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# The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

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## HOILP to Hold Two Joint Worship Services in 2022

Remember when we would schedule joint worship services with a meal to follow? Well, they're back.

The Parish Team has designated Pentecost Sunday (June 5<sup>th</sup>) and Christ the King Sunday (November 20<sup>th</sup>) for HOILP joint worship services. On those Sundays, there will be one worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal.

The Pentecost Service will be held at Immanuel. Immanuel's council will be planning the details of the meal at their May council meeting, but they are considering a cookout and eating outside. Keep an eye on the Sunday announcements for further details.

### Communion Workshop

Pastor Jeff will be holding a communion workshop for young people on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel. All students currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Invitations will go to those families through the mail as well.

Then on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pentecost Sunday worship, we will have a communion celebration with these young folks during worship. For some of them, that day will mark the first time they've had communion.

In addition, third graders will receive their Bibles on that day. Pastor Jeff plans on holding a class during the summer for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to teach them about their new Bibles.



**HOILP Joint Worship**  
Pentecost Sunday  
June 5, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.  
*Immanuel Lutheran*

The Parish Team is excited to be holding these once again and is hoping all of you will feel compelled to attend. To emphasize that we are having one unified service that day, and to encourage everyone to attend, the online worship video will be suspended for that week. The online services will return in the subsequent weeks, but as a means to celebrate our shared ministry all are encouraged to attend in person on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Also, June 5<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday, don't forget to wear red that day.

### Outdoor Worship - 2022

Dealing with the pandemic has been challenging and something we hope not to have to do again. But we did learn a few things through these challenging times.

One of the positives from the pandemic was that we learned how to effectively worship outside and that it can be a joyful experience. Thus, Immanuel will be holding monthly outdoor worship services this summer, not because we have to, but because we can.

The last Sunday of May, June, July, and August have been designated as outdoor worship days. Like last year, we will be utilizing the Paw Paw Lion's Club tent and asking worshipers to bring their own chairs if possible. And should the weather be inclement on one of those days, we will simply change gears and hold worship inside.

#### 2022 Outdoor Worship

May 29  
June 26  
July 31  
August 28

Additional outdoor services may be added during Season of Creation in September and October.

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## Worship

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### Grungy Sunday Coming to First

First Lutheran will be having “Grungy Sunday” on May 15, 2022.

What is Grungy Sunday? It’s the day you come to worship dressed in your grungy clothes.

Why have a grungy Sunday? Because we’re going to stay after worship to do spring cleaning for the church and for the parsonage.



Please plan on staying following worship on that day as we haven’t had a spring cleaning and there are a number of tasks that need to be done. Lunch will be provided, so you need not worry about going away hungry.

If you know of any jobs that need to be completed, please contact Alex or Jim Johnson who are compiling the list and prioritizing the jobs.

### Bell Choir

Did you enjoy the bell choir on Easter Sunday? We’re planning on doing occasional pieces to enhance our worship services. The next one will be at the joint worship service. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you’d like to be part of the June 5<sup>th</sup> bell choir please let Ron Duval or Sarah Goetz know.

### A Look Ahead in Worship

Pastor Jeff just returned from the workshop for pastors and other leaders of the synod to develop resources for Season of Creation. He can’t wait for its arrival, even though it won’t be until September and October. But prior to that, two ways which you can help:

#### Volunteer for Season of Creation Task Force

PJ is putting together a task force to plan and make Season of Creation even better. Please let him know if you’re willing to volunteer.

#### Start Taking Pictures

As always, we’ll have slide shows for the Sunday themes. Here’s the topics for you to start capturing pictures:

- Oceans and Lakes
- Animals
- Cosmos
- Storms and Weather

### Wanted: Ushers at Immanuel

Soon, we will be reviving and redefining ushers at Immanuel. Volunteers are needed. Ushers can range in age from 12 to 100. It’s a great thing to do as a couple or family. Please sign up on the table in the overflow. ***There will be a meeting for ushers on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.*** – prior to the HOILP joint worship service.

