

June/July 2024



The Parish Voice

A NEWSLETTER OF HEART OF ILLINOIS LUTHERAN

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Compton Community Worship

On July 7th, Immanuel will be holding worship at the park in Compton and inviting the village to join them. To better engage the community, we will be starting at 9:30 a.m. We will be in need of volunteers to set up and take down, please look to

Worship in the Park
July 7, 2024
9:30 a.m.
Compton Park

weekly announcements regarding details on those matters. There may also be requests for goodies so that we can offer treats following

the service - again, stay tuned for details. Please make a point of being at worship this day so that we can let the village know how much we value being a part of it, and more importantly, how much God values them.

First to be part of Lee's Sesquicentennial

The village of Lee will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial on July 13-14, 2024. As part of the celebration, First Lutheran will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, July 13, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Historical data is being collected for display. Treats, beverages, etc., will need to be provided. There might be a joint worship service with St. James Catholic Church on Sunday, July 14. Time and place still to be determined. More details will be communicated as they become available.

*Did you know?
First Lutheran is older than the village of Lee. The congregation turns 164 years old this year. (Immanuel turns 160 this year.)*

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger

To honor this ministry milestone, the Social Ministry Committee of the Northern Illinois Synod is replacing the in-kind offering that would have been collected for the 2024 Synod Assembly. Immanuel will have a food drive from June 14-July 14 for the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry, as they open their new location: 710 Sixth Ave. Please place non-perishable food items in the box in the overflow. Breakfast cereals, oatmeal, granola bars, and spaghetti sauce are the particular need.

ELCA Youth Gathering - 2024



The countdown is on! As of this writing, there are only 39 days remaining until the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and our participants are busy getting event-ready now that school is out. Caleb is most looking forward to traveling to Louisiana and seeing the differences between there and home and Liam is just hoping that all of the walking around the city won't leave him too tired to enjoy everything.

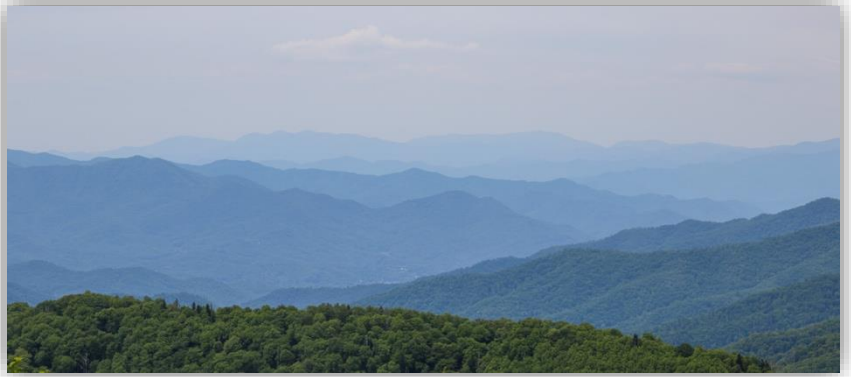
When asked which themed day they are most excited about, Liam thinks that our [Northern Illinois] Synod day will be his favorite because there are a variety of things planned like group worship, sightseeing, and a scavenger hunt. Already a volunteer pro, our Paw Paw Fire Cadet, Caleb, is looking forward to Accompaniment Day, in which we will be working side by side with locals in a service project. We won't know how we will be needed until the day arrives, but one possibility is assembling the disaster relief kits that we are currently collecting cooling towels for as part of the in-kind offering. For more information on this, check the weekly announcements, or ask one of our travelers. We thank everyone for their prayers and support as we prepare for this awesome faith-formation opportunity.

Creation Care “Corner”

On my recent vacation, as we drove through the mountains, took in the views from the vistas, and climbed up to the very highest point in Smoky Mountain National Park (we were on top of Old Smoky), both Pastor Jamie Gallagher and I agreed that we'd like to take some mountains home with us to Illinois. Mountains bring challenges, provide a sense of awe, and are just plain fascinating. God knew what God was doing when creating the mountains.

We may not have many mountains in Illinois or the Midwest, but there are places where we sit high above the surrounding land and can see long into the distance. I experience that regularly when I drive north of Compton on route 251. From the top of Mayrath Hill, one can see for miles. It is a site to behold. When you find yourself in one of these high spots in our local environment, I invite to you take a pause and ponder the vastness and diversity of God's grand Creation. And take a moment to give thanks that you get to call this place home.

