

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent



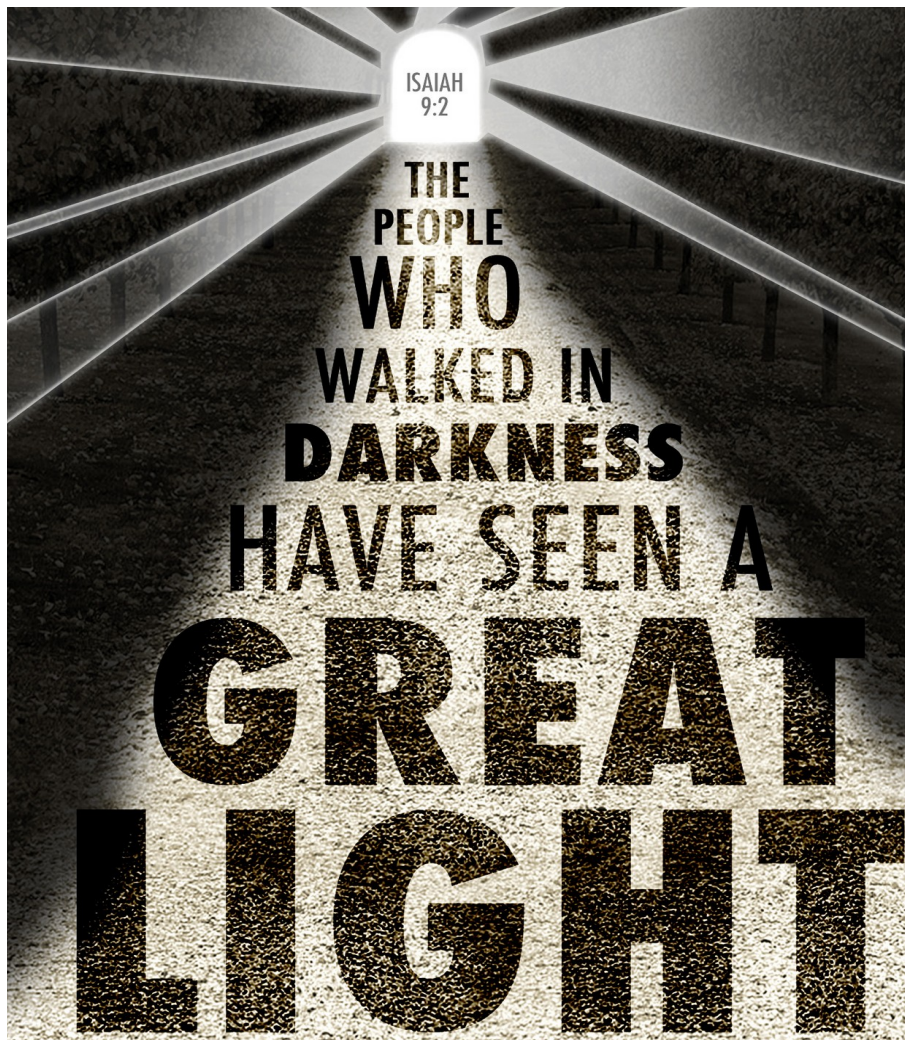
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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ISAIAH
9:2

THE
PEOPLE
WHO
WALKED IN
DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A
**GREAT
LIGHT**

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As We Gather

Light has become synonymous with Christmas. Lights on houses. Lights on Christmas trees. Lights in luminaries that brighten walkways. Yet, all these lights are little more than sentimental decoration if we do not recognize the greater light that shined at Christmas. Isaiah reminds us, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). God shines light in darkness. Today, we rejoice in Jesus, the light of the world, who gives deeper meaning to all other Christmas lights.

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 56 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

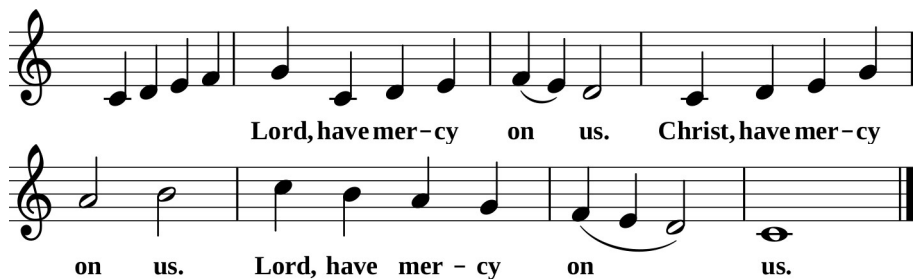
- P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