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## WELCA

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### JUSTICE (Mission Action) – Charlene Zimmerman

What does the Lord require of you but to do *justice*, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. (*Micah 6:8*)

### 2022 WELCA BAKELESS BAKE SALE

The 2022 **WELCA Bakeless Bake Sale** is here. Your donations would be appreciated to help WELCA with their year-end benevolences such as: World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, N.I.C.E., Horizon House, Lutheran Social Services and others.

Please put your check payable to WELCA in the enclosed envelope and return it to church with your regular offering, mail it to Immanuel, or place it in the designated box marked “Bakeless Bake Sale”. Thank you for your consideration.

### WELCA President’s Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

**Our quilt raffle ends on Sunday, May 8, Mother’s Day.** If there is enough interest we may have our Ladies Night Out in July (watch for future announcements) and our quarterly meeting.

# This and That

## N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – canned diced tomatoes, boxed potatoes, ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, pickles, large bags of chips, and Chunky or Progresso soup
- N.I.C.E. is currently accepting plastic bags but NO EGG CARTONS at this time.
- New opportunity to help on Friday mornings at N.I.C.E. Food pickups in DeKalb on Friday mornings (leave N.I.C.E. at 7:20 a.m.) and/or help sort produce and other food items at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Dave Koroscik at 815-751-0401

Thank you for your continued support for the N.I.C.E. Center.

## May is First's month to volunteer at N.I.C.E.

There is plenty to do, so please consider volunteering from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday Mornings! Also if you're able to help on Friday mornings with food pickup and unloading (see above), contact Dave Koroscik.

## First Lutheran Council Highlights

**March 21, 2022**

- Spring Cleanup Day at church/parsonage on Sunday, May 15
- Bid from Tip Top Roofing, Sycamore, was selected for new shingles on church roof
- Council contributed toward new laptop for Sunday videos/Powerpoints
- Back door and stair landing of church have been replaced
- Kitchen counter has been trimmed so stove can be placed properly
- Church or church member photos can be sent to Jim J. for use on the website
- Benevolence for March/April – Ukrainian refugees
- Benevolence for May/June – Lutherdale Bible Camp

## Immanuel's Scholarship Fund

Applications for Immanuel's Scholarship Fund are now available. Contact Debbie in the church office if you are interested in filling out an application. Deadline is June 15.

## Benevolence Offerings

**Immanuel:** May – Scholarship Fund, June – Local Outreach. Please use the envelopes found in this newsletter.

**First:** May & June - Lutherdale Bible Camp. Please use the benevolence box at church or designate it on the memo line of your check.

## Immanuel Council Highlights

**April 19, 2022**

- General Treasury ending balance March 31, 2022 is \$9,678.86
- Building & Grounds Committee report on upcoming repairs on church roof and soft bids
- Parish Committee working on Joint Worship plan, encouraging people back to church and three mission service projects
- \$500 approved toward Pastor's computer from Worship Accommodations fund (Farm 2020)
- Plans for monthly outdoor worship services May through August
- Approval for use of church for funeral dinners, etc.

## Immanuel Church Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Church office: 815-539-6567

*Debbie will be available from home in the afternoons. If you need anything, call or text: 815-866-6690 or email: [immanuelutherancompton@live.com](mailto:immanuelutherancompton@live.com).*

## HOILP on the Internet

### Websites & Facebook

First – [www.flcinlee.com](http://www.flcinlee.com)

[www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee](https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee)

Immanuel – [www.ilccompton.org](http://www.ilccompton.org)

[www.facebook.com/ilccompton](https://www.facebook.com/ilccompton)



[www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUM EeE1C2SlSP-YI65A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUM EeE1C2SlSP-YI65A)

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**May 1 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**May 8 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**May 15 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**May 22 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**May 29 – Outdoor Worship Immanuel (8:30)  
First (10:30)**

**June 5 – Joint Service at Immanuel (10:30)**  
**June 12 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**June 19 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**  
**June 26 – Outdoor Worship Immanuel (8:30)  
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