



November 2024



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# The Parish Voice

**A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Compton, IL 61318  
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## Heart of Illinois Lutheran Joint Worship – November 24<sup>th</sup>

Both congregations of Heart of Illinois Lutheran will be gathering at First Lutheran on the final day of the church year for one of its two annual joint worship services. November 24<sup>th</sup> is Christ the King Sunday and, along with Pentecost Sunday, has become one of the two annual “fellowship” worships of the parish.

A time to break bread together will take place with the luncheon that follows the service. It is this meal that makes this service a fellowship service. There are

other services that, out of practicality, have become collaborative between the congregations (such as Christmas Day, and the Sunday following

Christmas), but it is on Pentecost Sunday and Christ the King Sunday that the fellowship meal is planned. Thus, as you sit down for lunch, you are encouraged to sit with a get to know a member from the other HOILP congregation.

**HOILP Joint Worship**  
November 24, 2024  
First Lutheran  
10:30 a.m.

Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will occur shortly following worship. If you’re from Immanuel, sleep a little later that day and then put 240 W Hardanger Gate in your GPS. If you’re from First, perhaps

arrive a little earlier than normal so you can welcome your neighbors and fellow parishioners from the South.

## Thanksgiving Services

There will be two Thanksgiving worship opportunities this year at HOILP.

First Lutheran will be participating in the Lee Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. which is being hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church (3½ miles north of Lee on Perry Road). A pie social will follow, so come hungry.

The second opportunity is the Thanksgiving Eve service that Immanuel has been hosting for many years. As it was last year, we will be “worshipping around the table.” Gathering in the fellowship hall, we will worship as we enjoy a soup supper by the Schlesingers (Pastor Jeff & Theresa). Come hungry. Come as you are. Come with a guest or two (or more). But most importantly, come ready to give thanks to God.

### Thanksgiving Worship

Lee Community Worship – 11/24/2024  
Calvary Lutheran Church – 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 11/27/2024  
Immanuel Lutheran Church – 6 p.m.

### All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

*Check out page 4 to see the saints we commended to God this last year.*



### 2024 HOILP Leaf Peepers

*For a report and pictures on the adventures of the HOILP Leaf Peeping field trip, check out page 5.*

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# Worship

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## Ways to Share HOILP Worship

- Share our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@hoilp](http://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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Filming

Because the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Filming will be scheduled for a different time this month. At the time of printing, the new dates and times have not yet been determined. Keep an eye on weekly announcements for updates on this.

## Worship Team Schedule

Nov 7, 2024

Dec 5, 2024

## Sunday Fellowship

Please consider providing simple little treats for fellowship time following worship at Immanuel or before worship at First. Sign up today!

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## WELCA

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### WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

- **Thankofferings** will be collected during Nov. We have many things to be thankful for. These offerings are given to support the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Please use the blue Thankoffering envelope in this newsletter and return it to church.
- We will continue to have quilting days.

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## Discipleship & Fellowship

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

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – Sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, chocolate chips, boxed potatoes, soup (no tomato), jelly/jam (no grape), Kleenex, kid's cereal, mayo, ketchup.
- Pajamas for 2T-18 youth, Lounge pants-youth & adult, Long-sleeved pullover shirts-youth & adult. Need by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Immanuel Altar Guild Recruitment

Please consider joining the Altar Guild for the New Year. We currently have 5 members: Holly Phalen, Rhonda McCormick, LuAnn Kromm, Sarah Pfeifer and Theresa Schlesinger.

A goal of 9 members is desired. The committee's main responsibility is the Sanctuary of the church and the Sacristy. A basic schedule consists of 3-4 months, two members each month and new committee members serve with one experienced member. Committee is also responsible for weddings, funerals, etc. during their month. All committee is invited to set up for Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and Harvest Sunday and cleaning dates. Substituting for a member may be necessary. The Altar Committee is able and willingly flexible for personal needs. Committee members for each month should be responsible and dependable. The church is God's house. All members should be seriously impressed with the importance and dignity of their work, and let it be done humbly to the greater glory of God.

Prayerfully consider this calling. Please contact a committee member as soon as possible to be included on a schedule for the coming year. -Respectfully submitted, Holly Phalen

# Around the Parish

## Immanuel

### Council Highlights – October 17, 2024

- General Treasury ending balance on September 30 was \$772.40, which was a net loss for the month of (\$5,069.47).
- \$5,000.00 needed to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to the General Treasury to pay operating expenses.
- Thank you notes were received from the Compton Fire Department and the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry for donations received.
- The Farm Account balance at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is \$11,141.13.
- The joint council meeting will be Sunday, November 24, after the joint worship service and luncheon at First.

**Immanuel's 2025 Weekly Offering Envelopes, calendars, and church directory are now available! Please pick yours up!**

### Church Farm Work Day #2

The Farm Committee is planning a second work day to address the invasive trees along the west side of the creek. Possible dates, weather permitting, are November 16 or 23, or December 7. Please pencil in those dates until we make a final decision. There will be refreshments! We hope this project will be as successful as the previous one, and we very much appreciate all the help we can get.