Confession
& Absolution

✠ 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - enly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Psalm of the Day

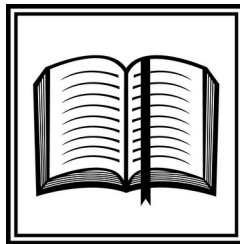
Psalm 89:1-5

- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C **with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**
- P** For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
C **in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**
- P** You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
C **I have sworn to David my servant:**
P ‘I will establish your offspring forever,
C **and build your throne for all generations.’ ”**
- P** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
C **your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Gospel Reading

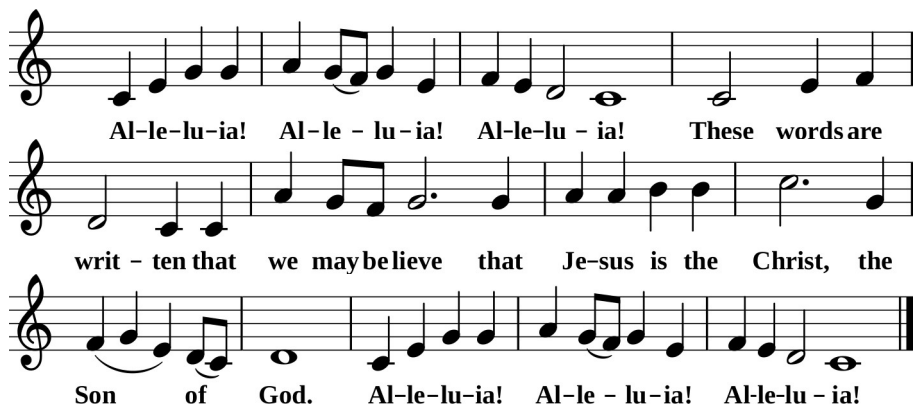
Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.



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

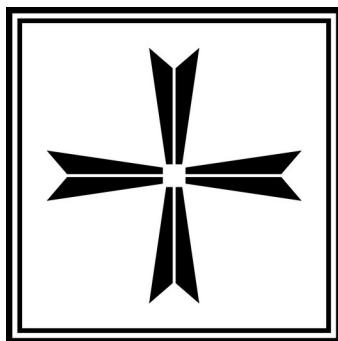
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 106 – The People That in Darkness Sat



Sermon Text

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



Sermon

To Us a Child is Born

- I. To bring light to our darkness
- II. To shatter our enemies' weapons
- III. To bring us peace forever

Offertory

Cre-ate 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 98 – Of the Father's Love Begotten

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

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

WS 702 (1-4) – As Angels Joyed with One Accord

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TLH 56 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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Zech. 9: 9
Godfrey Thring, 1864

Sieh, hier bin ich
"Geistreiches Gesangbuch"
Darmstadt, 1698



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from realms on high;
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are bowed with care;
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of sins for - giv' n;



Je - sus came for man's re - demp - tion, Low - ly came on earth to die;
Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer;
Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness, Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav' n.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Now the gate of death is riv' n. A - men.



4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cheering e'en our failing years.

5 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory.
Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.

TLH 106 – The People That in Darkness Sat

C. M.

Is. 9: 2; Matt. 4: 16
John Morison, 1770, alt.

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen
Nikolaus Herman, 1554

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Right - eous-ness, The gath - 'ring
3 For Thou their bur - den dost re - move And break the

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
ty - rant's rod As in the day when Mid - ian fell Be-

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea-sures home, Their har-vest trea-sures home.
fore the sword of God, Be - fore the sword of God. A - men.

- 4 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.
- 5 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.
- 6 His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.
- 7 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one.

TLH 98 – Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Tim. 3: 16

Corde natus ex Parentis

Aurelius Prudentius, 413

Tr., John M. Neale, 1854, and

Henry W. Baker, 1861

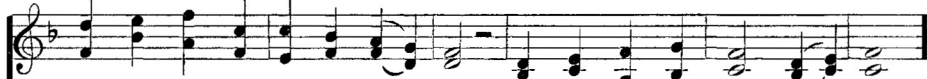
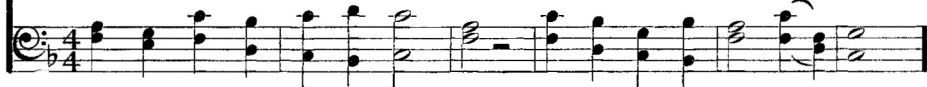
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Divinum mysterium

