

News and Notes

Second Sunday in

Lent



Calendar

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

Mon March 17

7:00 AM Monday Men's Bible Study, Meeting Room
3:00+ PM Pickup St. Patrick's Day Preordered Meals
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

Tue March 18

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

Wed March 19

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
6:30 PM Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu March 20

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 Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri March 21

12:00 PM 60+ Boyz Fellowship, Apple Villa Batavia
2:00 PM Lazarus House Meal Prep, Gym Kitchen

Sat March 22

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

Sun March 23

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

Pastor Noah's Thursday AM Bible Study is Back!

Meeting each Thursday morning at 9:30am for coffee & fellowship, followed by Bible Study at 10:00am.

Men's Retreat

APRIL 11, 2025 5:00-7:00 PM

Spend time with brothers in Christ of all ages & enjoy special guest-speaker, Don Beebe. Registration forms available in the Narthex.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LIVE

A GODLY LIFE

MEN'S RETREAT

EVENT DATE: APRIL 11, 2025

TIME: 5PM-9PM

COST: \$50

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

To Register: Complete the Form available in Church Narthex
OR Scan QR Code <<https://forms.gle/dctQVAXPljPg2P8z5>>

To Pay Fee: Cash or Check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Memo "Men's Retreat" OR Electronically at:
<https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/mensretreat>



 **Immanuel Lutheran**
Church & School

Upcoming Lent Worship & Pre-Service Meals

REMAINING WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: MARCH 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.

Lent Pre-Service Meals—We are gathering together as a church community each week prior to midweek Lent services. Meals will be served on March 19, 26, and April 2, & 9. If you plan on coming for the meal, please scan this QR Code:
<https://forms.gle/aKHmYwWUnNL42AA87>

or 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 giving for the upcoming year & submit a pledge card. Financial giving is an important aspect of spiritual growth. You are a partner in ministry here at Immanuel & they enable us to continue our mission of building deeper relationships with God, both here within our church & school, but also outside the church in our community. After prayerful consideration, please indicate your intended contributions, tithe, &/or any other donations for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

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.



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

Mundy 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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The Easter Journey EGG HUNT

April 12, 2025 9:00-11:00 AM

Ideal for: Children Age 1 to Grade 3
Come take a tour through most amazing event that ever happened: the Easter Story!
Also includes an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.
Tours will take approx. 20 minutes & will start every 15 minutes.
Donuts afterwards! Rain or Shine!

Scan QR Code to register for a time slot
Or go to <https://signup.com/go/DQhdSun>



 **Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**

Easter Worship 2025

He is Risen!

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

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.

Easter Journey & Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed!

We need your help to make our community Easter event a success! Volunteers age 4th grade or older are needed.. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/xcSAfkZagMTmMK2e9> or Scan QR Code.



60+ Boyz Group Monthly Gathering

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

Next gathering: March 20. Come One, Come **ALL Immanuel Retired Men!** It's time for us to expand our membership, invite a brother, as we plan for our fellowship and sharing monthly meetings. 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.

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Trouble Shared is a Trouble Halved

It's a nice old saying, isn't it? And sharing one another's burdens (troubles) is more than a Christian duty – it's an honor & a blessing. When we share our trouble, we actually allow our friends to receive that blessing! But we don't always find it easy to share our trouble. Maybe it's an embarrassing trouble. Maybe talking about it is difficult & painful. Maybe we don't like to seem needy. Or maybe we just don't want to be a bother.

Immanuel's Stephen Ministers know the joy of helping God's beloved children to find comfort & healing. Each confidential assignment is a privilege, a source of spiritual growth, & an opportunity to carry God's light & love. If your situation would benefit by confidential Christian care, please allow a Stephen Minister to share your trouble. It will be a blessing to both—and "a joy shared is a joy doubled"! Please reach out to Pastor Noah or Sue Marvel at 630.844.6562.

Immanuel School Happenings



This year, Immanuel has launched a Podcast Club! These students are developing their interviewing chops and learning the ins & outs of producing podcasts.

In this latest installation: Get to know Immanuel's Pastor Noah!

https://youtu.be/z31_TIYQZGs

Knowledge Bowl

Immanuel is hosting a Knowledge Bowl meet this weekend on Saturday, March 15. Good luck to all our participants! Think hard!

Change for World Change



Did you know Immanuel's Art Teacher & Preschool Aide, Ms. Allison Cannon, also does mission work in Africa each year? This year, she will be traveling back to Rwanda in April to teach in a local school there through August. In order to help fund her trip, we are collecting spare change to meet or exceed her goal of raising \$1000. If we reach the goal, Pastor Noah & Mr. Cassidy will both get pied in the face! Will you help? Collection bins are outside each classroom & in the Narthex.

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

Our March kitchen team is getting ready to serve Lazarus House with a delicious hearty meal THIS COMING FRIDAY 3/21. Donations of ingredients, and Saturday meal items, can be pledged by going online to:

volunteersignup.org/DEQRX

God bless our generous donors! 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, NEXT EVENT APRIL 8, 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: APRIL 11, 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, **April 11**. As always, join us if you are able for 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

Save the Date—56th Annual Batavia Brotherhood Banquet

MAY 8, 2025, 6:30 PM, HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH BATAVIA

Special Guest Speaker, Hugo Saltjeral, Executive Director of Valley Sheltered Workshop. More info to come.

Generous Thoughts

Paul says in Romans 15:20-21, "I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named... but as it is written, 'Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand'".

It doesn't matter if Jesus died one thousand times if no one ever hears about it. And the way they hear about it is through your efforts and sacrifices.

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

New Member Class

ARE YOU NEW TO THE LUTHERAN FAITH?

MAYBE WANTING A REFRESHER?

ARE YOU LOOKING TO JOIN IMMANUEL'S CONGREGATION?

Pastor Noah is leading a New Member Class aka, What it means to claim "I am Lutheran"

Dinner is included & childcare is available!

To Register, scan QR Code or go to <https://forms.gle/VtX1xVjHBqXW3NB6>



APRIL 10 & 24, MAY 8, 15, & 22
5:30-7:00 PM

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Linda Brewner (former member & ILS' first principal)
Delores Hoffman (Melba Layton's sister)
Les Walenta (Anne Hauser's Godfather)
Brett Hartmann
Eleanor Erbeling
Roy Bach
Ruth Hoffmann

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)
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)

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)

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 **Art Eichmann**

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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