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HOILP Joint Worship - Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

Two thousand years ago, people of God from all over Israel and the surrounding areas were gathered in Jerusalem for a festival. And the spirit showed up and people spoke (or heard?) the good news of Jesus in different languages.

In 2024, people from all over Lee County and the surrounding counties will gather together outside Compton, IL for that same festival. There may or may not be different languages spoke (heard?), but the Spirit will be there.

On Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 2024 – the congregations of Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish

will gather together for one of their two annual joint worship services (the other is Christ the King Sunday). Immanuel will be hosting and the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to wear red, an old tradition for Pentecost Sunday.

HOILP Worship
Sunday, May 19, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Immanuel Lutheran
Fellowship Meal to Follow

Following the service, a fellowship meal will be provided by Immanuel's council. All table service and drinks will be provided so there is no need to bring

anything. The only thing you may want to throw in your car are lawn chairs so we can eat outside if the weather is favorable.

ELCA Youth Gathering - 2024



This summer, our small but mighty group of four will be heading down to New Orleans, Louisiana (often referred to NOLA) for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Participants Caleb and Liam Crumpton, accompanied by Jennifer Crumpton and Pastor Jeff, will experience five days of faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship.

The event kicks off on July 16th with the first "Mass Gathering" at The Smoothie King Center (the basketball stadium) where 30,000 youth and adults from across the country will unite under the theme "Created to Be." At mass gatherings, they will experience worship on a grand scale with guest speakers, music, and lots of enthusiasm.

The days that follow will be filled with educational opportunities, service projects, and fellowship, not to mention plenty of high-fives, peace signs, and hugs as we meet and talk with fellow Lutherans and the locals out on the streets. In the next few months, we'll be sharing some fun facts about our attendees as they prepare for their trip. Also be sure to follow our social media in July where we will be posting pictures of our time in NOLA.

Immanuel Congregation Meeting

May 19, 2024 – 10 a.m.
(prior to Joint Worship)

One item on the agenda:
the church parking lot.

HOILP on the Internet

First
www.flcinlee.com
www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee
Immanuel
www.ilccompton.org
www.facebook.com/ilccompton
HOILP YouTube
www.youtube.com/@hoilp

Creation Care “Corner”

The HOILP Creation Care Corp (CCC) met on April 17th at Immanuel. Three major pieces of business were accomplished. First, the following mission was adopted for the CCC:

To incorporate care for creation into the identify and mission of HOILP so that there is a spirit of care for God’s Earth in all that we do.

And second, they will be asking each council to review HOILP Care-for-Creation Covenant and discuss and adopt it at their May meetings. This covenant is modeled after the one provided by Lutherans Restoring Creation, a national grassroots organization that exists for the same reason as HOILP’s CCC, only to keep the ELCA focused on Creation.

And finally, it was decided the CCC would meet bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. So the next meeting will be June 12, 2024. All are welcome.



Picture submitted by Nick Ganz

Challenge – Bag Free Month of May

No plastic bags. Like really, NO BAGS. Why?

- Plastic grocery bags dissolve into harmful microplastics and, hurting and killing animals.
- Even though they are technically recyclable, they must go to a special location and cannot be put in your curbside bin or local drop off.
- They are the #1 contaminant in recycling loads.
- They act as “tangles,” getting caught in machinery and shutting down equipment.

Rule of thumb: If you can carry your purchases to the checkout, you don’t need a bag to carry them to your car. Too much to carry? Take re-useable bags with you when you shop.

“Good Images” - Monthly Categories

January: Furry Friends	July: Sky*
February: Winter Scene	August: Humans in Nature*
March: Earth Scenes*	September: Wild Critters
April: Spring has sprung	October: Fall Colors
May: Mountains and Hills*	November: Harvest
June: Flowers	December: Sunrise/Sunset

*These categories are the 2024 Season of Creation themes. Images will be utilized for SOC power points and videos.

WELCA

WELCA President’s Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

- 2024 **Bakeless Bake Sale!** Please put your check payable to WELCA in the enclosed envelope & return it to church with your offering, mail it to Immanuel, or place it in the designated box marked “Bakeless Bake Sale”. Your donations will help World Hunger, LWR, N.I.C.E., Horizon House, LSSI, etc. Thank you!
- Items for **LWR Personal Care Kits:** light or medium weight dark color bath towels, 4-5 oz. size bars of bath soap in wrappers. Donations go in LWR totes in the room next to the office. **Thank you!**
- Quilting continues. Check weekly announcements for dates.

Discipleship & Fellowship

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – spaghetti’s, ravioli (canned), cleaning products (Fabuloso, Comet, etc.)
- We are looking for volunteers to pick up food in DeKalb & deliver to the NICE Center. Call Dave (815-751-0401) or Maria (630-917-5331). We also need help unloading food trucks every month on the 1st Friday (8:00) and 3rd Tuesday (9:00). Volunteers can also come ANY Saturday from 8:00-11:00 to help with distribution.

Worship

Worship Team Schedule

May 9, 2024
 June 6, 2024
 Aug 1, 2024
 Sept 5, 2024
 Oct 3, 2024
 Nov 7, 2024
 Dec 5, 2024

4th Thursday Filming Thursday, May 23

Liturgists & Readers
 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel

Singers
 6:30 p.m. at First

Upcoming
 June 27 (singers only)
 July 25

Bell Choir

Come be part of the HOILP bell choir as we prepare a piece for HOILP's joint worship on Pentecost Sunday. Look for details coming soon.

Ways to Share HOILP Worship with Others

- Share our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@hoilp
- Ask people to subscribe to YouTube channel
- Share and like the weekly Facebook post to worship
- Forward weekly email about worship to others.
And most importantly...
- Invite people to worship with you on Sunday morning

Readers at Immanuel & First

Have you ever thought about being a reader for our Sunday worship services?
New readers are always welcome!
 Contact Debbie at Immanuel or Kristen at First if you are interested.

Around the Parish

Immanuel Council Highlights - April 18, 2024

- General Treasury balance 3/31/24: \$532.99.
- \$3,000 transferred from the Amdex to the General Fun in March.
- A congregational meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19. It will be a single topic meeting to discuss paving the church parking lot.
- The council will furnish the food for the meal following the joint worship service on May 19.
- Voted to give Horizon House \$300 from the Council discretionary fund for their Road to Independence fundraiser.

Thank you to the Barnickel Family for cleaning up the Immanuel cemetery for Easter.

Immanuel's General Treasury for March 2024

	Month	YTD
Receipts for March	\$13,202.66	
Expenses for March	\$17,182.34	
Receipts YTD		\$49,141.10
Expenses YTD		\$58,818.16
Net/(Loss)	(\$3,979.68)	(\$9,677.06)

Weekly need for budget: \$3,885.00

March average weekly offering: \$2,478.00

Let keep up the good works here at Immanuel. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted - Harlan G. Eames

First Council Highlights - March 17, 2023

- The same company will mow the church property in 2024, with the same cost as 2023.
- Renters are in place and everything is running smoothly with the Parsonage.
- The Lee Sesquicentennial will be celebrated in July. The village has asked if First Lutheran could be used for an opening ceremony of some kind. More details to follow.

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.

Church Office Hours

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

Debbie will is available in the afternoons. If you need anything, call or text: 815-866-6690 or email: immanuel.lutheran.compton@live.com.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May 5 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)**
**May 12 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)**
**May 19 – Immanuel (10:30)
Joint Worship/M meal following**
**May 26 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)**

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