

News and Notes



Calendar Sun March 9

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

Mon March 10

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

Tue March 11

- 5:30 PM Northern Illinois Food Bank Sorting @NIFB
- 6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Chapel

Wed March 12

- 9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym
- 5:30 PM Pre-Service Meal
- 6:30 PM Midweek Lent Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu March 13

- 6:30 PM Bible Study, "Meeting the Spirit", Library
- 7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri March 14

Sat March 15

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

Sun March 16

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

First Communion Class

MARCH 23 & 30, 12:15 - 1:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

First Communion Classes for children in Grades 5 & up will be held March 23 & 30. At least one parent must attend with the child & both sessions are mandatory. Kids will be able to have their first Communion on Palm Sunday. Scan QR Code to register or complete a form in the Narthex



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Get yourself an authentic Irish meal!
Youth Group Fundraiser

- Irish Egg Rolls
- Rueben Sandwich
- Corned Beef Dinner
- Fish & Chips (Southern Style)
- Sides (Fried Cabbage, Potatoes w/onions & carrots, Baked Beans, Hand-Cut Fries)

Order By: Wednesday, March 12
Scan QR Code & complete the form
Invoice for payment will be emailed
Order Pickup: Monday, March 17



All proceeds benefit Immanuel Youth Group attending the 2025 National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans


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OR TO ORDER, VISIT: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1PEArurQ09EOWT12dK-ZDYcz6K3pl_NGZPZSGVHk2TYQesw/viewform?usp=header

Upcoming Lent Worship & Pre-Service Meals

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26; APRIL 2, 9;

MEAL 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; SERVICE 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

We are leading a "Fruits of the Spirit" sermon series this Lenten season. Likewise, we have seasoned veteran preachers preaching & leading worship, too! Both Rev. Ron Weidler & Rev. Dennis Perryman have agreed to aid the first 4 weeks of midweek Lent services.

Join us each week for a pre-service meal together at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Lent Pre-Service Meals

We are gathering together as a church community prior to midweek Lent services, meals will be served on March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2, & 9. If you plan on coming for the meal, please scan this QR Code or go to: <https://forms.gle/aKHmYwWUuNL42AA87>

or you can put your name on the list in the narthex. Don't worry, if you forget to RSVP, you can still come eat! We just want to give the meal preppers an idea of how many to expect.



It's Pledge Card Time

It's budget pre-planning time! Please consider your gift for the upcoming year & submit your pledge card. Your financial gifts make you a partner in ministry here at Immanuel!

Financial giving is an important aspect of spiritual growth. Your monetary gifts make you a partner in ministry here at Immanuel & they enable us to continue our mission of building deeper relationships with God, here within our church & school community, & also outside the church—reaching out to our friends & neighbors. After prayerful consideration, please indicate your intended contributions, tithes, &/or any other donations for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER @IMMANUEL

Lent Worship at Immanuel

Fruits of the Spirit

Weekly Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday—March 5

4:30 & 6:30 PM with Lord's Supper & Ashes

March 12: 6:30 PM

March 19: 6:30 PM

March 26: 6:30 PM

April 2: 6:30 PM

April 9: 6:30 PM



Join us for a Weekly
Pre-Service Meal
@5:30 PM



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Holy Week Worship

2025

Palm Sunday—April 13

5:30 PM Saturday, April 12, Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 AM Sunday, Traditional; 10:45 AM Contemporary

Maundy Thursday—April 17

4:30 & 6:30 PM with Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 18

4:30 & 6:30 PM

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Easter Worship

He is Risen!

2025

Sunday, April 20

7:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:00 AM Traditional Worship
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship

Each Service has Holy Communion

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All services will occur in the Gym

Seder Meal

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 5:00-8:00 PM

The Seder Meal is the traditional Passover feast involving retelling the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Immanuel is hosting a Seder Meal on Palm Sunday night, The cost is \$5 per person. **Please register as soon as possible.** For planning purposes, we would like to know if you are interested in attending. Sign-ups will be accepted through March 23. Attendee Registration is in the Narthex. Additionally, we are looking for 8-10 people to serve in the kitchen. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate interest.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMMANUEL



The Easter Treasure + Egg Hunt

April 12, 2025

More information to come!

