



# The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

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## Immanuel Distributes Benevolence Funds

Immanuel continued its annual tradition of distributing funds to local organizations that work to provide services to the community. Recipients this year included Illinois Valley PADS (\$2000), MASS (\$1000), Horizon House (\$1000), and Kreider Services (\$1000).

The money comes from the Marilyn Blum bequest that was unexpectedly gifted to the congregation in 2010. When it was received, the congregation decided to use a portion of the money annually with the primary focus being outward. Each year, \$10,000 is withdrawn from the funds, \$5000 which is earmarked toward local charitable organizations. The rest is divided evenly between the Immanuel scholarship fund and the capital improvement fund.

Each year, in late summer or early fall, the council has the privilege of earmarking the \$5000



CEO Michelle Rich of Horizon House receives the gift from Immanuel presented by PJ.

and in recent years, Pastor Jeff has hand delivered the gifts.

“It’s nice to show up bearing good news for these organizations,” said Pastor Jeff. “These organizations are doing the exact sort of work that we want to be doing as the Church. We of course can’t do everything,” he adds, “but we can support those organizations who are doing it on our behalf and for the sake of the entire community.”



PJ presents check for PADS to Outreach & Development Coordinator Hope Alyea.



PJ presents check to Laurie Moore, Outreach Specialist of MASS

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Jennifer Dewey, Director of Finance, accepts the check from PJ for Kreider Services.

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## Worship

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### Senior Service – November 7

Last year when we had a youth service for one of our videos, one of the senior members of the parish asked PJ, “When are you going to have a senior service.” Apparently he put that in his memory bank as he now announces that November 7<sup>th</sup> will be designated as HOILP’s first senior service.

“I plan on all of our readers, prayers, singers, to be 70 years old and up,” he said.

If you fit in that age category and are willing to participate please let him know. He says he hopes to have all the pieces of the service filmed by the end of the month.

### Worship Videos

We continue to produce worship videos and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. They have proven to be an effective way to reach out and invite people to check us out. There have been many people who have visited us virtually. Please don’t forget to share these videos via facebook, or email, or text message. It’s an easy way to invite someone to church.

### Acolytes Return

After a year without confirmands and a year and a half of pandemic, Immanuel is excited have young people who have started confirmation serving as acolytes. Be sure to express your appreciation to them when you are at worship at Immanuel.

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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*)

**THANKOFFERINGS will be collected during November. Another ‘strange’ year but there are always things to be thankful for. These offerings are given to support the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together with thousands of congregations these offerings are given to mobilize women throughout the world to boldly act on their faith. Please use the blue Thankoffering envelope in this newsletter and return it to church.**

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## This and That

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**Friday Morning Bible Study is back** and will be held every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the overflow at Immanuel. We will discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Come as you are and bring a friend!

### **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/UChxbzUMEeE1C2SIsP-YI65A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUMEeE1C2SIsP-YI65A)

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## This and That

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

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – canned corn, kidney/chili beans, diced tomatoes, sugar, ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, Ranch salad dressing, strawberry jam, pie filling, pudding mixes, instant potatoes, toothpaste, deodorant, dish soap
- Building improvements will continue next few months
- Donations & pledges are still coming in from N.I.C.E. Walk on Sept. 18
- Food Pantry is serving families each Saturday morning.

### Poinsettias

Sign-up begins Nov. 7 at Immanuel & First for poinsettias. Call Debbie or email at (815-539-6567), [immanuelutherancompton@live.com](mailto:immanuelutherancompton@live.com) or sign-up at Immanuel. Cost is \$9.25 and deadline is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

### Immanuel Council Highlights

**October 14, 2021**

- General Treasury ending balance September 30, 2021 is \$5,709.49
- Plans for Confirmation to begin this Fall
- Pastor's vacation October 21-27
- Our donation to Paw Paw Lions Club was given to N.I.C.E. Walk in Immanuel's name
- A joint Council meeting will be held with First, Lee on November 21, 2021

### Benevolence Offerings

Immanuel's benevolence offering for November is Northern Illinois Synod. Please use the envelope found in the newsletter.

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## Joys and Concerns

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### November Birthdays

- 1 – Peter Taylor, Tom Thompson
- 2 – Becky Sarver, Justin Askins, Gail Zimmerman, Justin Post
- 3 – Jeff Eich
- 4 – Debbie Rebholz
- 5 – David Bittner, Brad Betz, Sam Schlesinger
- 7 – Lillian Joyce Corn
- 8 – Kevin Ganz, Erik Fagerman, Sam Knoblauch
- 9 – Jerry McCormick
- 10 – Sarah Goetz, Steve Kromm
- 11 – Connie Avery, Charlene Zimmerman, Suzanne Delhotal
- 14 – Randy Shaddick
- 15 – Mark Swope
- 18 – Harper Ganz, Ted Muncy
- 20 – Kathy Ross, Janell Happ, Cyndie Prodzenski
- 22 – Dian Reppin, David Kromm
- 23 – Danielle Krenz
- 24 – Chris Sarver, Domenic Richey
- 25 – Kris Neal
- 26 – Haylee Ganz, Alicia Nelson
- 29 – Emily Erickson-Betz

### November Anniversaries

- 2 – Dave & Nancy Walzer
- 14 – Chuck & Linda Sellers
- 24 – Mike & Diane Reppin
- 30 – Dwight & Margaret Frick

### Prayer Corner

Homebound – Joan Benner, Harold Schlesinger, Arlene Archer, Gene Williams, Marilyn Ward, Phyllis Larsen

Monthly Requests – Sharon Kellen, Whitley Clayton, Gary Holle, Ed & Joan Benner, Judy Moller (Gary & Randy Holle's sister)

Newly Baptized – Masyn Jaymes Rebholz (4/25)  
Tucker Slade Olson (5/23)

Affirmed in Baptism - (11/22) Emily Lovett, Julie Lovett (*Reaffirmation*)

Mourning Families - Jessica Albert Family (1/23), Cindy Schlesinger Family (1/23), Nathan Eich Family (1/27), Dennis Weiler Family (2/2), Bud Archer Family (3/25), Richard Bettner (9/8)

Our Leaders - ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements, HOILP Pastor Jeff Schlesinger

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**November 7 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**November 14 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**November 21 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**November 28 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

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