surgical and medical needs of the area resulted in the hospital being the locale in October for the first heart transplant in Wisconsin.

The procedure follows more than a decade of evolution of St. Luke's, among other things, as one of the nation's leading open heart surgery centers with as many as eight such operations being performed each week. Physicians participating in the transplant said that the procedure is very similar to that used in open heart surgery.

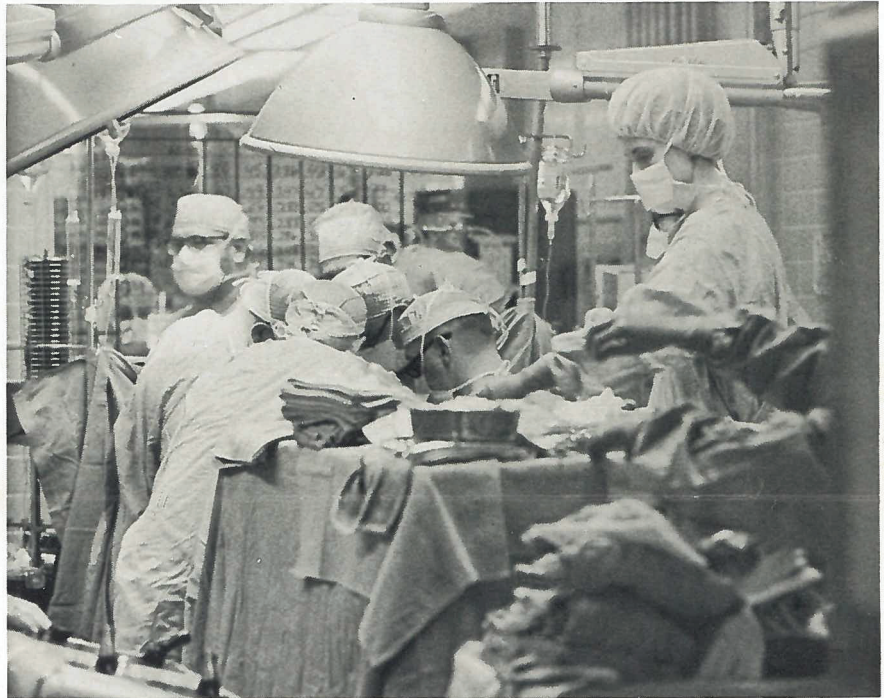
The recipient was 49 year old Mrs. John Anick, 2430 S. 88th st., West Allis. The donor was Robert E. Buelow, 30, who died at St. Luke's of brain damage.

The surgical team involved in the transplant was headed by Dr. Derward Lepley, Jr., chief of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the hospital and professor and chairman of the department of chest and heart surgery at Marquette Medical School, and Dr. W. Dudley Johnson of St. Luke's and an assistant professor of surgery at the school.

Dr. John A. Walker, cardiologist and Mrs. Anick's physician said she had suffered from severe heart disease for nine years. The idea of a transplant was first suggested by Mr. Anick, who had received one of the first pacemakers to be placed in a patient in Milwaukee. That procedure was done by Dr. Lepley.

Although the St. Luke's team had not contemplated a transplant until more research results were available from other cardiac centers around the world, it was determined to proceed because alternative courses of treatment had been exhausted.

Mrs. Anick was hospitalized at St. Luke's four weeks before the procedure took place permitting various members of the team to collaborate in tests and treatment de-



*A portion of the heart transplant team is seen here during the one and one-half hour operation on Mrs. John Anick.*

signed to minimize the risks. The latter included small doses of so called immuno-suppressive drugs helpful in minimizing rejection of the transplanted heart. Studies also were conducted on typing of Mrs. Anick's tissues by Dr. Donald J. Kuban, associate pathologist at the hospital, in an effort to assure as close compatibility to a donor as was possible.

When the possibility of a donor's heart becoming available appeared likely, preparations moved ahead rapidly according to carefully worked out advance planning.

When doctors not included in the heart team independently pronounced the donor had died, surgery to remove his heart and place it into Mrs. Anick began almost immediately. The entire procedure took approximately three hours. Approximately 50 hospital personnel, including 15 in the surgery, had roles in the procedure directly or indirectly.

Other members of St. Luke's staff on the transplant team are: Dr. Henry Gale, cardiologist; Dr. Martin Denio, chief of anesthesiology and Dr. H. Myron Kauffman, Jr., department of surgery. St. Luke's physicians assisting the team were: Dr. Robert Scheidt, chief of depart-



*Wisconsin's first heart transplant patient is visited by her husband, John Anick.*

ment of pathology; Dr. George Batayias, associate pathologist in blood chemistry, and Dr. A. B. Fidler, radiologist specializing in X-ray therapy and nuclear medicine.

The St. Luke's transplant reportedly was the 64th to take place since the first one was completed in South Africa in December, 1967.



## Large Number of Memorials Are Received

An unusually large number of Living Memorials was established at St. Luke's Hospital during recent months.

