

News and Notes



Calendar

Sun January 26

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
- 9:30 AM Adult Forum Bible Study & Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
- 4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
- 6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon January 27

- 7:00 AM Monday Men's Bible Study, Meeting Room
- 6:30 PM "Never Ceases" Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM GriefShare, Library
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

Tue January 28

- 5:30 PM Preschool & Kindergarten Drive-In Movie, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Chapel
- 7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wed January 29

- 9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu January 30

- 10:00 AM Pastor Noah's Bible Study (coffee at 9:30am), Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Joyful Sounds Handbell Practice, Music Room
- 6:30 PM Bible Study, "Meeting the Spirit", Library
- 7:00 PM Christ Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri January 31

Sat February 1

- 8:00 AM Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun February 2

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
- 9:30 AM Adult Forum Bible Study & Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
- 4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
- 6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Don't forget! If you need childcare during a Sunday service, Immanuel's Nursery is staffed!

New Limited-Time Bible Study with Pastor Noah Starts THIS WEEK!

"Never Ceases: A Bible Study on God's Love"

TWO WEEKS ONLY: JANUARY 27 & FEBRUARY 10. 6:30-7:30 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day, let's dig into how God's love never ends. In our world of failing emotions, what an incredible gift His love is! Contact the Church Office if childcare is needed.

New Bible Study with Pastor Noah

"NEVER CEASES"

A Bible Study on God's Love



2 Weeks Only

Mondays

6:30-7:30pm

Jan 27, Jan 28, Feb 10

Contact the Church Office if Childcare is needed



YE OLD CHURCH POTLUCK

FEBRUARY 2, 2025
12:00PM NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sign up in the church narthex to bring your best dish from retro green Jello to chips/dip or Crockpot delights or anything! Please include serving utensils

We're also sprinkling the Kegley family for their soon-to-be new baby! Registry is available at <https://my.babylist.com/baby-monica-kegley>

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A GOOD POTLUCK DINNER?

MISSING—HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Looking for 2 Christmas trays and 3 small Christmas trees that were left in the Narthex 12/29. Contact Dick Wauer : rwauer1@gmail.com

January Altar Guild Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 7:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL



The first Altar Guild meeting of 2025 is Tuesday January 28 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. This is a group of dedicated women (and some helpful men volunteers) who work behind the scenes to make all of our worship spaces ready for the congregation. If this is something

you would be interested in, please join us on Jan. 28. or contact Cynthia Evans: cede199@comcast.net

Save the Date—Congregational Voter's Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 12:00pm, Sanctuary

On February 16 at 12:00 we will have our next voters assembly meeting. On the agenda for this meeting are: MMC elections as well as updates on mid-year financials, school, and associate pastor call.

For the MMC elections, we have one candidate (Dale Rudy) for vice chairperson, one candidate (Lynn Harland) for secretary, one candidate (Josh Ladwig) for treasurer, & 6 candidates (Eric Nelson, Mark Carroll, Molly Cox, Terri Holmes, Doris Houghtaling, & Jeff Meyers) for 4 open at-large positions. Information on each of the candidates will be shared in 2 weeks. Please join us for some important discussions & decisions for our church family.

Save the Date—Immanuel Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School will be holding a ministry fair on Sunday, February 16, 2025. The intent of the fair is to help members of Immanuel identify the different ministries that work within & with our church & school. We want to inform & educate both our church family & the public as to what the individual ministries do, who does it, & how it is done. The fair will be held before & after services on that Sunday, Feb 16. We are asking all of the ministries that we support as well as the committees at Immanuel to have a table or a booth, as well as members of their teams to talk to Immanuel & community families. We are very excited for your participation in this fair & will be back to you with other details. Please let us know if you are able to participate. Please contact Dan Nottke at (312) 543-8310 or dananottke@aol.com with your intent & with any questions.

To sign up your group/committee/ministry to exhibit, please scan the QR Code to complete the sign-up or go to

<https://forms.gle/MtBx7x9NDXVowTs67>

Immanuel Ministry Fair
Inspiring Immanuel Involvement
Sunday, February 16
Scan QR Code to sign up to exhibit!
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

Immanuel's Associate Pastor Call Committee braved the cold & snow to interview 5 seminary candidates in St. Louis on January 21. Please pray for them as they continue to go through this process.

