

News and Notes



Summer Worship Schedule

Starting the weekend of June 28 through August 3, Immanuel's summer worship schedule will be as follows:

⇒ Saturdays: 5:30 PM

⇒ Sundays: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

All services will be in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan accordingly!

Calendar

Sun July 6

8:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Garage Sale Donation Drop-Off

10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

6:00 PM High School Bible Study

Mon July 7

8:00AM-4:00PM Garage Sale Donation Drop-Off

Tue July 8

8:00 AM-4:00 PM Garage Sale Donation Drop-Off

5:30 PM Norther Illinois Food Bank, @NIFB

Wed July 9

LAST DAY FOR GARAGE SALE DONATION DROP-OFF

8:00 AM-4:00 PM Garage Sale Donation Drop-Off

Thu July 10

Fri July 11

9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children, @FMSC

Sat July 12

5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun July 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]

10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

5:30 PM Installation Service for Pastor Micah Brown, Sanctuary
Reception Follows

Pastor Micah Brown Ordination & Installation

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 5:30PM, Sanctuary

Join us Sunday, July 13, at 5:30pm, as we ordain & install the newest member of Immanuel's pastoral team, Pastor Micah Brown in to the Office of the Holy Ministry. The Lord bestows the Holy Spirit along with the Office in order to equip and sustain the one who is called to this sacred institution.

An old-fashioned ice cream social reception will follow.

Gift Card Sprinkle for Pastor Micah

To help welcome Pastor Micah and Jennifer Brown to Immanuel (& Illinois!), we are collecting gift cards for whatever you think would be useful: home improvement, grocery, décor, restaurants, etc. Cards can be submitted to the church office or brought to his installation service & reception.



Donations are needed of ice cream toppings and 2-liter bottles of soda for ice cream floats. We will also need some volunteers to help serve at the reception. A detailed signup sheet is in the church narthex. Come join the fun as we count our blessings!

MORE Photo Directory Dates Added!

Due to your incredible turnout & interest, we have added yet another sitting date for the upcoming church directory!

If you haven't yet scheduled your photo session, now would be the time. With over 20 people on the waitlist, these spots are sure to go quickly, too.

NEW DATE: AUGUST 5, 2-9PM

More information about scheduling inside on page 2

Support Immanuel's Youth Trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 19-23

Immanuel's high school students & chaperones will travel to New Orleans to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering being held July 19-23, 2025. 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>



Summer Camping Deal at Walcamp

Fun summer deal at Walcamp exclusively for Immanuel families! The first 10 families from Immanuel to register for summer camp or reserve a spot at their campground will get \$20 off! After registering online, call the camp office and mention this deal. If you have any questions email Kari Larsen

Summer Church Nursery Hours

Please note, the church nursery **will not be staffed** starting Memorial Day weekend (May 25). Our nursery staff will be back and ready on August 17. For the summer, parents can use the room with their child as needed.



VBS Lost & Found

Any crafts, lanyards, water bottles, etc accidentally left at Immanuel from VBS are currently in the church office waiting for their parents to come claim them. The church office is open from 8-4 Monday-Thursday.

Any items not picked up by July 15 will be donated!

SAVE THE DATE—VBS 2026

We're already talking about Vacation Bible School for 2026? You betcha! It is Mrs. Larsen's favorite week of the year, even if she gets pied in the face for it!

- June 15-19, 2026

Church Directory What's Next?

Well done! We have filled FIVE days of photography appointments! So, what's next?



- Don't forget to get your picture taken during your scheduled time!
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early (enter through church entrance)
- If you don't have a photo session scheduled but are still interested, contact Dale Rudy, 312-241-8389 or email: batrudy1@icloud.com

Your photography sitting includes:

- FREE sitting plus 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 review, cancel or schedule your time reservation, scan QR Code or go to: <https://schedule.ucdir.com/login.php>

Photography Dates:

~~June 19, 20, 21~~ **DONE**

July 22, 23

NEW DATE: August 5, 2-9pm



**Immanuel Lutheran
Church & School**



**Church Code: il413
Password: photos**

The Garage Sale is Coming!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL HUGE Indoor Garage Sale

Sale Dates:

July 17: 8:00am-4:00pm & 6-8:00pm
July 18: 8:00am-4:00pm
July 19: 8:00am-1:00pm

**Tell Your Friends!
Invite Your Neighbors!**

**Clean Out Your Closets!
Bring in those Donations!**

Immanuel is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.
Item donation values are tax deductible as
allowed by law.

We could use some helping hands & handled paper bags!



THIS COULD BE YOU!

LEND A HAND

We're looking for volunteers to help:

- Before the sale - set-up, sorting, pricing
- During the sale - greeting shoppers, cashier, restocking, carry-out help
- After the sale - cleaning, boxing items, moving tables

GOT BAGS?

We're in need of handled paper shopping bags for our garage sale! Drop them off anytime — thanks!