The memorials are provided by contributors in lieu of other types of gifts to honor friends or loved ones. Names of those memorialized and the donors are permanently inscribed in the Memorial Tribute Book in the hospital lobby.

The funds so contributed, unless otherwise designated, are used to help defray the cost of charitable services provided by St. Luke's.

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*Dr. Welsh, left, visits with  
"Friends of St. Luke's."*

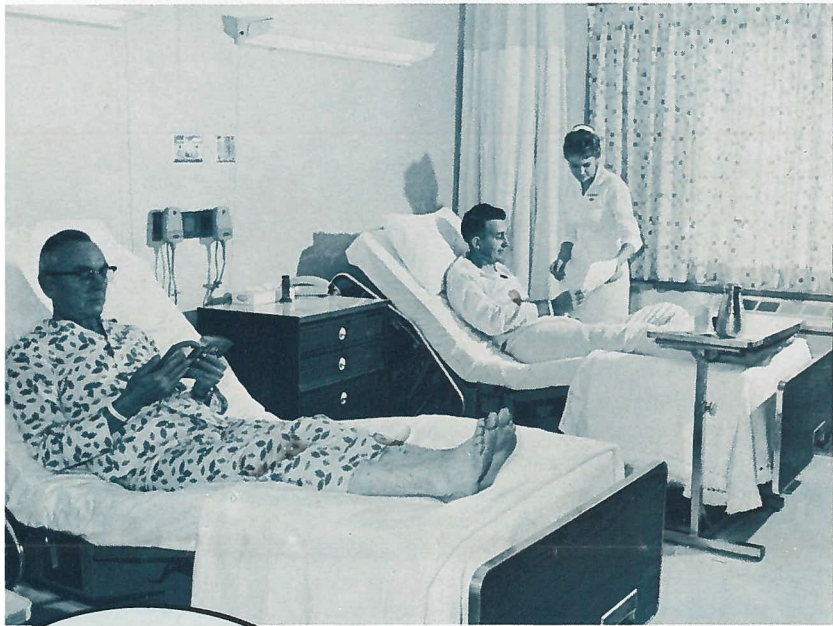


*Board Chairman John E. Koenitzer addresses a gathering of "Friends of St. Luke's Hospital" at a meeting held last month. Dr. Edwin C. Welsh, chief of the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, was the featured speaker.*





*"Before and after" pictures of St. Luke's are these showing the hospital on Madison Street as it appeared in 1928 and an aerial view of the hospital as it looks today.*



*The present day two-bed room here is contrasted with a ward room at the Madison Street St. Luke's Hospital in the 1930's.*



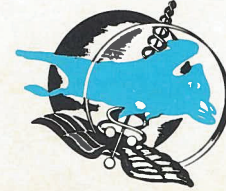
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1928	1,529	251	1,105	607	3,012	52,653
1938	3,898	751	2,105	1,200	10,206	136,780
1948	6,682	1,648	4,419	8,012	47,225	234,471
1958	9,843	1,842	5,051	27,871	123,555	345,368
*1968	14,650	2,030	5,890	53,300	387,000	658,000

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Even then the administration and board of directors recognized that financial limitations had prevented St. Luke's from meeting more than immediate needs.

Consequently 1963 saw work underway once again to provide an addition that made what is now a 505 bed hospital with appropriate ancillary departments, such as enlarged X-ray and laboratory facilities and in-patient rehabilitation and psychiatric beds.

Interwoven into this pattern of expanding service — almost a 10 fold increase in patient care — have been many achievements. Working with its medical staff to make available latest aids to diagnosis and treatment of patients, St. Luke's has pioneered in providing new services. They have included flame photometers, which speed laboratory tests of body fluids, automated X-ray film processing, post-operative intensive care treatment, 24 hour a day — seven day a week emergency care, a pulmonary physiology department, a new 18 channel blood chemistry profile analysis system, which drastically reduces the cost of 18 tests for patients, a scintillation camera which locates radio-active isotopes in the human body and coronary and cardiac intensive care units.

Similarly, because of the desire of the hospital and the medical staff to serve the community as completely as can be, St. Luke's has become one of the leading hospitals for cardiac catheterization and surgery.

What this dedication to the well-being of the community has meant in improved facilities and use of them is reflected in word and picture on the inner fold of this issue of the Voice.

Impressive as those comparisons are, it is recognized that the health field is one of the most dramatically changing in the world today. It has been said that since 1940 medical progress has been greater than in the 1900 preceding years. That improvement is at a constantly accelerating pace and requires a constant flow into St. Luke's of new and more exact equipment and apparatus.

Dramatic as St. Luke's 40 years of progress have been it is apparent to the board of directors, the administration, the medical staff and employees that the future holds even greater opportunities of service and achievement for St. Luke's in making this area a fine place to live.



Charter members of St. Luke's Hospital Board of Directors are Edward E. Olson, left, and Otto C. Stoebe, who is now a member of the Honorary Board. Both men have served on the hospital's board continuously since 1923.