

As We Gather

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 68 – The Advent of Our King

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

P The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

C We thank You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

C We adore You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

C We praise You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

C We worship You, O Lord!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25:6–7

- P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.
- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C** **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Hymn

Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent (St. 1)

For - give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And
mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
times when we de - spair and for - get That You are where all
joy and truth have met. For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 25:1-10

- P** To you, O LORD,
- C** I lift up my soul.
- P** O my God, in you I trust;
- C** let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

- P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**
- P** Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C **teach me your paths.**
- P** Lead me in your truth and teach me,
C **for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**
- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C **according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**
- P** Good and upright is the LORD;
C **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- P** He leads the humble in what is right,
C **and teaches the humble his way.**
- P** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C **for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ”

³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.

³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

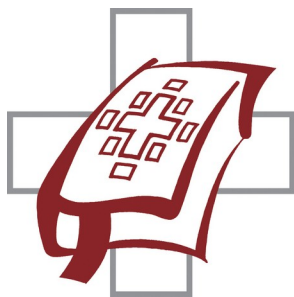
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

TLH 95 – Savior of the Nations, Come



Sermon Text

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’



Sermon

The LORD is our Righteousness

Offertory



 Create in me a clean heart, O

 God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me

 not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

 Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-

 va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 58 (1-6) – O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Offering Hymn

TLH 443 (1, 8)

1. O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be.
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all?

8. To Thee, from whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give.
Oh, may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all!

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 59 (1-3, 6) – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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TLH 68 – The Advent of Our King

Zech. 9 : 9

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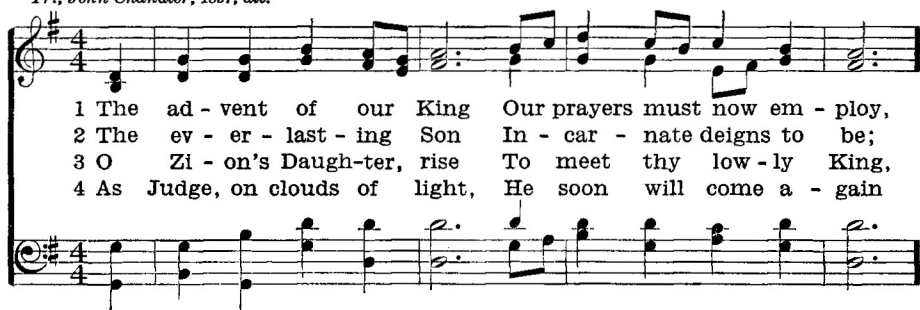
Instantis adventum Dei

Charles Coffin, 1736

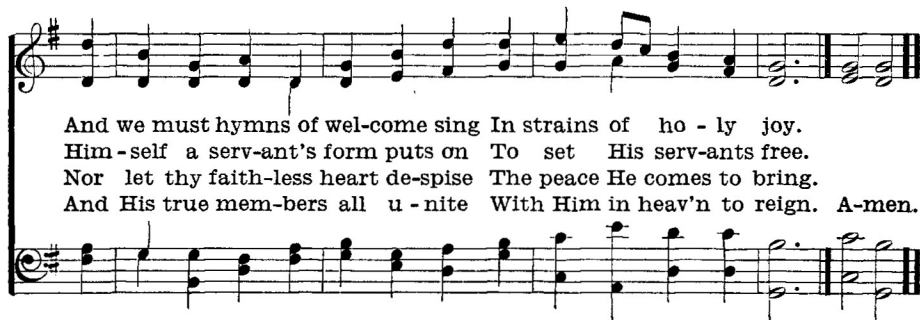
Tr., John Chandler, 1837, alt.

St. Thomas

Aaron Williams, 1770



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be;
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To meet thy low - ly King,
4 As Judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a serv - ant's form puts on To set His serv - ants free.
Nor let thy faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign. A - men.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be done,
The old man all be put away,
The new man all put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

TLH 95 – Savior of the Nations, Come

John 1: 14

Veni, Redemptor gentium

St. Ambrose, †397

German version, Martin Luther, 1524

Tr., William M. Reynolds, 1860, alt.

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Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

“Geistliches Gesangbüchlein”

Wittenberg, 1524, ad.



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home!
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God,
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Was the Word of God made flesh — Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.
Tho' by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in heav'n enthroned. A - men.



4 From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell—
High the song of triumph swell!

6 Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.

5 Thou, the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?

7 Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

TLH 58 (1-6) – O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Matt. 21: 1-9

Wie soll ich dich empfangen

Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento

Tr. ecumposite

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(SECOND TUNE)

Wie soll ich dich

Johann Crüger, 1653

1 O Lord, how shall I meet Thee, How wel-come Thee a - right?
Thy peo - ple long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's De - light!
Oh, kin - dle, Lord, most ho - ly, Thy lamp with - in my breast
To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please Thee best. A-men.

2 Thy Zion strews before Thee
Green boughs and fairest palms,
And I, too, will adore Thee
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning,
Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning,
Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

4 Love caused Thy incarnation,
Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race!

5 Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you,
Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

6 Ye need not toil nor languish
Nor ponder day and night
How in the midst of anguish
Ye draw Him by your might.
He comes, He comes all willing,
Moved by His love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling;
For all to Him are known.

