

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

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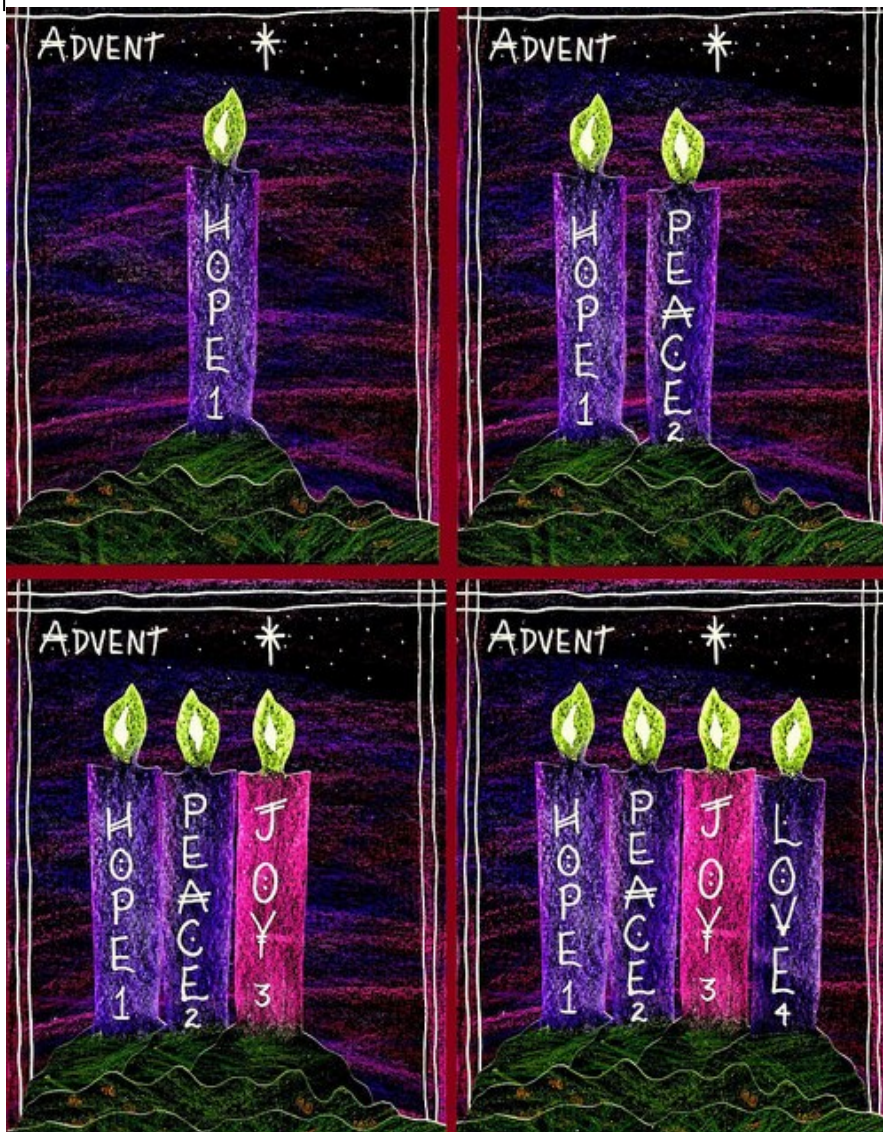
Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,
and serving others.*

December 22, 2019

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.





To Our Guests and Visitors

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* To find our nursery go to the Sunday School wing. The Nursery is just a few doors down this hallway.

* We have activity bags for youngsters to use during worship. The bags include soft toys and coloring books. Please help yourself to a bag. Be sure to return it after worship.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us.

* We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament.

* If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine for communion, there is grape juice in the center of the tray of glasses.

* Following our worship service there is coffee and tea on the table in our café area. Please stay for some fellowship.

WORSHIP SERVERS

Lay Coordinator:	Connie Gibbs
Ushers:	Connie & Terry Gibbs
Acolyte:	Jonah Rhodes
Reader:	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants:	Jana Coke, Max Lewis, and Jan Moch
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019 ~ WELCOME

It is a pleasure to worship together.
If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both,
please fill out the yellow pew card located on the back of a pew.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH LBW 71

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near!

Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Faithful God,

C: we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you.

We have not eagerly expected your coming.

We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor.

Restore us, God of might.

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

P: Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins.
Almighty God grant you forgiveness, keep you in the grace of Christ Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and hope.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light,
and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us
your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by
your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Just as the angels announced peace and goodwill at the birth of Jesus – at the end of
time, Christ will come with the angels to usher in His eternal peace, in which He will

reign forever and ever. We pray that His kingdom would come here and now, among us, by faith.

In peace we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Luke, Chapter 2:

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14)

Light four candles.

OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL

LBW 34, VERSE 4

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer	and death's dark shadows put to flight.
our spirits by your advent here;	Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,	Shall come to you, O Israel.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria!"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

²**For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

³"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**⁴“Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

**⁵They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”**

**⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

⁸“Who is this King of glory?”

