

News and Notes



Calendar

Sun April 27

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
6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon April 28

Raise Right Orders Due!
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

Tue April 29

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

Wed April 30

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room
8:20 AM K-8 Chapel, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym
6:00 PM Call Day Watch Party, Sanctuary

Thu May 1

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

Fri May 2

6:30 PM Beauty & the Beast, Jr, Gym

Sat May 3

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

Sun May 4

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
2:30 PM Beauty & the Beast, Jr, Gym
6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Associate Pastor Call Day Watch Party WED, APRIL 30, 6:00pm

Immanuel's ministry staff is growing! We are receiving a new associate pastor! We are very excited about this new addition that is coming to our staff this summer. Immanuel will officially learn who God is sending to us on a special day called "Call Day," on April 30th when seminary graduates attend a special worship service to officially receive their first call as a pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Immanuel will even have a group from the call committee onsite in St. Louis to welcome our new addition!

Join us in finding out together who our next associate pastor will be on Wednesday, April 30, 6:00pm with pizza & snacks; Livestreamed Call Day worship service begins at 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Can't make the watch party, but want to see the service streamed live? <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>



Get Your Tickets Now!—Beauty & the Beast, Jr

MAY 2, 6:30 PM & MAY 4, 2:30PM

Tickets are going fast for Immanuel's all-school Kindergarten to Grade 8 production of Beauty & the Beast, Jr. General Admission tickets (unassigned) are still available for both performances. Get your seats before they sell out! Scan QR code or go to <https://ilsbatavia.seatyourself.biz/>

Immanuel Lutheran School's presentation of



FRIDAY, MAY 2
6:30PM

SUNDAY, MAY 4
2:30PM

950 HART RD., BATAVIA, IL



<https://ilsbatavia.seatyourself.biz/>

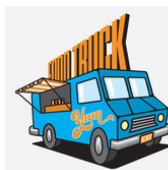
Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

RESERVED SEATING: ADULT \$10 - CHILD \$6 - SENIOR \$8
GENERAL SEATING: ADULT \$5 - CHILD \$3 - SENIOR \$4



Ascension Day Service + Food Trucks

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 10:30AM



Who doesn't love a good food truck. And then combine it with Ascension Day? Win-Win!

There will be only ONE service on Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 AM & we will celebrate Ascension Day. Afterwards, enjoy lunch from 12:00-2:00PM at the food trucks that will be parked here at Immanuel.

- Flyin' Hawaiian Food Truck, a taco truck, & the ice cream man will be here!

Saturday service, 5/31, will be at 5:30PM, per usual.

Support Immanuel's Youth Trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Immanuel's high school students & chaperones will travel to New Orleans in July 2025 to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering. Held every three years, the Gathering provides thousands of youth & adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ & learn about the Christian faith & their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering provides our young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church & equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus. But help is needed to bridge the gap to cover the cost of transportation & offset the cost of chaperone trip fees. Chaperones volunteer to assist during the trip [which oftentimes necessitates taking vacation from work] & participate in preparatory events and fundraisers.

Donation forms are available in the church narthex for check or cash donations. Scan QR Code for online donations or go to <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/gogrant>



Easter Bake Sale THANK YOU!

Immanuel's Youth Group extends their deepest thanks to all purchasers & bakers who helped make the Easter Bake Sale a huge success to help with the costs of their upcoming trip this summer to the LCMS National Youth Gathering!!



Stephen Ministry May Meeting CANCELLED

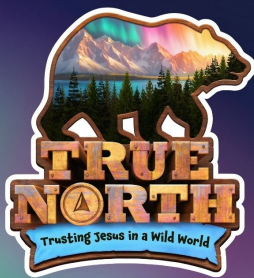
The Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting scheduled for May 6 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Please mark your calendars with our next meeting date, June 3 at 7pm in the school library.. Thank you for sharing your faith in Jesus, our Easter hope!

Lori Rueffer, Stephen Leader

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World - VBS at immanuel

REGISTER NOW!

Let's go TRUE NORTH!



June 16-20, 2025
Preschool - Grade 5



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Scan QR Code to register



<https://forms.gle/NRvj6GWLg3xR8lge>

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It's Time for a New Church Directory

Our churchmember directory will not be complete without you!
Be a part of our church history!



- Schedule your photo session online now, or starting in May you can sign up online Mon-Fri or stop by the sign-up tables before/after church services
- FREE sitting includes one FREE 8"x10" + directory
- Variety of poses, backgrounds, sizes, & you'll have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for family & friends
- Bring your whole family!
 - Your photo sitting can include your church directory pose, plus any other poses or family groups you want (children, grandchildren, etc.)

