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# The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Season of Creation: September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>

### Worship & Events

Season of Creation makes its return to HOILP as it does every fall. This year's season will be five weeks with the following Sundays:

- September 11 – Lessons, Carols, and Reflections
- September 18 – Ocean & Lake Sunday
- September 25 – Animal Sunday
- October 2 – Storm & Weather Sunday
- October 9 – Cosmos Sunday

Each service will follow the stated theme and include liturgy created by the Northern Illinois Synod Creation Care Committee. (This has been a project that Pastor Jeff has been spearheading the last three years.) There will also be special introductions to each week provided by members of HOILP, as well as special handouts for the children each week.

In addition to worship following the various themes, a number of other events and special opportunities will be included in this year's Season of Creation celebration, including weekly trivia, a dinner along the lake and a sunset cruise on the lake, a pet blessing, star gazing, and an adult and children give away.

### Season of Creation Schedule of Special Events

**Tuesday 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, and 10/11**  
Online Trivia

**Saturday, September 24**  
Lakeside Dinner Sunset Cruise – Time TBD

**Sunday, September 25**  
Pet Blessing – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 9**  
Star Gazing – 6:24 pm (sunset) to ?

**Sunday, October 16**  
Season of Creation Give Away drawing

If you have photos for Season of Creation please get them to PJ ASAP.

### Dinner Out & Sunset Cruise

Night on the Town is being resurrected in conjunction with Season of Creation. On Saturday, September 24 we will gather for an evening out at the Pokanoka's Dockside Café in Shabbona Lake State Park for dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Following dinner, we will take a spin around the lake on a pontoon, enjoying the beauty of Lake Shabbona and returning as the sun sets.

There is a sign up sheet at each congregation. Sign up for the meal, the boat ride, or both.

### Pet Blessing

On Animal Sunday, HOILP will offer a blessing of pets for all who would like to participate. You're invited to stop by Immanuel anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors with their pets as well.

Pastor Jeff will offer a blessing to each pet. The blessings will be video taped and compiled to share with everyone, and participants will be welcome to a copy of their pet's blessing. If you're afraid your pet might not react well to PJ or other animals around, feel free to bring a picture of your pet.

Afterwards, people treats and animal treats will be provided. A freewill offering will be taken to be split between Illinois Valley Animal Rescue and the World Wildlife Fund.

### Season of Creation Give Away

Holly Phalen has a dear and generous friend who is a photographer in the Northwoods of Minnesota. He has graciously provided us with beautiful prints for each week of SOC as well as slide shows which we will utilize in worship.

These prints will be given away via a drawing that will take place the Sunday following Season of Creation. You get your name in the drawing each time you participate in one of the SOC events, including worship, trivia, the lakeside events, the pet blessing and star gazing. Opportunities to win additional chances will be available at trivia and during other events.

# Season of Creation: September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>

## Season of Creation Trivia

On Tuesday evenings during Season of Creation, for the purpose of fun, education, and fellowship, HOILP will host online trivia on the topic of the previous Sunday. Join whichever weeks you are able and feel free to invite friends to participate as well.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695107090?pwd=ZE9iUUwrZmpYaGJMCFIvVnZ4R2NpQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 9510 7090

Passcode: 837335

Just participating will earn you a chance at the SOC drawing. Should you answer half or more of the questions, you'll receive an additional ticket. And the winner each week receives two additional tickets.

## Fall Star Gazing

Details are still being worked out for this, but on Cosmos Sunday (October 9), PJ will be inviting people to gather in the green space across from Immanuel to gaze up into the cosmos and into the stars. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

## Upcoming Field Trips

The pandemic saw some field trips canceled. PJ is finally rescheduling them. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be leaf peeping trip to gaze at fall colors. And sometime between March 13 & 24, 2023 there will be a trip to Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge to view migrating birds, including the huge flocks of snow geese that travel through there.

Look to future newsletters for details on both these trips.

## 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 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.

### Wanted: Ushers at Immanuel

Soon, we will be reviving and redefining ushers at Immanuel. Volunteers are needed. Ushers can range in age from 12 to 100. It's a great thing to do as a couple or family. Please sign up on the table in the overflow.

## 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*)

The Illinois Valley Pads in Peru is opening now for the season.

Their greatest needs are: drink mixes, individually packaged snacks, cookies, granola bars, cleaning supplies, ALL paper products. Please put these items in the totes in the room next to the office.

Thank you all.

### WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

We will start quilting again after Labor Day. Our target date is Wednesday, September 14. Watch the Sunday announcements for any changes.

We will have a packing day for LWR the last week of September and our WELCA Quarterly Meeting will be sometime in early October. Watch for exact dates.