Join Choir!

There is room in the choir for YOU! Immanuel's Christus Choir has kicked off the new year with rehearsals each Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Music Room. All are welcome!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM

Special Bible Study with Pastor Dennis Perryman "Meeting the Spirit" Who is the Holy Spirit? How does he change our lives? How does he work in the world?

In High School? Looking for a Community of Believers?

SUNDAY EVENING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY, 6:00 PM, Narthex

A student-led Bible study for high schoolers. Questions? Scan the QR Code for more information



Upcoming Stephen Ministers Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7:00PM, Library



Dear Stephen Ministers, Thank you for standing with your Care Receivers in 2025. Our next regularly scheduled Supervision meeting is on Tuesday, February 4 at 7pm in the school library. God bless you!

Sunday Adult Forum Bible Study, New Topic

SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM, Meeting Room

The next topic in the Adult Forum will be a 6-week class entitled "Together We Believe-A Study of the Apostles Creed." This class will begin Sunday, Feb 9 and will go through Sunday, March 16. The Adult Forum is held in the Meeting Room from 9:30-10:30. Please join us for this next learning opportunity.

Generous Thoughts

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

PROVERBS 11:24-25 ESV

God uses our generosity to enrich our heart, tear down our love for and dependence on money, and give us new and more exhilarating forms of joy!

Our best investment is in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!

Immanuel School Happenings

Let's Plan on the 2025-2026 School Year!

Current Immanuel Preschool families, get your Re-Enrollment packets submitted for Preschool & Kindergarten so that you can choose which class(es) you want! Priority Registration ends Friday, February 14.

For current Immanuel students entering Grades 1-8, your re-enrollment will be automatic, but we do need the Back to School Packet completed. All packets are completed online through the Family Portal.

2025-26 Applications for New Students Now Open!

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) at Immanuel for the 2025-26 school year, we are now accepting the first step: Applications. For **NEW STUDENTS ONLY**, please scan the QR Code to complete an Application. **Current Immanuel students do not need this step.**



- Note: for any student who would be new to Immanuel's school, an Application must be submitted & approved before Enrollment will be allowed.

Important Upcoming Enrollment Dates

- February 15, 2025:** Enrollment opens to the community on a first-come basis

Would you like more information about Immanuel Lutheran School? Scan this QR Code for our Inquiry Form and Rebecca Bello, Admissions Director, will contact you.



Fun Happenings Around the School

- Preschool & Kindergarten Drive-In Movie Night, January 28, 5:30pm; create a "car" from a cardboard box, and drive it on in to the Fellowship Hall for a fun evening with Disney Pixar Shorts. Siblings welcome!
- Kids Heart Challenge, January 31; This will be the 25th annual Kids Heart Challenge event held at Immanuel! Kids Heart Challenge was started by the American Heart Association to raise awareness of the importance of a healthy heart, support research into heart and blood vessel diseases, and raise funds to support these efforts. If we raise over \$2,000, we will receive vouchers from US Games that can be used to purchase physical education equipment.
- Preschool Wheels Night, February 25 5:30pm, Gym; bring rollerskates, rollerblades, scooters, etc to roll around the Gym together



Come Cheer for the Eagles!

Wed, Jan 29: V Girls BB 4:30pm; JV Boys BB 5:30pm

Immanuel is HIRING

Come join this awesome team!

- Substitute Teachers**—especially as we get into these cold months, we need subs to step in if a teacher (or their child) is unable to be here. Please prayerfully consider applying!
- Before-School Extended Care—7:00-8:30am

Contact Principal Donna Laughlin at dlaughlin@ilcsbatavia.org or call the school office (630) 406-0157.

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Preparation—WIN THE TROPHY!

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT FEB 21, 2:00 PM

Volunteer opportunities for "ILC Feb 21 CHILI COOKOFF" are now open. Please scan the QR Code or use the below address to go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/87WL3



Check out this amazing, incredible trophy to award to the source of the best CHILI, as voted on by the 60 Lazarus House residents. It could be yours! One trophy winner, but all generous in caring for our neighbors at this shelter are winners. Blessings to you all! To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering!