-Pastor Jeff



*Picture of the Smoky Mountains submitted by PJ.
Captured on his recent vacation*

“Good Images” - Monthly Categories

<i>January: Furry Friends</i>	<i>July: Sky*</i>
<i>February: Winter Scene</i>	<i>August: Humans in Nature*</i>
<i>March: Earth Scenes*</i>	<i>September: Wild Critters</i>
<i>April: Spring has sprung</i>	<i>October: Fall Colors</i>
<i>May: Mountains and Hills*</i>	<i>November: Harvest</i>
<i>June: Flowers</i>	<i>December: Sunrise/Sunset</i>

*These categories are the 2024 Season of Creation themes. Images will be utilized for SOC power points and videos.

WELCA

WELCA President's Desk – Sarah Pfeifer

- **LWR Personal Care Kits:** light or medium weight dark color bath towels, 4-5 oz. size bars of bath soap in wrappers.
- **School Back Packs:**
 - 4 – 70 page spiral bound notebooks
 - 1 – pencil sharpener
 - 1 – blunt scissors
 - 1 – box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - 1 – 2-1/2" eraser
 - 1 – 30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other
 - 5 – unsharpened pencils with erasers secured with a rubber band
 - 5 – black/blue ballpoint pens secured with rubber band (no advertising on them)

*ALL donations go in LWR totes in the room next to the office. **Thank you!***
- Quilting continues. Check weekly announcements for dates.

Discipleship & Fellowship

N.I.C.E. Center Update

- Food/Miscellaneous Items Needed –
 - June: school supplies (lists available at both churches). July: cake mixes, hamburger helper, shaving cream. Also ketchup, mustard, mayo for both months.
- **Immanuel** is looking for a **board member** for N.I.C.E. Contact Cyndie Prodzenski at 815-999-9247.

90th Birthday

The family of Margaret Ross invite you to join in celebrating Margaret's 90th birthday. We will be hosting a reception after church in the overflow Sunday, June 30th from 9:30-11:00. Light refreshments will be served.

Worship

Holy Baptism – May 19 *Evelyn Rose Clinton*



Left to right:
Melanie Klein,
Danny Rosenkrans,
Pastor Jeff, Evelyn,
Corrine & Andy
Clinton

Worship Team Schedule

June 6, 2024
Aug 1, 2024
Sept 5, 2024
Oct 3, 2024
Nov 7, 2024
Dec 5, 2024

Ways to Share HOILP Worship with Others

- 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

3rd Thursday Filming Thursday, June 20 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel

(singers only)

Upcoming
July 25
August 22

Around the Parish

Immanuel Council Highlights – May 16, 2024

- General Treasury balance 4/30/24: \$4,314.45. There was a net loss of (\$1,218.54) for the month and \$5,000 was transferred from the AMDEX account to cover operating expenses.
- The Building & Grounds team presented their recommendation for the parking lot project & the council endorsed it. Council recommends taking \$59,793.00 from the New Building Fund. This will be presented at the congregational meeting on May 19.
- \$1,000 will be moved from the Council Discretionary Fund to the Youth Travel Fund for their Youth Gathering this summer. This will cover the \$1,000 allotted in the annual budget for Youth Travel, so that money won't have to be taken out of the General Treasury.
- Thank you notes were received from Horizon House, MASS and Lincoln School. They are posted on the board at the south entrance.

First Council Highlights – May 19, 2024

- Parsonage rent is current.
- Sesquicentennial – July 13 & 14. Open House at First on July 13. There might be a Joint Worship service with St. James on July 14. Details are being finalized.
- July/August Benevolence – Opportunity House (Sycamore).
- Special Council mtg. on June 15 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss financial items.

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

Immanuel's General Treasury for April 2024

	Month	YTD
Receipts for April	\$17,328.40	
Expenses for April	\$18,546.94	
Receipts YTD		\$66,469.50
Expenses YTD		\$77,365.10
Net/(Loss)	(\$1,218.54)	(\$10,895.60)

Weekly need for budget: \$3,885.00

April average weekly offering: \$2,478.00

Church Office Hours

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

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

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Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
June 9 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
June 16 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
June 23 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
June 30 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)

July 7 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
July 14 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
July 21 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)
July 28 – Immanuel (8:30)
First (10:30)

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