

September 2024



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The Parish Voice

A Newsletter of Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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HOILP celebrates

Season of Creation

September 8 to October 6

Fall is right around the corner, which means it is time to celebrate Season of Creation at Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish. This is a special time of year when we focus our worship on the God who we say “created me and all that exists” (Small Catechism), contemplating and learning from Creation itself.

This year, to enhance our celebration of this season, we are introducing a new voice through a preacher exchange. Pastor Jeff and his colleague and friend Pastor Jamie Gallagher will be exchanging pulpits during the season, so that HOILP and First Lutheran in Monmouth hear a fresh voice during this short but moving season of our church year. You may recognize Pastor Jamie’s name. He is the father of Katie Gallagher who was our guest preacher August 11th while Pastor Jeff was on vacation.



Pastor Jamie Gallagher

The schedule at HOILP will be as follows:

- **Sept 8** – Lessons, Carols, and Reflections
- **Sept 15** – Humanity Sunday (Pastor Jeff)
- **Sept 22** – Planet Earth Sunday (Pastor Jamie)
- **Sept 29** – Mountain & Hill Sunday (Pastor Jeff)
- **Oct 6** – Sky Sunday (Pastor Jamie)

In addition to new voices from the pulpit, Pastor Jeff is arranging “on-location” readings for the weekly themes. Should you be one of those he is reaching out to for this, please be willing to volunteer.

“This is such a special time of the year for me,” says Pastor Jeff. “God has gifted us with such a wonderful place to call home. When we look at the Earth very closely, and when we look what lies far beyond, and when we look at all the wonders that are right around us, how can we say anything but, “Thanks be to God!””

Immanuel Rally Day

Sunday, September 8

9:30 a.m.

Let’s Celebrate the Start of Sunday School!

NICE Center

September is HOILP Volunteer Month

Saturdays

8:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m.

Many hands make Light work

Backpack Blessings

Bring your backpack to worship on September 8th as we gather them together and offer a blessing for them and their contents.

(Feel free to bring your brief case, satchel, or whatever else you might carry with you carry daily.)



Worship

Season of Creation Photos

Send your photos to PJ for use in the services of this year's Season of Creation.

This year's themes:
Sept. 15 – Humanity Sunday
Sept. 22– Planet Earth Sunday
Sept. 29 – Mountain & Hill Sunday
Oct. 6 – Sky Sunday

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. It has been so efficient, that we will be taking September off as we are that far ahead. Look to next month's newsletter regarding times and place for filming in October.

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 3, 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 packed 125 school bags & 15 health care kits for LWR.



Harvest/Quilt Sunday

September 22nd at Immanuel

Home-grown fruits, vegetables, or flowers can be brought to church before noon Saturday, September 21.

Discipleship & Fellowship

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed – meat coating (pork, chicken), baking mix, toothpaste, salad dressing, pancake mix & syrup
- **Immanuel** is looking for a **board member** for N.I.C.E. Contact Cyndie Prodzenski at 815-999-9247.

Immanuel Church Family and Greta:
On July 24, I had my right hip replaced and feel very blessed to have received this surgery. A week after surgery, Greta delivered lasagna and all the fixings to go with it so that John would have a respite from cooking and I could have a healing meal from church. It was delicious. Thank you for the thoughtful gesture and kind words through cards, prayers and phone calls. I am healing well and finally able to attend church again.

Jill Hoelzer

Around the Parish

Immanuel

Council Highlights – August 22, 2024

- General Treasury ending balance on July 31, 2024 was \$1,417.93, which was a net loss of \$2,639.20 for the month.
- \$8,000.00 from the Farm Account will be sent to the Northern Illinois Synod towards our 2024 Synod commitment, as is typically done this time of the year.
- The Farm Team recommended raising the base cash rent from \$240 to \$260 an acre for next year. The council approved and the letter to potential church farm rental applicants for the next year will go in the mail August 23.
- There will be a clean-up day at the church farm on September 7 focusing on removing the trees in the CRP ground.

Church Farm “Work Day” – September 7

We have received notice from the FSA that in order to meet the guidelines for our CRP land east of the creek at the church farm to be recertified, there are 8-10 volunteer trees (mostly mulberry) that must be removed by the end of September. So we have planned a “Work Day” on September 7 and will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. (Rain date Sept. 14). We would especially appreciate help from previous and potential future tenants! Bring your chainsaws. Thank you! Any questions, see Farm Committee members Brad, Kevin or Randy.

“Many hands make light work”

Immanuel Farm Rental

Letters will be going out in the next few weeks to potential church farm rental lessees. This notice is for anyone not on the current list or unaware of the process who would like to participate. Eligible lessees include all members of Immanuel Lutheran Church who are defined as active members. Basic active membership eligibility requires communing and making a contribution of record, i.e., an IDENTIFIABLE contribution by check, numbered envelope, PayPal, etc. Applicants must also be “operators” according to the FSA registry. If you meet the eligibility requirements and wish to participate in the lottery process, please contact the church office before September 10 if you have NOT received a letter. We will get you an application packet. Deadline for applications is September 14. The drawing will be at the September 19 council meeting. Eligibility of the winner of the drawing will be verified.

First

Council Highlights – July 21, 2024

- Annual premiums for property insurance have increased by \$3,000 in 2024
- Treasurer will look into closing the Sunday School Bond Fund CD and the Youth Group checking account. Balances in these accounts will be moved to the General Fund.
- September/October benevolence will go to the Campbell family in Rochelle

Immanuel General Treasury - July 2024

	Month	YTD
Receipts for July	\$15,810.45	
Expenses for July	\$18,449.65	
Receipts YTD		\$111,825.22
Expenses YTD		\$131,617.34
Net/(Loss)	(\$2,639.20)	(\$19,792.12)

Weekly need for budget: \$3,885.00

July average weekly offering: \$2,718.00

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:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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First (10:30)**
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