

News and Notes

Fourth Sunday in

Lent



Calendar

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

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

Mon March 31

Tue April 1

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

Wed April 2

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room
9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Pre-Service Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Midweek Lent Worship, Sanctuary

Thu April 3

6:30 PM Bible Study, "Meeting the Spirit", Library

Fri April 4

Sat April 5

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

Sun April 6

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
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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.

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/immanuelbatavia/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

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.

6" Lilies: \$12 Tulips: \$10

8" Lilies: \$24 Daffodils: \$10

Please use the order envelopes in the Narthex to place your order. You can either pay with cash or check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church or scan the QR Code to pay online (<https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/lilies>).



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



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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 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 Worship

Sunday, April 20
7:00 AM Traditional
9:00 AM Traditional
11:00 AM Contemporary

He is Risen!



 **Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**

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/xcSfkZagMTmMK2e9> or scan QR Code.



Upcoming Lent Pre-Service Meals

REMAINING WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: APRIL 2, 9;

MEAL 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Meals will be served on the remaining Wed in Lent: 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.



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!

Immanuel School Happenings

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!

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.

Spring Strings Showcase

APRIL 24, 6:30 PM, SANCTUARY

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



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>

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

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: mnottke@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.



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



Generous Thoughts

The beauty of the gospel is that our relationship with God does not depend upon what we do but upon God's work of salvation centered in Jesus.

Paul sums this up well: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

Our response to this tremendous gift is an outpouring of gratitude!

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

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 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

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)

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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