Easter Candy Donations Needed!

We are collecting individually wrapped Easter egg candy of any kind. It does not need to fit in the eggs because we are not filling the eggs. Donations are being collected in the bin outside the Church Office.



Camping at Walcamp's campground

June 6-8, 2025

More information to come!

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LIVE

A GODLY LIFE

MEN'S RETREAT

This one-evening retreat is ideal for men of ALL ages, focusing on "What does it look like to live a Godly life?" Come hear Don Beebe's inspirational story of his journey to the NFL and back, and how his relationship with God has impacted his life as a professional athlete, husband, father, and now a college football coach

EVENT DATE: APRIL 11, 2025

TIME: 5PM-9PM

COST: \$50

TO REGISTER: COMPLETE THE FORM
AVAILABLE IN CHURCH NARTHEX

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Immanuel School Happenings

Lutheran Schools Week— March 2-8



What an exciting week we had to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! 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!

We kicked off the school week by welcoming our students' VIPs to chapel and a pancake breakfast. By Tuesday we mixed up our clothes & hair for Twisted Tuesday, but also showcased the incredible artwork of our students at the Art Fair. We repped our favorite teams for Sports Day on Wednesday, but also worshipped together for Ash Wednesday. In the afternoon, our 4th Graders presented their Parade of States floats & famous people from each state to the entire school and even the Unsinkable Molly Brown showed up! On Thursday, we all dressed like what we want to be when we grow up—even our teachers got it on it! Then, the Reptile Road Show put on an assembly for all of our students to learn a little more about some of our more slithering friends. Check out Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Suydam getting to hold the python (or was the a boa constrictor?!). Finally on Friday, we dressed our best and our middle school had the privilege of singing along with some of our orchestra students in combination with St. John Lutheran (Chicago) School's band and choir at the LCMS District Convention held at Concordia University. It was a truly beautiful service! Finally on Friday, our students shared their talents at the annual Talent Show.



Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

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

AND THE WINNER IS...Lazarus House announces that the residents voted Chili #4 as the best! The pan of delicious chili that scored the highest came from Stacy Linden. Congratulations, Stacy! We will find an appropriate time to present the 2025 trophy to Stacy.

Of course all entries were winners, as we fed our friends in need and there were even some left over for a lunch this week. God bless our generous donors! 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, NEXT EVENT MAR 11, 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

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Feb 14 packing session at FMSC. 101 boxes of food were packed providing 21,816 meal which will feed 60 kids for a year. The cost of the session was \$6,326.64. So thank you for your time and financial contributions. Mark your calendars and sign up to serve at our upcoming dates, **March 14 & April 11**. As always, join us if you are able four lunch afterwards at Portillo's. Stay safe, well and warm dear friends.

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

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 statant 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

Generous Thoughts

How does the world know God is real? By how well someone preaches? By how loudly you worship? By miraculous answers to prayer? By how you vote? No. **By how you love.**

In his final discourse to his disciples, Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

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

SAVE THE DATE

Let's go **TRUE NORTH**
June 16-20
Preschool - Grade 5

TRUSTING JESUS IN A
WILD WORLD
SUMMER 2025
VBS AT IMMANUEL

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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

Jim Lendmann (Brian Marchen's stepdad)

Kay Wojcik (Marchen family friend)

Cis Vermaat (friend of the Balz family)

Rich (friend of Tom Scott)

Stephanie (friend of the Balz family)

Peggy Sollis (Ann Kouba's mom)

Olsen Osterloo (Gretchen Patti's cousin)

Linda Brewner (former member & ILS' first principal)

Delores Hoffman (Melba Layton's sister)

Roy Larsen

Art Eichmann

Les Walenta (Anne Hauser's Godfather)

Brett Hartmann

Eleanor Erbeling

Roy Bach

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

CANCER

Geri Clemons (Balz family friend)

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

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)

Dennis Egan (Maggie Labuhn's father)

Jeff Calafos (friend of Cheryl & Jeff Meyers)

Joey Gomez (friend of Chad & Lexie Anderson)

FOR PEACE & COMFORT

For the family of **Lillianne Clavet** (Justin's grandmother)

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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COMMUNICATIONS

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