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The Parish Voice

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A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church 398 Church Road Compton, IL 61318 815.539.6567

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) Autumn Fest & 50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, October 12 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Since 1974, LOMC has practiced what it means to be church in outdoor settings, helping youth and adults connect the Word of God with the World of God. We are excited to celebrate the legacy and future of this ministry! As we center the theme: Remember, Reconnect, Renew, you can expect stories, fall activities, and a celebration and festival worship! You can sign up for lunch or to volunteer at https://lomc.org/autumn-fest/ There will be parking attendants and golf carts to assist participants in journeying from their cars to the festivities. All are welcome!

<u>Activities:</u> 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Apple cider press, Pumpkin carving, Corn maze, Wagon rides, Hiking, Camp games, Story sharing & more!

Lunch: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Celebration: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Reception: 3:30-4:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at LOMC's 50th Celebration & Autumn Fest! LOMC is located at 1834 S. IL Route 2 in Oregon, IL.

Worship

Ways to Share HOILP Worship

- Share our YouTube channel: 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

4th Thursday Filming

This has been a very efficient way to create content for our worship videos. Filming in October will be **Thursday**, **October 24**. **Liturgists & Readers** – 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel. **Singers** – 6:30 p.m. at First. Contact Pastor Jeff if you are interested in reading and/or singing. Upcoming: November (TBA).

Please know that all are invited to help with this. The requirement for singing is not how well you sing, but whether or not you like to sing. The goal is to provide a congregation to sing with for those watching at home. In the same sense, you need not be a public speaker to participate with the reading. Mispronounce a word or stumble over a sentence? We can just do a retake. Or if we want, let it be as we are all human and make mistakes.

Worship Team Schedule
Oct 10, 2024
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!

WELCA

WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

- Illinois Valley Pads in Peru is opening for the season. Frequently needed items: bottled water, sack lunch snack items, drink mixes, ALL paper products, cleaning products, gas cards. Please put items in the totes in the room next to the office. Thank you!
- We will continue to have quilting days.
 Announcements will be made on Sundays.
- We packed 76 quilts, 121 school bags, 15 health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Harvest/Quilt Sunday - September 22







Discipleship & Fellowship

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed –
 Condiments, kid's cereal, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes.
- Immanuel is looking for a board member for N.I.C.E. Contact Cyndie Prodzenski at 815-999-9247.

Holy Baptism – September 15

Lucas Oscar Rogers



Nathan Rogers, Rilee Rogers, Pastor Jeff, Lucas Rogers, Katie Olson, Brock Olson

Around the Parish

Immanuel

Council Highlights - September 19, 2024

- General Treasury ending balance on August 31, 2024 was \$868.87. The net loss for the month was (\$5,549.06).
- \$5,000.00 needed to be borrowed from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay the operating expenses in August.
- A motion was approved to accept Nathan & Rilee Rogers and their children into Immanuel's membership.
- The council voted to give the Compton Fire Department \$400.00 from the Council Discretionary Fund to use towards training and equipment.
- Ten responses were received for the drawing for the farm tenant for 2025. The name drawn was Nick Ganz. The alternate is Kevin Ganz.

Church Farm "Work Day"

The Farm Committee and Farm manager wish to sincerely thank all those who helped clear trees and brush on the church farm by providing labor and equipment: manpower, womanpower, and horsepower! We were able to accomplish far more than we had planned. THANK YOU to Kirk, Greta, Earl, Gale, Walter, Mark, Brandon and Nick. And thanks to Kim for cookies!



First

Council Highlights – July 21, 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 - Aug. 2024

 Month
 YTD

 Receipts for August
 \$13,820.15

 Expenses for August
 \$19,369.21

 Receipts YTD
 \$125,645.37

 Expenses YTD
 \$150,986.55

 Net/(Loss)
 (\$5,549.06)
 (\$25,341.18)

Weekly need for budget: \$3,885.00 August average weekly offering: \$2,668.00

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

Respectfully submitted - Harlan G. Eames

HOILP on the Internet

First

www.flcinlee.com www.facebook.com/firstlutheranchurchlee Immanuel www.ilccompton.org www.facebook.com/ilccompton HOILP YouTube www.youtube.com/@hoilp

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:

immanuellutherancompton@live.com.

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 6 – Immanuel (8:30)

First (10:30)

October 13 – Immanuel (8:30)

First (10:30)

October 20 – Immanuel (8:30)

First (10:30)

October 27 – Immanuel (8:30)

First (10:30)

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