To schedule, scan QR Code:

June 19: 2:00-8:30pm

June 20: 2:00-8:30pm

June 21: 10:00am-4:00pm



Church Code: il413
Password: photos



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<https://schedule.ucdir.com/login.php>

Volunteers Needed—In-Person Church Directory Sign-Up & Photography Session Check-In

SUNDAYS IN BETWEEN SERVICES, DAY-OF PHOTO SESSIONS

Would you be willing to help Immanuel's new church directory run smoothly? We're looking for a few volunteers to help members sign up in-person for photo sessions in between services on weekends. It's an easy job!

We also need volunteers on the day(s) of the photography to check in members for their appointments & verify their directory information accuracy. Scan QR Code or go to:

<https://signup.com/go/bfUzakh>



More Call Day News—Chris Dhuse

Chris Dhuse, a son of Immanuel's congregation and Immanuel school graduate is also completing his seminary studies at Concordia St. Louis and is also receiving his call assignment on April 30! Let's celebrate his divine call during our Watch Party!

He will be ordained here at Immanuel—keep an eye out for more information on that day/time.

Congratulations, Chris!



Immanuel School Happenings

NO SCHOOL, FRIDAY, APRIL 18—GOOD FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, April 21—EASTER MONDAY



WE ARE HIRING

5TH GRADE TEACHER
STARTS FALL 2025

<https://www.ilsbatavia.org/employment-opportunities>



Principal Donna Laughlin
dlaughlin@ilsbatavia.org



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Lutheran Junior Honor Association

Congratulations to Immanuel's inductees into the Lutheran Junior Honor Association. These middle school students have exhibited consistent excellence in their academic performance & service to others, while keeping a firm focus on their faith.

Summer Cheer Camp

JUNE 9-13

- Grades 4-8 Camp Fee for \$25, includes a cheerleading hairbow for girls, water bottle for boys
- Grades K-3 Jr. Eagle Cheer Camp on Friday, June 13, is FREE!



Bring a friend—open to all!. To register, scan QR Code or go to:
<https://forms.gle/53AAx7VomygJdGmZ7>

Summer Basketball & Volleyball Camps are also Coming!

Keep an eye on the weekly News & Notes and Discover eNews emails for more information.

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

Generous Thoughts

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **He is not here; he has risen,** just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:5-6)*

This is the game changer! The moment that literally divides history between BC and AD. Generations looked forward to this day for centuries, and generations will continue to look back on it until the end of time. It is the moment that changed everything – the moment that confirmed every promise.

He is risen indeed! Jesus died as the perfect sacrifice to take the world's debt of sin and pay it in full with His very life so that by believing in Him as Lord and Savior we can be forgiven and brought near to God.

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

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT MAY 16, 2:00 PM

Many thanks to the Wednesday Women's Bible Study team for serving Lazarus House on Good Friday. Also thanks in advance to the Saturday Morning Men's Group for planning a Lazarus House picnic dinner on May 16.

There is always room for more helpers. We should be cooking meals at Immanuel Friday June 20 to deliver to the shelter in St. Charles.

Contact Terry Rueffer with a message or questions at ph 630 761 1790, or trueffer@att.net

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 MAY 13, 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: MAY 9 & JUNE 13, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

A big thank you to everyone who came out last Friday to pack food at FMSC. 147 boxes were packed which will provide 31,752 for 87 kids for a year! The cost from that session was \$9,208.08. "Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor." 1 John 3:18. Every time you help a child who is hungry, you give them hope-for survival, for their future, for right now!

Our next two volunteer opportunities are **May 9 and June 13** 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

56th Annual Batavia Brotherhood Banquet

MAY 8, 2025, 6:30 PM

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

2300 MAIN ST., BATAVIA

Special Guest Speaker, Hugo Saltijeral, Executive Director of Valley Sheltered Workshop.

Donation: \$20, plus online processing fee



www.bataviabrotherhoodbanquet.org

Don't forget to submit your annual Pledge Card!

More information and forms are available in the church narthex.

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Linda Brewner (former member & ILS' first principal)
Brett Hartmann
Roy Bach
Rowan Olson (Gerry & Marge Topel's great-nephew)
Stacy (Carol Balz's cousin)
Bob McNeill (friend of the Rueter family)
Linda Perryman
Laura Gatz
Anna Sedberry

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 Boult
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)
Ruth Hoffmann

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

PEACE & COMFORT

For the family of **Les Walenta** (Anne Hauser's Godfather)

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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