

News and Notes

Third Sunday in

Lent



Calendar

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
12:15 PM First Communion Class, Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon March 24

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

Tue March 25

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

Wed March 26

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room
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

Thu March 27

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 28

Sat March 29

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

Sun March 30

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
12:15 PM First Communion Class, Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

It's Pledge Card Time—But What Does That Mean?

As a member of Immanuel, you are a partner in ministry here at Immanuel & your offerings 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. It is now budget pre-planning time! Please prayerfully consider your tithe, offering, or any other donations for the upcoming year & submit a pledge card. A pledge card is NOT a contract, but it helps our congregation responsibly plan for the upcoming fiscal year when we have an idea of what may be coming in throughout the year. 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.

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.

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. Scan the QR Code below or registration forms available in the Narthex. To pay fee: Cash or Check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Memo "Men's Retreat" OR pay electronically at

<https://onrealm.org/immanuebatavia/give/mensretreat>

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 & how his relationship with God has impacted his life as a professional athlete, husband, father, & now a college football coach

EVENT DATE: APRIL 11, 2025

TIME: 5PM-9PM

COST: \$50



TO REGISTER: SCAN QR CODE OR COMPLETE THE FORM IN CHURCH 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


 Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
950 Hart Rd., Batavia, IL

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

 Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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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

 Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
950 Hart Rd., Batavia, IL

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.



Order Sanctuary Flowers for Easter!



Help beautify Immanuel's sanctuary and worship spaces for Easter! Order Forms are now available in the Church Narthex for Lilies, Tulips, or Daffodils.

After Easter, Immanuel's gardening volunteers will plant the flowers throughout our property to hopefully bloom again year after year, keeping our campus picturesque.

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.



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.

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/VtX1xVjHBqXWb3NB6>

 Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

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

Immanuel School Happenings

Knowledge Bowl Results

Immanuel hosted the 3rd annual Knowledge Bowl this last weekend! Six schools participated with two divisions: 5th/6th grade & 7th/8th grade. Teams were asked questions across eight different categories: math, language arts, science, religion, geography, fine arts, current events, & history.

Congratulations to both of our Immanuel teams! The 7th/8th grade team placed 1st, & the 5th/6th grade team placed 2nd. Thank you to all the parents, staff, & volunteers who helped make this a great event. It was a fun day of competition, fellowship, & teamwork!

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.



On the latest episode of Immanuel's Eagle Eye Podcast:

We Celebrate Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Teacher of the Year, Immanuel's Own, Mary Wert!



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NKq32kh3FQ>

Spring Break, March 31-April 4

The school office will be closed for Spring Break from March 31 through April 4, returning to school on Monday, April 7. Have a great break and be safe!

Spring Strings Showcase

APRIL 24, 6:30 PM, SANCTUARY

Come enjoy the sounds of Immanuel's Orchestra program at the Spring Strings Showcase.

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org



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 talking about it is difficult, painful, or embarrassing. 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 burden. 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 in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT APRIL 18, 2:00 PM

Keep an eye out for more information for next month's meal preparation.

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

We had 17 volunteers. 115 boxes of food was packed during our session and our group packed 28 of those boxes resulting in 24,840 meals that will feed 68 kids for a year. The cost of that session was \$7,203.60. We were reminded that every PENNY donated represents a PERSON, every NICKEL, a NAME and every DIME, a DESTINY. Thank you for your time and your donations. Every time you help a child who is hungry, you give them hope-for survival, for their future, for right now!

Please mark your calendars and reply to this e-mail if you can volunteer. Our next two dates are: **April 11 and May 9 from 9:00-10:45.** Join us at Portillos afterwards if you are able for lunch and chat. 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 Saltijeral, Executive Director of Valley Sheltered Workshop. More info to come.



Upcoming Stephen Ministers Meeting

Dear Stephen Ministers, Thank you for praying for your Care Receivers. Our next regularly scheduled Supervision meeting is on Tuesday, April 1 at 7pm in the school library. God hears your prayers!

Generous Thoughts

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 NIV

Imagine God hands you a gift: His peace. In return, He asks you to give Him your worries and concerns. That may seem crazy, but that's exactly what God wants from you.

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

It's Budget Pre-Planning Time (Pledge Cards)!

Please consider your giving for the upcoming year and submit your pledge.

You are a partner in ministry here at Immanuel!

Let's continue to build deeper relationships with God

⇒ in our church and school community

⇒ reaching out to our friends & neighbors

Your tithe, offering, donations &/or other gifts help Immanuel maintain these church, school & community ministries! In order to be good stewards of our funds, we ask that each member complete a pledge form to indicate what you think your giving will be for the fiscal year (July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026). This is not a binding contract & we know things can change, but receiving these pledges helps us plan & budget properly for the upcoming year.



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School Annual Pledge

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

TOTAL PLEDGE \$ _____

How would you like to fulfill your pledge?

\$ _____ weekly x 52	\$ _____ semi-monthly x 24	\$ _____ quarterly x 4
\$ _____ bi-weekly x 26	\$ _____ monthly x 12	\$ _____ annual x 1

☐ All or part of my pledge will be a Qualified Charitable Distribution or from a non-deductible source.

Name(s) _____ Email Address _____ Envelope # _____

Your commitment is an intention to give only, not contractual.

Please return this form by putting it in the offering plate or dropping it in the black box by the Finance office.
You can also complete the form online at immanuelbatavia.org/pledge



Which ministry area would you be interested in more information?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Lazarus House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed My Starving Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Hart to Hearts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SALT (Sound & Light Team) | <input type="checkbox"/> GriefShare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission & Ministry Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Illinois Food Pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Men's Bible Study Fellowship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Correctional Ministry (Kane Co Jail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmand Prayer Partners | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministry & Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Guidance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Immanuel Lutheran School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ILCS Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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 Erbelding
Roy Bach
Ruth Hoffmann
Rowan Olson (Gerry & Marge Topel's great-nephew)

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 Boul
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 Dauksa 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)
MacKenzie Hazelton (friend of the McKnight & Dodd families)

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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