

October 2021



The Parish Voice

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A Newsletter of Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish

The Beat Goes On: HOILP Stays Focused on Mission

This may have been a year and a half when we have not been able to gather the way we'd like, or even at all for many of the months, but that does not mean our mission has been discontinued.

Harvest Sunday at Immanuel on September 26th bears witness to just that. On display were the quilts, school kits and health kits that the WELCA put together throughout the year.



Even though they were not able to meet as often, the small group of masked women met when they were able and augmented that with work done at home, producing **86 quilts**

to be sent around the world.

Those 86 quilts were shipped out with the 51 health kits we assembled during Lent, and the 106 school kits that were packaged in August, and there has barely been a decrease in what has been done in previous years.

Meanwhile, over in Lee, the NICE Center has continued to provide for people even though its doors have not been open. NICE quickly moved to drive up service and has continued to provide services for food. Members of First Lutheran being actively involved in the leadership of NICE, and both congregations have numerous dedicated volunteers.

And in-house, of course, we have not missed a single week of worship. Over the last 18 months we've utilized video, outdoor settings, and altered our means of doing things when we gather inside. And now we find ourselves doing a combination of all three.

Pastor Jeff recalls that ELCA Presiding Bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, said early on in the



pandemic, "The doors to our buildings may be closed, but the church is not closed."

"I would venture to say that Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish is a good example of exactly what she was talking about," he said. "The mission of the Church, and of the congregations of HOILP, continues no matter what is happening in the world around us. May we be agents of making sure the love of God in Christ Jesus is going out to our neighbors all the time."

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 7th 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

Final Outdoor Worship: October 10th

The final outdoor worship service [of the year is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th](#). These services have proved to be popular as the attendance has been a bit higher than our indoor services. A special thank you goes out to Neal Rogers and Brad Ehlers who did the bulk of the logistical organization and work for these services.

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.

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.

Upcoming Worship at HOILP

Sunday, October 10th – *Pentecost 20*
Sunday, October 17th – *Pentecost 21*
Sunday, October 24th – *Pentecost 22*
Sunday, October 31st – *Reformation Sunday*
Sunday, November 7th – *All Saints Sunday*

WELCA

JUSTICE (Mission Action) – Charlene Zimmerman

We have completed our LWR quilts & kits for 2021. The total is: 106 school kits, 51 health kits, and 86 quilts for LWR. St. John's in Ashton has generously offered to pick up our boxes and deliver them to Rockford along with their own. Thrivent Action Team grants helped us acquire items we needed to complete the kits. **Thank You** all for sewing the school bags and quilts and for all your donations.

PADS of course continues to need our help. The most needed items are all paper items, cleaning supplies and individual snack items.

WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

WELCA Quarterly Meeting will be Tuesday, October 19 at 1:30 p.m. "Bring your own drink" – snack will be provided.

This and That

Many thanks for all the wonderful birthday cards I received for my 93rd birthday. –Colleen Zinke

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.

HOILP on the Internet

Websites & Facebook

First – www.flcinlee.com

www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee

Immanuel – www.ilccompton.org

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www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUM EeE1C2SIsP-YI65A

This and That

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – 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.

Immanuel Council Highlights

September 16, 2021

- General Treasury ending balance August 31, 2021 is \$3,221.60
- Plans for Confirmation this Fall
- Thank you from Paw Paw Lions Club for recent donation
- Donation of \$300 made to Compton Fire Dept.
- Planning a joint Council meeting with First on November 21
- Drew names for Farm lease for 2022 – Kevin Ganz and Nick Ganz

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!

Benevolence Offerings

Immanuel's benevolence offering for October is World Hunger. Please use the envelope found in the newsletter.

Joys and Concerns

October Birthdays

- 1 – Mark Ross, Kim Menzel, Julie Iversen
- 2 – Jeremy Rosenkrans, Erin Wade
- 3 – Amelia Pinter, Wyatt Pinter
- 5 – Brett Eames, Mike Taylor
- 6 – Ryan Gibertini
- 7 – Brooke Iversen, Brad Iversen, Shane Ganz
- 8 – Chelsi Flanagan
- 9 – Masyn Rebholz
- 11 – Deb Poterek, Emerson Isabelle Post
- 12 – Rachel McCormick, Pete Sensenbrenner
- 13 – Diane Englehart
- 14 – Ashley Clayton, Allison Delgado, Kim Schlesinger
- 15 – Emily Ross
- 16 – John Hoelzer, Brian Barnickel
- 17 – Megan Corn
- 18 – Matt Ganz, Dolores Schmidt, Laen Neal, Tim Kromm, Ken Benner
- 19 – Marilyn Eich, Tanya Milus
- 20 – Beck E Koroscik
- 23 – Tera Frazer, David Kern
- 24 – Camden Milus
- 27 – Brock Olson, Dillon Bodmer

October Anniversaries

- 2 – Norm & Joyce Fassig
- 4 – Sonny & Karen Sterchi
- 15 – Chris & Jennifer Crumpton
- 20 – Mike & Toni Fassig
- 24 – Matt & Traci Jones
- 30 – Pete & Deb Sensenbrenner

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*)

Marriage – Chad Albers & Susan Hager (August 8, 2020)

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

October 3 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

**October 10 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)
(outdoor worship at Immanuel)**

October 17 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

October 24 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)

**October 31 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)
(Reformation Sunday)**

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