“The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

**⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

¹⁰“Who is he, this King of glory?”

“The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

**¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his
Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son
of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus
Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the
obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are
called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be
saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

LBW 67, VERSE 1

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky...looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL ~ MATTHEW 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

Please Stand

SONG OF THE DAY ~ IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

LBW 54, VERSES 1,2 & 4

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

THE PRAYERS

A: Watchful at all times, let us pray in joyful anticipation for the advent of our God.

After each petition of the prayer the pastor will say "O giver of hope".

The congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

P: Sustain us in your promises, faithful God, as we watch for you, and gather us into the peaceful reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please Sit

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or session, concluding:)*

We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please Sit

DISTRIBUTION

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

In remembrance of Me,
Eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me,
Drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me,
Pray for the time
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me,
Heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me,
Feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me,
Open the door
And let your brother in,
Let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted;
Drink and remember too,
That this is My body and precious blood
Shed for you,
Shed for you.

In remembrance of Me,
Search for truth.
In remembrance of Me
Always love.
In remembrance of Me,
Don't look above,
But in your heart
Look for God

Do this in remembrance of Me.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ WHAT CHILD IS THIS

LBW 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

LBW 42

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him,
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

A-men.

COMMUNION SONG #4 ~ I LOVE YOU LORD

I love you, Lord, And I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, In what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "GLORY TO GOD"

(Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord fill you with joy and hope, as we look to His coming among us. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG ~ ~ SOON AND VERY SOON

WOV 744

Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Worship

We will offer two worship services on Christmas Eve.

The first service will be at 7:00 pm. This service will include carols and candle lighting and Holy Communion. Before the service we will offer a Christmas concert with our members sharing special music for the season.

The second service will be at 11:00 pm. We envision this as a smaller and quieter service. It will also include carols and candle lighting, and Holy Communion.

Please be thinking now of who you would like to invite for Christmas Eve worship. This is a great opportunity for inviting new people!

Christmas Eve Social

We are having a Christmas Eve Social December 24th from 5:30 to 7 PM. This was such a success last year we decided to do it again this year. We are asking that you bring a hors d'oeuvres / finger food to share . There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so you can let us know what finger food you will bring! We do not want anyone in the kitchen heating and serving food or having major clean-up duties. This is the perfect time to sit with friends, make new friends, talk, laugh, and eat delicious food -- we always have wonderful food. Our congregation is an awesome community that continues to grow. We thank God for all the blessings of his Son whose birth we celebrate during the Christmas Season. Please share this invitation with family and friends. See you all on Christmas Eve.

No Sunday School on December 22 and 29

We will **not** have Sunday School on **Dec. 22 and 29**. Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 are in the Narthex. Please be sure to go by and pick up your box.

Christmas in the Neighborhood

Thank you to all who are participating in our "Christmas in the Neighborhood" drive this year. Please bring the gifts to the church as soon as possible.

Bible Camp Registration

Just a reminder for registering for Lutherhill this summer. For high school students looking at the LYLE program, please register by the end of the year. For students in grades 4 through 8, be sure to register by mid-January. And for student in grades 4 through 8, remember if you register and pay in full by Dec. 15 there is a \$50 discount.

We are doing things differently this year, please register directly with Lutherhill. If you have any questions, please call pastor Mark.

Are You Available to Serve Christmas Eve @ 11:00 Service

The Worship Server's schedule for December is included in the December newsletter. However we need Ushers, Readers and Communion Servers who would be willing to serve at the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve. If you will be attending at 11:00 p.m. and are willing to serve, please let Debbie Miller know at dmiller@oslctyler.org, 903-561-1865 or leave a message on our voicemail. Thank you for your service.

Adult Sunday School – Jan. 5 – “What is all this talk about a Rapture?”

Our Adult Sunday School class is going to start the new year by taking a one-day look at a theory called the rapture. Some denominations teach that at the end of time, God will “rapture” or remove all Christians from the earth, and then begin a period of intense tribulation. It is a quite popular theory in East Texas.

Pastor Mark finds the theory to be most unhelpful and not a good interpretation of the Bible. On Sunday, Jan. 5 at 9:00 a.m., Pastor Mark will examine all of this. He will first present what the rapture theory teaches. And then he will critique it in light of what the Bible says.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 22— DECEMBER 29, 2019)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON. - WED. 10:00-2:00

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—December 22, 2019

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Meeting 11:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

No Activities Scheduled

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

Christmas Social 5:30 p.m.

 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. &
 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY— December 29, 2019

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day
 A Day to Give Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP		DECEMBER 15, 2019 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,000</u>	Worship Service	<u>131</u>
Prior December Offering	\$ 13,674	Year to Date Average	<u>125</u>
Offering on Sunday, Dec. 15	2,418		
Other Offering	<u>1,083</u>		
Cumulative December Offering	<u>\$ 17,175</u>		
Year to Date Offering	<u>\$ 261,701</u>		