

News and Notes



Calendar

Sun February 16

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
- 9:00 AM Immanuel Ministry Fair, Gym
- 9:30 AM Adult Forum Bible Study & Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
- 12:00 PM Voter's Meeting, Sanctuary
- 4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
- 6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon February 17

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

Tue February 18

- 6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Chapel

Wed February 19

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

Thu February 20

- 12:00 PM 60+ Boyz, Apple Villa Batavia
- 6:30 PM Bible Study, "Meeting the Spirit", Library
- 7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri February 21

- 2:00 PM Lazarus House Meal Prep, Gym Kitchen

Sat February 22

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

Sun February 23

- 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!

Immanuel Ministry Fair—THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 9:00AM-12:00PM, GYM

The fair will feature the different ministries that work within & with our church & school. We want to equip our church family with information on how to use time, talents, & treasures to spread God's love. The fair will be held before & after services.



Congregational Voter's Meeting—THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 12:00pm, Sanctuary



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) & 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, if you need to attend remotely, 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. 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.**

Google Meet link:



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



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-ZJVK/campaign/C-14ZVC>



60+ Boyz Group Monthly Gathering

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:00 PM APPLE VILLA

Next gathering: February 20. If you long for wise male fellowship and a great meal, come join the Boyz at Apple Villa Cafe in Batavia each month (1961 W Wilson). Great conversations & a meal with brothers-in-Christ. Experience Koinonia! *If you would like more information, please contact Ron Jaeger rjaeger59@gmail.com.*

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

MAKING SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS?
TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD THIS SUMMER 2025
VBS AT IMMANUEL

SAVE THE DATE

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Let's go TRUE NORTH

June 16-20
Preschool - Grade 5

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

Generous Thoughts

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." **Romans 12:9-13**

Paul writes about LOVE in action in Romans 12 – encouraging us to be generous with it. Pray with me that in this season that we are filled with the Spirit and with loving boldness, walk the walk every day for His glory!

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

Immanuel School Happenings



Pack the Place—Feb 20

Let's send out 8th Grade winter athletes out in style by packing the gym for the last home games!

4:30pm Varsity Girls

5:30pm JV Boys

6:30pm Varsity Boys

Congrats to the Girls Varsity team on their 4-game win streak!

Lutheran Schools Week— March 2-8



ENDURE

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve here at Immanuel. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families!

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. More information to come!

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

Immanuel's enrollment for all grades is now open to all families, both current and new. We are so excited to continue sharing the good news of Christ to all families we serve. We continue to grow and look forward to sharing our academic excellence in a faith-filled environment to the next generation of learners. Come be a part of our Immanuel family!

At Immanuel, extraordinary things happen on ordinary days.

Contact Rebecca Bello for more information, rbello@immanuelbatavia.org

Fun Happenings Around the School

- Preschool Wheels Night, February 25 5:30pm, Gym; bring rollerskates, rollerblades, scooters, etc to roll around the Gym together

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. This is not about a cooking contest, although we have a small trophy, rather it is about providing a hearty meal and a little entertainment, as the residents take scoring our offerings to heart. 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 trueffer@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: 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 **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



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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)

Stephanie (friend of the Balz family)

Peggy Sollis (Ann Kouba's mom)

Olsen Osterloo (Gretchen Patti's cousin)

Linda Bruner (former member)

Delores Hoffman (Melba Layton's sister)

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 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)

Dan Toner (former member)

BLESSINGS

For the **Kegley Family** – **Abram John** was born Wednesday, February 12th

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



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