

November 2023



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The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Confirmation Sunday - October 29, 2023

Two young men were confirmed in their faith on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at the regularly scheduled service at Immanuel. After two years of instruction and faith growing experiences, Caleb Crumpton and Liam Crumpton chose to affirm their faith publicly before the members of Immanuel.

Over the last two years, Pastor Jeff has walked with them through Luther's Small Catechism as well as the Old and New Testaments. They have served as acolytes, completed 18 worship reports each year, and even helped provide a video version of the passion story for Passion Sunday in 2022.

We celebrate with these two young men and look forward to see how they continue to contribute to the mission of Immanuel Lutheran and Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish.



Caleb Thomas Crumpton

born
March 4, 2008

baptized
May 4, 2008

confirmed
October 29, 2023



Liam Robert Crumpton

born
February 19, 2010

baptized
April 25, 2010

confirmed
October 29, 2023



Thanksgiving Eve "Worship around the Table"



Mired down in preparing for a Thanksgiving get together? Take a break and get a meal in the process!

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve "Worship around the Table" on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Immanuel. Pastor Jeff and Theresa will provide chili and soup as we worship while we eat, giving thanks to God every step of the way. You need not bring anything but yourself. Come as you are - all are welcome.

HOILP Joint Worship - November 26th

On Sunday, November 26, 2023, the congregations of Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish will gather at First Lutheran at 10:30 a.m. for a joint worship service. A few years ago, Pentecost Sunday and Christ the King Sunday were identified as the days joint worship would take place. Keeping with that tradition, we conclude our liturgical year together.

Following the worship, there will be a fellowship meal in the basement at First. Food and dinnerware will all be provided, so all you have to do is show up.

Remember...
Only **one service** at
HOILP on Nov 26th
10:30 a.m.
First Lutheran

Season of Creation Field Trip

On Friday, October 13, 2023, five hearty souls set out in search of fall colors. But the superstition around unlucky Friday the 13th appeared to come to fruition during the journey as incessant rain threatened their plans to gaze upon God's canvas of autumnal glory. But they would not be denied. The rain may have prevented them from capturing photographic images of the many colored leaves, but from the protection of the Eames' van, they still observed this October phenomenon as they journeyed north and west along US highway 52. They especially released many "oohs" and "ahs" as they traveled along the mighty Mississippi between Savanna, Illinois and Dubuque, Iowa.

Neither was the unfortunate weather of this so called fearsome day able to prevent them from taking delight in their other stops for the day. The National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium delighted their eyes and piqued their minds with its many fascinating displays and its live creatures that live in and around our waterways. Nor were those tumultuous skies able to inhibit a delightful meal in the lovely little town of Galena, Illinois.

These experiences along with wonderful fellowship made for a marvelous day for all.



Worship

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 19. 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.



Fellowship Time returns!
Treats for fellowship time at Immanuel (after 8:30 worship) and First (before 10:30 worship) have started. Sign up if you would like to provide treats, juice/coffee.

Fourth Thursday Filming
Join us to record the readings, liturgy, and music for our online worship videos. Details about the times are available in weekly announcements.
*4th Thursday Dates: November 30
December 28*



Bell Choir
The HOILP Bell Choir prepares a piece for Easter and Christmas as well as for joint worship services when possible. All are welcome to participate. The schedule for this year's Christmas selection is:
Practice - November 8, 6:30 p.m.
Practice & Record – November 14, 6:30

Did you know?



Did you know we have a new hymnal? The ELCA has published a new hymnal called "All Creation Sings" that adds hymns to our repertoire using new and old tunes. You won't find this hymnal in the pews as we have not purchased enough hard copies for the congregations. But we do hold the digital rights to it so you will see words and sometimes music, printed on the screen so we can continue to use this valuable resource. So if you see a hymn marked as ACS with a very high hymn number, it is from this new hymnal. Now you know.

Worship Liturgies Set

A new liturgical year begins on December 3rd with the beginning of Advent. At its October meeting, the worship team set the tentative plan for worship liturgies for year B of the lectionary cycle.

- Advent**..... New liturgy put together by PJ
(4 Sundays – 12/3 to 12/24)
- Christmas** no set liturgy
(Christmas & 1 Sunday – 12/31)
- Epiphany**..... Setting 10 (ELW 203-209)
(7 Sundays – 1/7 to 2/11)
- Lent** Spoken Liturgy
(6 Sundays – 2/14 to 3/30)
- Easter** Setting 6 (ELW 165-174)
(8 Sundays – 3/31 to 5/19)
- Pentecost** (Summer 1) Setting 8 (ELW 184-192)
(8 Sundays 5/26 to 7/14)
- Pentecost** (Summer 2) Lord Listen Setting
(7 Sundays – 7/21 to 9/1)
- Season of Creation** SOC Liturgy
(5 Sundays – 9/8 to 10/6)
- Pentecost** (Autumn) Setting 3 & 4 (ELW 138-155)
(7 Sundays – 10/13 to 11/24)

Worship Team
All are welcome to participate on the HOILP Worship Team as it strives to plan meaningful and inspirational worship experiences. Meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, here is the tentative schedule through 2024:

- November 2, 2023
- December 7, 2023 – *if necessary*
- January 4, 2024
- February 1, 2024
- March 7, 2024
- April 4, 2024 – *if necessary*
- May 2, 2024
- June 6, 2024
- July 4, 2024 – *do not meet*
- August 1, 2024
- September 5, 2024
- October 3, 2024
- November 7, 2024
- December 5, 2024 – *if necessary*

WELCA

WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

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.