Having the church farm is a blessing that allows Immanuel to continue its good work both locally and globally!

### **HOILP on the Internet**

*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)

*HOILP YouTube*

[www.youtube.com/@hoilp](http://www.youtube.com/@hoilp)

## First

### Council Highlights – Sept. 15, 2024

- Suggested date for congregational meeting is Nov. 3, to discuss current financial situation and the future.
- HOILP joint worship service will be hosted by First Lutheran on Nov. 24. Fellowship lunch will be provided after service; First Council will coordinate.
- Suggested date for Joint Council meeting is Nov. 24. This needs to be confirmed with Immanuel.
- November/December suggested benevolence recipient is the Lee Fire Department.

### Immanuel General Treasury – Sept. 2024

	Month	YTD
Receipts for Sept.	\$10,346.34	
Expenses for Sept.	\$15,442.81	
Receipts YTD		\$135,991.71
Expenses YTD		\$166,429.36
Net/(Loss)	<b>(\$5,096.47)</b>	(\$30,437.65)

*Weekly need for budget: \$3,885.00*

*Sept. average weekly offering: \$2,587.00*

Let keep up the good work! Thank you for your continued support.

*Respectfully submitted - Harlan G. Eames*

### Church Office Hours

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

*Debbie is available in the afternoons. If you need anything, call or text: 815-866-6690 or email:*

*[immanuelutherancompton@live.com](mailto:immanuelutherancompton@live.com).*

## Remembering HOILP Saints

At Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish there is an annual tradition on All Saints Sunday. Each year on the first Sunday of November, we set aside a portion of the worship service to remember the “saints” who have died in the last year. This year was no different. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we named each of the members who have passed away since All Saints Sunday last year as we lit a candle and tolled the bell in their memory. We also opened it up for members to name other family and friends who have died whom they wanted to remember, inviting them to name them before the congregation and our loving Lord.

Below are the members of First and Immanuel Lutheran who passed away during this last year...



**Duane Gerald Kaiser**

**Born:** July 21, 1948 - *Mendota, IL*

**Baptized:** September 1, 1948  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Confirmed:** August 5, 1962  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Died:** November 5, 2023 - *Mendota, IL*



**Terry Kent Neal**

**Born:** March 16, 1944

**Confirmed:** January 13, 1985  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Died:** January 25, 2024



**Marion Lois Barnickel**

**Born:** January 16, 1930 - *Westfield Township of Bureau County, IL*

**Baptized:** February 2, 1930  
*St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota, IL*

**Confirmed:** April 2, 1944  
*St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota, IL*

**Died:** February 17, 2024 - *Mendota, IL*



**Karla Lou Eames**

**Born:** December 17, 1955 - *Mendota, IL*

**Baptized:** January 22, 1956  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Confirmed:** July 12, 1970  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Died:** August 22, 2024 - *Dekalb, IL*

**Joel David Johnson**

**Born:** January 8, 1947 - *Mendota, IL*

**Baptized:** May 4, 1947  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Confirmed:** August 6, 1961  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton, IL*

**Died:** January 11, 2024 - *Rockford, IL*



**Joan Carol Benner**

**Born:** August 20, 1933 - *Dixon, IL*

**Baptized:** October 15, 1933  
*First Lutheran Church, Lee, IL*

**Confirmed:** May 18, 1947  
*First Lutheran Church, Lee, IL*

**Died:** February 3, 2024 - *Dekalb, IL*



**Kathleen Marie Kaiser**

**Born:** June 9, 1949 - *LaCrosse, WI*

**Baptized:** January 25, 1950  
*First Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI*

**Confirmed:** May 17, 1964  
*Bethel Lutheran Church, LaCrosse, WI*

**Died:** July 29, 2024 - *Rockford, IL*



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## Leaf Peeping 2024

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Pastor Jeff once again led a field trip of HOILP folk in search of the best fall colors in the area. The route is a surprise each year. This year he led them through the back roads of northern Illinois, stopping at Edwards Apple Orchard outside of Poplar Grove, IL for what he claims are the best apple cider donuts anywhere. After filling their bellies, the group continued north into Wisconsin, driving along the beautiful area around Turtle Creek on the way east to Lake Geneva. After a delightful lunch at a restaurant along the shores of Lake Como, the group found the best colors of the trip on a rustic road on the north side of Lake Geneva. They then returned to Illinois, enjoying the colors and scenery along IL 173 before one final quick stop to say hello to the Nachusa buffalo. PJ then returned the adventurers safely to their homes.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**November 3 – Immanuel (8:30)  
First (10:30)**  
**November 10 – Immanuel (8:30)  
First (10:30)**  
**November 17 – Immanuel (8:30)  
First (10:30)**  
**November 24 – Joint Service at First (10:30)  
(meal following)**

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