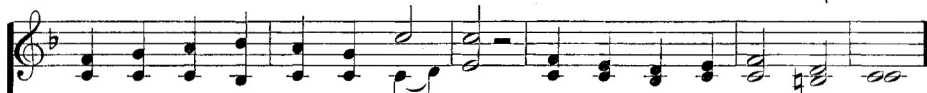
Plain-song tune, 12th century



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten Ere the worlds be-gan to be,
 2 Oh, that birth for-ev-er bless-ed When the Vir-gin, full of grace,
 3 O ye heights of heav'n, a-dore Him; An-gel hosts, His prais-es sing;
 4 This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one ac-cord;



He is Al-pha and O-me-ga, He the Source, the End-ing He,
 By the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, Bare the Sav-ior of our race,
 Pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore Him And ex-tol our God and King.
 Whom the Scriptures of the proph-ets Prom-ised in their faith-ful word.



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu-ture years shall see
 And the Babe, the world's Re-deem-er, First re-vealed His sa-cred face
 Let no tongue on earth be si-lent, Ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring
 Now He shines, the Long-ex-pect-ed; Let cre-a-tion praise its Lord



Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
 Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
 Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
 Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. A-men.



5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore.

WS 702 (1-4) – As Angels Joyed with One Accord

1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
 2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
 3 This done, He soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
 4 In ev - 'ry age — let praise a - bound — He comes;

the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
 that suits His de - i - ty, In low - ly state He
 phaned not His cho - sen band, For He, not bound in
 we hear His voice re - sound. His glo - rious gos - pel

bless the name Of Him who from the Fa - ther came.
 walked till He In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
 grace and pow'r, At - tends His own each day and hour.
 does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905-1996, abr., alt.

Tune: Latin melody, 15th cent., adapt.

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✝ 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 FDLutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

December 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Christmas Lunch
December 23	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
December 26	10:00 am	Worship Service
December 28	6:30 pm	Elders
December 31	6:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
January 2	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Thank You: Thank you to Dave Bernthal for leading our worship service this morning.

Pastor: Pastor Sauers last day of isolation due to COVID-19 is Monday. He will be able to resume his regular duties on Tuesday.

Christmas Lunch: Youth group will be hosting a Christmas lunch today beginning at 11:30 am.

Council Meeting Notes: Here are the highlights from the council meeting held this past Tuesday:

- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor has COVID-19. He is teaching classes for school virtually into his period of isolation is completed. He will be able to return to his regular duties on Tuesday, December 21st.
- **Financial Secretary's Report:** Offerings for November were as follows: Budgetary \$9,405.00; Mission \$1,827.00; Non-Budgetary \$1,015.00 (offerings/rent). The total offerings for the month were \$12,247.00.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Disbursements in November were: Budgetary \$10,305.25; Non-Budgetary \$35,029.83. The bulk of the non-Budgetary disbursements were used to pay for the Heating & Cooling system overhaul.
- **2022 Budget:** Council is working on a recommendation for the 2022 budget. The 2022 budget should be similar to that of 2021. The council is recommending about a 3% increase to the base salary for the called workers. The final recommendation will be completed at the January council meeting.
- **Annual Meeting:** The annual voters' meeting will be held on January 23rd following the worship service.

Piano Removal: The piano in the sanctuary is broken beyond repair and needs to be removed. If you can help in removing it, please contact Mike Schierenbeck (920-344-9580). We would like to use volunteers rather than paying someone to remove it if possible.

LM Called Workers' Gifts: This is a way of thanking and showing our appreciation to the called workers of Luther Memorial. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for our teacher/pastor, please place it in the designated box at the back of the church.

ILC Professor Gifts: This project began years ago to thank and acknowledge the word that is done at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire. This year we are again collecting monetary gifts for the professors. Your donation can be placed in the appropriate box at the back of the church.

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: Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has asked for a peaceful release from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. + Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, is still considering the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, is still considering the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FRUITS OF FAITH – December 8 & 12

Attendance: 12/8 - 30; 12/12 - 42

Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession	
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$2,569.00	LM General Budget (12/12)	\$200.00	CLC General Budget (12/12)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$507.92	-Under / +Over	-\$184.62	-Under / +Over
\$129,750.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$8,278.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$153,846.00	Year to Date Need	\$9,230.88	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$24,095.17	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$952.88	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)	
	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	\$75.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$50.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
\$100.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