We have completed our LWR quilts & kits for 2023. The total is: 100 school kits, 15 personal care kits, and 76 quilts for LWR. **Thank you** all for sewing the school bags and quilts and for all your donations.

We will continue to have quilting days. Announcements will be made on Sundays.

Discipleship & Fellowship

N.I.C.E. Center Update

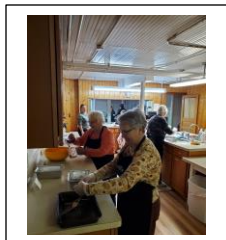
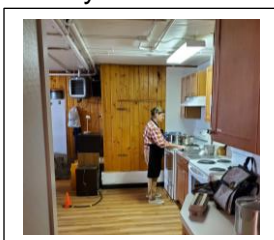
- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – ketchup, mustard, sugar, flour, soups – chicken noodle, cream of mushroom & cream of chicken. Also, salt, pepper, other spices, stick margarine, evaporated milk, mayo, salad dressings, canned gravy. We will be making our own boxes for the Christmas meals.

Confirmation students service project for October was making turkeys out of pine cones and turkey shaped rice krispie treats for our HOILP shut-in members.



Sunshine Meals

Nine HOILP members and two guests worked together recently to assemble 16 pans of lasagna. This pasta along with salad and garlic bread are given to members of our congregations or communities who are sick, have lost a loved one or just need a “perk me up”. We hope that this outreach puts a ray of sunshine in their lives. Please let Debbie know in the church office when you plan to take one of these meals. There are 3 sizes this year small, medium, large. There is also a card on the freezer door to take with you.



Night on the Town: “Fast Food Night”

November 18, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Culvers - Rochelle

Sign up at Immanuel & First if you can join us!

Can you host a NOTT?

Responsibilities: Choose a Friday or Saturday, location, sign-up sheet, make reservations

Open Months – **Putting 2024 schedule together**

Interested? Contact Theresa Schlesinger:
tschlesinger@comcast.net or 815.878.8372

Immanuel News

Immanuel's General Treasury for Sept. 2023

	Month	YTD
Receipts for Sept.	\$11,291.40	
Expenses for Sept.	\$15,252.59	
Receipts YTD		\$129,070.70
Expenses YTD		\$168,745.59
Net/(Loss)	(\$3,961.19)	(\$39,674.59)

To meet our budget for 2023 our goal is \$3965.00 a week, we had 4 weekly offerings of \$2648.00 this month.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Harlan G. Eames
Financial Officer

Avg. Sunday
attendance in
September - 43

Immanuel's "Raise the Roof"

*Donations can still be made by mailing to Immanuel or place in the offering plate.
Thank You!!*

Immanuel Council Highlights October 19, 2023

- General Treasury ending balance September 30, 2023 was \$25.00.
- \$4,000.00 needed to be borrowed from the Capital Improvement Fund in September to cover the monthly operating expenses.
- As of October 17, the amount received for the new roof is \$67,486.12.
- Work on the new roof is targeted to begin November 7.
- The council approved a motion made by Pastor Jeff Schlesinger to approve Caleb and Liam Crumpton for the rite of confirmation.

Immanuel's 2024 Weekly Offering Envelopes, calendars, and church directory will be available soon! Please pick yours up!

Benevolence Offering

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.

First News

First Council Highlights September 17, 2023

- Council approved a special checking account for handling rent income & repair cost items for leasing the parsonage.
- Church Mutual approved a funding shortage for replacing the church steeple cross & sent additional funding for that work.
- Landowner permission was received to remove the rusted church sign from along U.S. Highway 30.
- A Congregational Meeting was discussed to reduce the quorum requirements for such meetings & to get approval for studying and setting up a non-profit charitable organization that would provide long-term funding of church properties such as the cemetery. The Council will meet after a future worship to approve the date of such meeting.

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: immanuel.lutheran.compton@live.com.

HOILP on the Internet

Websites & Facebook

First – www.flcinlee.com

www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee

Immanuel – www.ilccompton.org

www.facebook.com/ilccompton

HOILP YouTube - www.youtube.com/@hoilp

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 5 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

November 12 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

November 19 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

November 26– Joint Service at First (10:30)

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