## This and That

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

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – Canned soups – not tomato or cream of mushroom, jello, pudding, frosting, cake mixes, boxed potatoes. Skillet Helper Meals – all kinds – beef, chicken, tuna, etc. Condiments, mustard, ketchup, dressings, ranch dressing.
- New opportunity to help on Friday mornings at N.I.C.E. 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 July 17, 2022

- The church roof project is complete and paid in full
- A new lawn mowing service is being considered for the church cemetery
- Church records are being updated for baptism, marriage, funeral, and confirmation dates
- Benevolence for July/August is Grace Place
- N.I.C.E. volunteer months of May & November might be reassigned, to better balance the potential numbers of volunteers each month

### Benevolence Offerings

**Immanuel:** September – Back Pack Blessings. Please use the envelope found in this newsletter.

**First:** September – Opportunity House. Please use the benevolence box at church or designate it on the memo line of your check.

### Harvest/Quilt Sunday – September 25 at Immanuel

Please bring home-grown fruits, vegetables, or flowers to church before Friday, September 23 for our harvest display. Some quilts that the ladies have made will also be on display that day.

### Immanuel Council Highlights July 21, 2022

- General Treasury ending balance June 30, 2022 is \$1,751.87
- Video task force to be formed with both churches
- Scholarship awards to Olivia Ross, Shayne Prodzenski and Brooke Heiman
- DeFib batteries to be replaced and new pads ordered
- Six first communion recipients have completed instruction
- A bequest from Allan Zimmerman insurance policy to Church and Cemetery committee
- Ekana Nursery will trim new shrubs around church and will plant tree at Zinke site across road

### August 18, 2022

- General Treasury ending balance July 31, 2022 is \$711.03
- Season of Creation will be Sept. 11 - Oct. 9, 2022 as follows:  
*Sept. 11 – Lessons, Carols & Reflections*  
*Sept. 18 – Ocean & Lake Sunday*  
*Sept. 25 – Animal Sunday*  
*Oct. 2 – Storm & Weather Sunday*  
*Oct. 9 – Cosmos Sunday*
- Synod Bishop Elect, Rev. Stacie Fidler takes office Sept. 1, installed Saturday, Oct. 5, 2022
- ELCA Churchwide Assembly – New V.P. Mr. Imran Siddiqui (highest lay position, chairs ELCA Council)
- Resolution on Greenhouse Gas Reduction passed 597-81 at synod assembly

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

### HOILP on the Internet

#### Websites & Facebook

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)



[www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUM EeE1C2SIsP-YI65A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChxbzUM EeE1C2SIsP-YI65A)

# Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish Food Swap

A new event where members of our [local worship community](#) meet up to share [homemade](#), [homegrown](#), and foraged foods with each other. Swap (bring to get) for yourself or to share and give to a neighbor in need.

**WHEN:** September 25, November 20, December 18. (Subject to change)

**WHAT:** garden fruits & vegetables, baked goods, store and home-canned goods, frozen food. (Please package for portability and label any allergens.)

**HOW:** Bring your food to swap Sunday morning after the service. Swap for yourself or to give to a neighbor in need. Anything un-swapped will be donated locally.

**WHERE:** Place on tables(Immanuel), pews(Lee) prior to service; pick up after service.

## HOILP College Graduates

### **Kevin Poterek**

*Concordia University, Irvine, California  
Master's of Science in Coaching and  
Exercise Science*

***Pamela Taylor** from West Brooklyn  
was recognized by Bradley University's  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.  
She was awarded the LAS Award in  
Environmental Science and 2021  
Undergraduate Summer Research &  
Artistry Award.*

***Congratulations to all!***

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for N.I.C.E. Saturday, September 17**

Registration: 10:00 a.m. Step Off: 10:30 a.m.  
at Shabbona Lion's Club Depot at Water Tower Park  
on Illini St.

Walk with family, friends and neighbors.

Walker envelopes are available.

Also that day is a **Free Health Fair** from 10:00 a.m.  
– 2:00 p.m. at United Neighborhood Center, 105  
East Navaho, Shabbona.

More information is posted on the bulletin boards at  
Immanuel & First.

## **All You Can Eat Pig Roast**

at the Lee Fire Department on  
Saturday, September 24

Dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Draw Down at 7:00 p.m.

Band (Snap Shot) from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$15.00 each and will be sold at  
the door.

Draw Down tickets are \$30.00 each and that DOES  
include a dinner.

Draw Down tickets (limited number) are being sold  
by any Lee Fire Fighter, until sold out.



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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**September 4 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**September 11 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**September 18 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

**September 25 – Immanuel (8:30) First (10:30)**

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