

November 2022



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The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

HOILP Joint Service to Cap Off Church Year

First Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran will gather together for worship to conclude the church year.

The final Sunday of the year on the liturgical calendar – Christ the King Sunday – is November 20, 2022. The two congregations will gather that day at 10:30 a.m. at First Lutheran for a single joint worship service. Pastor Jeff is putting together a special service he is calling, “Where we’ve been, where we’re going.”

The service itself will be followed by a lunch. Rumor has it that it will include Mike Davis’ famous ham and Pastor Jeff’s less famous Italian beef. So come that day ready to fill your sole with God’s word, and to fill your belly with good home cookin’.

Following worship the councils will meet jointly for their annual fall meeting. And then, just to make sure they aren’t underworked, the First Lutheran council will gather for its regularly scheduled council meeting.

November 20, 2022
One Worship Service
10:30 a.m. at First
(lunch to follow)

Sunday School Returns!!

With the start of the new church year, Sunday School will be returning to Immanuel. At the leadership of Kathy Ross and Kim Menzel, we will gather weekly following worship at Immanuel. Check out page two of the newsletter for full details.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

As has been tradition, there will be a Thanksgiving Eve service at Immanuel to kick off this unique national holiday. An informal service, it is designed to offer an opportunity to provide an opportunity to give thanks to our Creator before heading off for our family gatherings the following day.

November 23, 2022
Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
7:00 p.m. at Immanuel

HOILP Food Swap

The November Food Swap date of November 20th is on the joint service day in Lee. We will have a special swap called the Food/Recipe swap. With Thanksgiving the following Thursday, bring your favorite Thanksgiving food recipe, in print form, along with your food items to the swap. After the service, review other recipes and take home your favorite to try for a new taste to your Thanksgiving meal. Bring the recipe in a print/written form of some kind. Maybe even with a picture, if you would have one.

The December Food Swap date of December 18th will be a Christmas Cookie Swap. Bring small plates of your favorite Christmas cookies/bars/desserts to the food swap. After the service, come back and swap a scrumptious looking dessert back to your house.

A reminder that, although only fresh, canned or dry good items can be taken to the pantries, everyone is encouraged to bring those and/or frozen, preserved, canned items to the swap. Also, we encourage for all food swap events that if you know of specific families in need to bag up any of the times to take to them directly. Everyone is able to participate in the swap and anyone can take leftover items once the swap is finished. Those items that can’t go to a pantry, we ask that you take back home with you.

Thank you for your participation.

**Sunday School Is Returning to
Immanuel On Sunday, December 4!**



**When: Every Sunday after 8:30 AM Church
Service (Approx. 9:30-10:15 AM)**

Where: Downstairs at Immanuel

Who: Preschoolers-Eighth Graders

**In December, we will be learning more about
Christmas through stories, music, crafts, and
games. Snacks will be provided.
(No class on Christmas Day and New Year's Day).**

This and That

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, bags of flour & sugar, boxed potatoes, canned soup, marshmallows, and instant coffee.
- November is the month for First to volunteer at N.I.C.E. There is plenty to do, so please consider volunteering from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday mornings.
- We need help for 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.

First Lutheran Council Highlights **September 25, 2022**

- A regular cemetery visitor presented some concerns to Council President Jim Johnson. All comments were addressed by the Council.
- Pastor's Report included an expression of sympathy to Pastor at the passing of his father and regular updates on the Parish and Worship Teams.
- Jim will form a small committee to put forth a plan for the future of the church parsonage.
- Volunteers agreed to plan and provide meat dishes for the 11/20/22 Joint worship service/Joint council meeting/First regular council meeting that will all occur that day.

Benevolence Offerings

Immanuel: November – Northern Illinois Synod. Please use the envelope found in this newsletter.

First: November - TBD Please use the benevolence box at church or designate it on the memo line of your check.

Immanuel's 2023 Weekly Offering Envelopes, calendars, and Church Directory are now available. Please pick yours up today!

Immanuel Council Highlights **October 20, 2022**

- General Treasury ending balance September 30, 2022 is \$326.26
- Damaged tree removed at parsonage and septic tank at parsonage was cleaned out
- Council voted to transfer \$5,200 from Capital Fund to General Fund
- Transferred \$500 from Farm 2021 Benevolence to Sunshine Meals Program
- Working on plans to re-establish Sunday School by mid-November
- Joint Council Meeting with First at Lee on Sunday, November 20

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia sign-up sheets are available at Immanuel & First, or call/email Debbie at immanuellutherancompton@live.com 815/539-6567. Cost is \$10.00 and deadline is November 27. Place your money in an envelope marked "poinsettia" and place it in the offering basket or mail it to Immanuel. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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: immanuellutherancompton@live.com.

HOILP on the Internet

Websites & Facebook

First – www.flcinlee.com

www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee

Immanuel – www.ilccompton.org

www.facebook.com/ilccompton



www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUMEeE1C2SIsP-YI65A

WELCA

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. We have many 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.

WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

WELCA Christmas Quilt Raffle



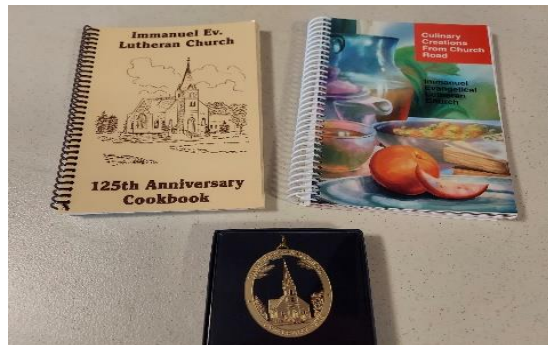
Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00

WELCA is raffling this Christmas quilt. Drawing will be after church on November 27. Please write your name, address, phone number on the slip of paper and place it in the container. Make checks payable to WELCA.

Elaine's Quilt size: 94" x 84"

The quilt top was assembled by Elaine Zimmerman. Our quilting ladies finished putting it together. Funds received from this quilt will be used for yearly donations made by our WELCA group.

Still available are Immanuel's Cookbooks – old (125th anniversary) & new (2007) - \$5.00 each and Immanuel's 150th Anniversary Christmas Ornament - \$2.00. They make great Christmas gifts! (see Debbie in the church office.)



Worship

Immanuel's Altar Committee Needs Help!

In looking ahead to plans for 2023 (it's not that far away!) we are in desperate need of some additional volunteers. No experience needed!! Duties include preparing for weekly services, decorating for holidays and festivals, and prepping for weddings and funerals. Many hands will make light work for everyone! You may sign up at church or call the church office. Any questions, call Karla Eames 815-539-6055.

Ushers & Bell Ringers at Immanuel

With the new church year we will be putting together an usher schedule at Immanuel. If you are willing to help, please let Debbie know so that we can include you on the schedule. Also, bell ringers will be included on that schedule, if you are a seasoned bell ringer or would like to learn, please let her know.

HOILP Happenings

Making Lasagna for "Sunshine Meals"



9 Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish members worked together recently to assemble 12 pans of lasagna. This pasta along with salad and garlic bread are available to give to members of our congregations or communities who are sick, returning home from the hospital or just need a "perk me up". If you know of anyone who could use a ray of sunshine in their lives, give Debbie at Immanuel a call.



Leaf Peeping 2022



Images from Leaf Peeping
October 27, 2022



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 6 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

November 13 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

November 20 – Joint Worship at First (10:30)

**November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00 p.m. at Immanuel**

November 27 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

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