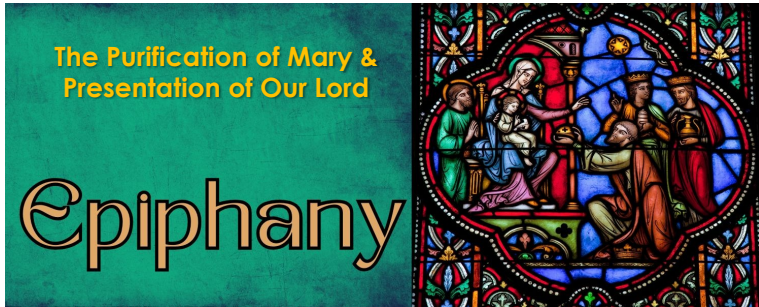


News and Notes



Calendar

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
- 12:00 PM Church Potluck + Kegley Baby Sprinkle
- 4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
- 6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon February 3

- 7:00 AM Monday Men's Bible Study, Meeting Room
- 6:30 PM GriefShare, Library
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

Tue February 4

- 6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Chapel
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, Library

Wed February 5

- 9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym
- 6:00 PM 7th/8th Confirmation, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu February 6

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

Fri February 7

Sat February 8

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

Sun February 9

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
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Don't forget! If you need childcare during a Sunday service, Immanuel's Nursery is staffed!



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

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A GOOD POTLUCK DINNER?

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>

Limited-Time Bible Study with Pastor Noah

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

LAST SESSION: 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 20, Jan 27, Feb 10

Contact the Church Office if Childcare is needed

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!

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.

A vote will be held at the request of the Associate Pastor Call Committee (APCC) to extend a potential call to a seminary candidate. Further details will be discussed at the Voter's Assembly.

Sunday Adult Forum Bible Study, New Topic

SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM, Meeting Room

The next topic in the Adult Forum is 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.

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.



2025 National Lutheran Youth Gathering
New Orleans July 19-23

Is your high schooler planning to attend the 2025 Youth Gathering?
Scan QR Code or follow link below to pay \$150 registration fee

<https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/youthgathering>

Questions? Contact Matt Cassidy:
mcassidy@ilcsbatavia.org

ENDURE
JULY 19-23, 2025, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Please pray for them as they continue to go through this process.

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

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Where Would Our Congregation Be Without Church Workers?

We are thankful for our current & future professional church workers. They are our next generation. Scholarships help ease the financial burden of higher education as they prepare to serve others. The Workers of the Word: Today + Tomorrow initiative supports our church workers and those of the future. If you would like to give to this fund:

- Mail your gift to LCMS Northern Illinois District, 1107 Monroe Ave, River Forest, IL 60305-1427
- Scan the QR Code or
- Go to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJK/campaign/C-14ZVC>



Save the Date—Immanuel Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School will be holding a ministry fair on Sunday, February 16. 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. Please contact Dan Nottke at (312) 543-8310 or dananottke@aol.com with your intent & with any questions.

To sign up to exhibit, please scan the QR Code in the graphic below 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!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Warm greetings from Kenya! We are writing to personally thank you for your ongoing support over the past year. Britt has continued to work alongside the director of Project 24, helping provide more children with access to education and fostering connections with the Lutheran church here in Kenya. Micah has kept his tour company running, ensuring that short-term missionary teams from around the world arrive safely at their ministry locations in Kenya and Tanzania. Additionally, he has overseen two school building projects in Kibera.

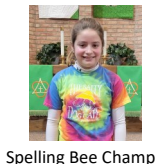
Both Rael and Silas have completed their first term in second grade. Rael remains passionate about swimming, while Silas has taken up motocross and made great progress in soccer.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in our work. We are grateful to have you alongside us as we continue serving.

**In His Grip,
Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas**

Immanuel School Happenings

Congratulations to our Spelling & Geography Bee Winners!



Spelling Bee Champ

Geography Bee Champ



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 Wheels Night, February 25 5:30pm, Gym; bring roller skates, roller blades, scooters, etc to roll around the Gym together
- Lutheran Schools Week is coming! Mark your calendars now for March 2-8

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

Short Term Mission Opportunity

Have you ever felt a calling to go on a mission trip? A team will be traveling to Honduras from May 31-June 7 to operate daily clinics to test vision and distribute eye glasses to those in need. No experience needed! Training is provided. This opportunity is through MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) in partnership with LCMS World Mission, which has been sending mission teams throughout the world since 1989. Their mission statement is "Empowering the found in reaching the lost." This experience is truly a life-changer! For more information, visit www.mostministries.org or contact Linda Fass, fasslinda@yahoo.com

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

Generous Thoughts

Hebrew 10:24-25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching!