TLH 59 (1-3, 6) – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ps. 72
James Montgomery, 1821

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Freut euch, ihr lieben
Leonhart Schröter, 1587



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong;
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 A - ra - bia's des - ert ran - ger To Him shall bow the knee,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
And joy and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
The E - thi - o - pian stran - ger His glo - ry come to see;



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go
With of - f'rings of de - vo - tion Ships from the isles shall meet



To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righteousness, in foun - tains, From hill to val - - ley flow.
To pour the wealth of o - cean In trib - ute at His feet. A - men.



6 O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever,—
That name to us is Love.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

November 28	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
November 30	6:30 pm	Elders
December 1	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 2	10:00 am	Bible Class
	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00 am	Bible Class
December 5	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	3:30 pm	Advent by Candlelight
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
December 8	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 9	10:00 am	Bible Class
December 11	10:00 am	Christmas Eve Practice
December 12	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

December Calendars: December church calendars are in your mailbox.

No Fellowship Hour Next Week: We will not have our regular first Sunday of the month fellowship hour next Sunday.

Advent by Candlelight: This Sunday is the last day to register for Advent by Candlelight. Advent by Candlelight is a ladies holiday event of Christ-centered fellowship, food, and worship that will be held next Sunday, December 5th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial. RSVP by contacting Barb Haensgen at (920) 251-6370 or rbhaensgen@gmail.com or by visiting our website: fdllutheran.com/advent.

Advent by Candlelight Volunteers: Thank you for volunteering to help! If you are bringing an appetizer or dessert, please keep in mind that we will have out of town guests. If you are decorating a table, you may do so after church next Sunday. If you have volunteered to read, Kate will be in touch about your reading part this week.

Christmas Poinsettias: Haentze's is offering special prices on poinsettias to churches, but we must act quickly. Orders must be placed by December 1st. The plants will be used for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and you will be able to take them home after the Christmas Day service. The cost for a 5-6 bloom plant is \$14.99 and for an 8-10 bloom plant is \$24.99. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Barb Haensgen at rbhaensgen@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Practice Schedule: The following is the schedule for Christmas Eve Practices:

- Sunday, December 5th – 8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Saturday, December 11th – 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- Saturday, December 18th – 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- Thursday, December 23rd – 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Christmas Lunch: Youth group will be hosting a Christmas lunch following church on December 19th at 11:30 am. If you have youth or are a youth, please let April Kern know if you would like to participate in helping set up and serve. Youth will be asked to bring a side dish to add to the meal.

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

CLC News: Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

Midweek Advent Series – Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ's Birth: Ordinarily, when we think of Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Christ, we have in mind specific verses such as, "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Isaiah 7:14); "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6); and "From you [O Bethlehem] shall come forth for Me

one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days” (Micah 5:2). These direct prophecies point clearly to the coming of Jesus as the Savior Messiah.

But in addition to these wonderful verses, Jesus teaches us that, in fact, the entire Old Testament prophesies about Him—“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them *in all the Scriptures* the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27, emphasis added). “For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, *because only through Christ is it taken away*” (2 Corinthians 3:14, emphasis added). “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; *and it is they that bear witness about Me*” (John 5:39, emphasis added). All of the Bible is about Jesus. From the very beginning of creation, the ways God interacts with His people give us living symbols that foreshadow and foretell Jesus’ advent among us in the flesh. As the hymn puts it,

Deep in the prophets' sacred page,
Grand in the poets' winged word,
Slowly, in type, from age to age,
Nations beheld their coming Lord (TLH 132:2)

The various “types” in the Old Testament point to a complete fulfillment in Jesus. He is the perfect Israel and the culmination of its divinely given institutions. He is the embodiment of the Scriptures, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). The Old Testament is not just a historical record; it was and continues to be the active, Spirit-filled Word of God that proclaims Christ to us.

The Advent sermons in this year’s series focus on three particular Old Testament narratives that serve as symbols of Jesus’ coming to share in our humanity: the burning bush, the cloud in the tabernacle, and the call of Gideon. The Christmas sermon then focuses on how the narrative of Jesus’ birth is no fairy tale but a true story that also foretells the purpose of Jesus’ incarnation. Jesus takes on our flesh so that He might die in the flesh for our sins and be raised bodily for our justification (Romans 4:25). All of Scripture finds its culmination and fulfillment in Him. May God the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bless our meditation this season on Him who is the Word made flesh!

Our midweek Advent services will be held at 6:30 pm. Here is the schedule:

- **December 1** – “The Lord Sets Up His Tent Among Us” Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38 – Pastor David Ude
- **December 8** – “Old Testament Christmas” Exodus 3:1-14 – Pastor Mark Bernthal
- **December 15** – “You Shall Defeat Them as One Man” Judges 6:11–24 – Pastor Sauers

FRUITS OF FAITH – November 14**Attendance: 40**

<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$1,365.00	LM General Budget (11/14)	\$395.00	CLC General Budget (11/14)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$1,711.92	-Under / +Over	+\$10.38	-Under / +Over
\$117,212.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$6,763.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$141,538.32	Year to Date Need	\$7,692.40	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$24,325.49	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$929.40	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$20.00	LM M & I	\$75.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$50.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

FRUITS OF FAITH – November 21**Attendance: 47**

<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$1,255.00	LM General Budget (11/21)	\$225.00	CLC General Budget (11/21)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$1,821.92	-Under / +Over	-\$159.62	-Under / +Over
\$118,467.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$6,988.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$144,615.24	Year to Date Need	\$8,077.02	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$26,147.41	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,089.02	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
\$25.00	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$20.00	LM M & I	\$35.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous
Memorial: \$10.00 given to the MDF in memory of Alfred Eigenberg			