Questions? Contact Terry Rueffer at truffer@att.net or leave a message at 630.761.1790.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a volunteer food sorting & packing session! Ages 8+ are welcome.

Email Jennifer Nallenweg: Jennifer@nallenweg.com

Feed My Starving Children

2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

NEXT EVENTS: FEB 14 & MAR 14, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

On January 10, 70 boxes of food were packed providing 15,120 meals which will feed 41 kids a meal for a year. The cost of our session was \$4,384.80. \$106 feeds a child a daily meal for a year. Your time & monetary contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. We volunteer the second Friday of every month. Our next two dates are **February 14 & March 14 from 9:00-10:45**. What a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by showing love to others. Email Linda Fass for information or to sign up: fasslinda@yahoo.com

Batavia Food Pantry Donations

Financial or non-perishable food or paper product donations can be placed in the grocery cart near the Fellowship Hall. A current list of most needed items can be found at <https://bataviafoodpantry.org/current-needs>. Email Mary Jo Nottke with questions: mnottk@aol.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Sing & Play

Program Features:

- ✓ Early Childhood Socialization
- ✓ Play-Based
- ✓ Songs & Games
- ✓ Ideal for 18-mos to Age 4
- ✓ No Registration Needed
- ✓ Younger Siblings Welcome
- ✓ Parent or Caregiver + Child

When: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15am (during the school year)

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Parker Hahn

Janet Larson (Carol Balz's sister)

Carrie Lee (Hudon family friend)

Eleanor Novotny (Sharon Dalpini's mother)

Peggy Hepperlen

Ed Saunders (friend of the Balz family)

Richard & Gloria Ambrosiewicz (Jamie Graunke's parents)

Jim Lendmann (Brian Marchen's stepdad)

Kay Wojcik (Marchen family friend)

Cis Vermaat (friend of the Balz family)

Rich (friend of Tom Scott)

Nancy Harlass (Jan Gerbitz's sister)

Gene Suydam (Dave's dad)

Stephanie (friend of the Balz family)

Rev. William Kucenski (Kristi Farnum's grandfather)

Peggy Sollis (Ann Kouba's mom)

Olsen Osterloo (Gretchen Patti's cousin)

Tom Balz

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Betty Krause (Balz family friend)

Steve Poppe (Dale Rudy's cousin)

Mike Larson (Carol Balz's nephew)

Sharon Jackson (Rueter family friend)

Linda Schuett (Lori Rueffer's sister)

Bill Kouba (Ethel's husband)

Ellie Leib (School Family) 10 yr old with a brain tumor

Gail Thom (Penny Suydam's mother)

Jim Boulton

Rev. Wallace Nordquist

Rowan Skaar (Barb Sandersfeld's great-grandson)

All First Responders & Victims of the California Wildfires

CANCER

Geri Clemons (Balz family friend)

Carmen Balz (Tom & Carol Balz daughter-in-law)

Katie (Anderson & Ciro families' friend)

Linda Bartelmey (Keith's Aunt)

Ken Lindquist (Keith Bartelmey's Uncle)

Gary Larson (Friend of Keith Jacobi)

Don Lutz (Gretchen Patti's cousin)

Judy Patti (Bob's mother)

Harold Helm (Friend of Blayne & Peggy Bakken)

Debra Shriber (Friend of Anna Sedberry)

Scott Brennan (friend of the Dauksha family)

Dawn Marie (Fletcher) Hamilton

Marty Nawara (Matt Cassidy's cousin in law)

Rowan Olson (Marge Topel's great-nephew)

GIVING Ways to give:

- **Online** at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/-/give/now>
- To set up a **recurring gift**, email: finance@immanuelbatavia.org.
- **Text** \$ and your desired giving amount (no spaces) to **833.681.7166** and follow the prompts.

Do you have an Immanuel-related activity, news, or event that you would like highlighted in a future issue of News & Notes? Let us know!
Email: comms@ilcsbatavia.org



To register church attendance, please use this QR Code

COMMUNICATIONS

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