Loving Jesus, thank You that You saved us into a family, a family of faith. Teach us to be a community that glorifies You before the watching world. By Your Spirit, draw us together in Christian unity.



As previously announced, we will host our next Voters Assembly at noon on February 16 in the sanctuary. This will follow completion of the 10:45 service and the Mission & Ministry Fair (hosted in the gym by the Generosity Committee). In addition to annual Mission & Ministry Council elections, the agenda will cover:

- ILCS Foundation Annual Report
- SGC Assistance Fund update
- 2024 Year-End and 2025 Year-to-date financials
- Associate Pastor Call update
- Miscellaneous Announcements
- Open Forum discussion

We have established a folder for you to access the agenda, the minutes from our last Voters Assembly (June 2024) and the bios of the 8 candidates running for MMC open positions. Please review this information before the meeting so you are informed in advance; the web link or the QR code listed below both provide access to this information. If you need a hard copy of this information, please see Penny Janecek in the church office.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-x5ZHPZ4SJYZmgcigSkyP84Wgu34d9wr>



Lastly, while we hope for in-person attendance as much as possible, we recognize travel, illness or other extenuating factors may compromise your ability to attend. The link below provides access to the Google Meet. We hope that you will be able to hear any dialogue, but two-way communication will only be possible through the meeting chat. Additionally, any votes cast from remote attendees will need to be done through the chat and will be visible to the MMC Secretary, Vice Chairperson and anyone else joining remotely. We will continue to work on ways to improve remote participation, but there will likely always be some compromises we have to make for this to be workable.

Google Meet link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/event?action=TEMPLATE&tmeid=NWF1dTdnN2FxdjVwOXBhdTVrbW9zZGR1dG0gY2hhaXJwZXJzb25fbW1jQGlsY3NiYXRhdmlhLm9yZw&tmsrc=chairperson_mmc%40ilcsbatavia.org

Any questions, please email chairperson_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org (at least 2 days prior to the Feb. 16 meeting).

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Parker Hahn

Janet Larson (Carol Balz's sister)

Carrie Lee (Hudson 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)

Peggy Sollis (Ann Kouba's mom)

Olsen Osterloo (Gretchen Patti's cousin)

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Betty Krause (Balz family friend)

Steve Poppe (Dale Rudy's cousin)

Mike Larson (Carol Balz's nephew)

Sharon Jackson (Ruefer 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 Boulf

Rev. Wallace Nordquist

Rowan Skaar (Barb Sandersfeld's great-grandson)

All First Responders

CANCER

Geri Clemons (Balz family friend)

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

Katie (Anderson & Ciro families' friend)

Linda Bartelme (Keith's Aunt)

Ken Lindquist (Keith Bartelme'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)

PEACE & COMFORT

For the family of **Rev. William**

Kucenski (Kristi Farnum's grandfather)

For the family of **Ann Labuhn** (mother/grandmother of the Labuhn family)

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Tim Diehl, Coast Guard

Sam Harms, Air Force

Nate Harms, Air Force

Dan Goress, Marines

Peter Seggel, Army (Terry & Lori Rueffer's godson)

Sean Benson, Air Force (Dee and Pat Dodd's son-in-law)

Kody Greer, Navy (Michelle Palmer's nephew)

Luke Klinga, Navy (Bob & Gretchen Patti's nephew)

Benjamin Rudy, Air Force

Sarah Baermann, Army

Matthew Piette, Air Force (Kim Reynold's nephew)

Steven Surdyski, Army/National Guard

Ben Bartelme, Navy

Daniel Russo, Navy

Andy Marcionis, Army

Taylor Carlisle, Air Force Reserves (Penny Janacek's grandson)

Ben Baker, Army (Pietsch family friend)

Spencer Polifowicz, Army

Matt Fry, Navy (Doris Houghtaling's nephew)

Robbie Fry, Navy (Doris Houghtaling's nephew)

Gianna Jensen, Marines (Nallenweg & Janacek family friend)

Samantha (Greco) Smith, Navy (Nallenweg family friend)

Eathan Fry, Army (Doris Houghtaling's grandnephew)

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

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