Last day to donate:
Wednesday, July 9



THE COUNTDOWN IS ON... HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

DONATE YOUR ITEMS

- Last day to donate is July 9
- Big thanks to everyone who has already donated 🙌

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We're looking for volunteers to help:

- Before the sale - set-up, sorting, pricing
- During the sale - greeting shoppers, cashier, restocking, carry-out help
- After the sale - cleaning, boxing items, moving tables

Bonus: Volunteer 8+ hours and you'll get access to early shopping 🎉
Big shoutout to those who helped setup the gym Saturday!

SPREAD THE WORD

- Put a sign in your front yard starting July 13
- Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to come shop!
- Share on social media



Immanuel School Happenings

Come Grow With Us!



If you or someone you know is looking for Preschool for 2025-2026, we have opened a handful of new spots in both our 3 & 4-year old programs here at Immanuel. Please contact admissions@immanuelbatavia.org, the school office 630-406-0157, or complete an Inquiry Form on the school website: www.ilsbatavia.org

We do also have a few openings in Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Back-to-School Packets Need Completing

If you haven't already, please complete the Back-to-School Packets for any child returning to Immanuel Lutheran School for the 2025-2026 school year. This packet has the annually required paperwork that we must have on file prior to school starting. Packet is available in the Family Portal, Apply/Enroll, Enrollment/Re-Enrollment.

2025-2026 School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists are available both in the Family Portal/Resource Documents & on the school website: <https://www.ilsbatavia.org/supplies>.



Important Upcoming Dates

- August 9, 10-11:00am, Preschool Popsicles in the Park @Big Woods
- August 12, 5:30pm, New Family Orientation (fellowship time at 5pm)
- August 12, 6:30pm, Preschool Orientation
- August 14, 5:30pm, Grades K-8 Orientation
- August 17, 9:30am Back-to-School Worship
- August 17, 1-3:00pm Grades K-8 School Supply Drop-Off Open House & Activity Fair
- August 18, FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8
- August 18, Preschool Visiting Day
- August 19, First day of Preschool

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

2025 LCMS-NID Lay Leadership Conference

SATURDAY, AUG 23, Walther Christian Academy

This summit is designed to bring together lay leaders from all parts of the District to:



- Worship our Lord
- Build one another up in our given talents
- Provide best practices for effective service
- Provide practical application across a number of disciplines

This year's keynote presenter will be Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President of Ministry Engagement with Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The Lay Leadership Summit also features workshops with topic options ranging from best practices in congregational admin to the latest in healthy small church ministry ideas. There is also a special Sunday School and Family Ministry track for lay members who serve those vital areas of congregational life.

Early bird registration is \$25/person & CLOSES July 7, 2025. Regular registration of \$40/person begins July 8, 2025. Group registration is \$25/person for groups of 5+.

To Register: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/55012>



Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

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

We had a successful delivery of meals to Lazarus House on June 20, thanks to my several helpers in the kitchen and generous past donations. July we will delivery a store-bought fried chicken picnic on the third Friday, giving out cooks a night off. Donations in kind of the typical shelf stable items plus fruit and other breakfast items will be welcome to round out the meals. A URL for the July donations worksheet will be available next week. A blessed summer to you all!

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 JULY 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: JULY 11 & AUGUST 8, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

[PSST...this is a great opportunity to get service hours!]

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered last Friday at FMSC. We had a large group- special thanks to the teachers and young folks who were able to take a day from their summer vacation time to pack with us!! 119 boxes of food resulting in 25,704 meals were packed during our session, which will feed 70 kids for a year! The cost of that session was \$7,454.16 so thanks for your time and monetary gifts! More than 99% of FMSC meals have safely reached their intended destination & 88% of every donation goes straight to producing meals. Mark your calendars and volunteer for our upcoming opportunities. It's always the second Friday of every month: **July 11 & August 8 from 9:00-10:45**. Please join us for lunch at Portillo's afterwards if you are able. 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

Generous Thoughts

"If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything." 1 John 3:20 NIV

God, I am humbled that You carefully consider my life. Even though I am only here on earth for a moment. You care deeply about that moment. When I really think about this, it humbles me. Who am I, that the God of the universe cares about me? Thank You for loving me. Today, show me how to consider others like You have considered me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Brett Hartmann
Rowan Olson (Gerry & Marge Topel's great-nephew)
Stacy (Carol Balz's cousin)
Anna Sedberry
John Zimmer (Al & Jan Gerbitz nephew)
Mark Kammrath
Arnold Gatz (Dan's dad)
Linda Perryman
The Grayer Family (Friends of Tom Balz)
Doug Huiner

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)
Gail Thom (Penny Suydam's mother)
Rowan Skaar (Barb Sandersfeld's great-grandson)
Janet Larson (Carol Balz's sister)
Carrie Lee (Hudon family friend)
Peggy Hepperlen
Cis Vermaat (friend of the Balz family)
Rich (friend of Tom Scott)
Stephanie (friend of the Balz family)
Ruth Hoffmann
Roy Bach
Glenda Swanson (Karen Marchen's aunt)

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)
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)
Joey Gomez (friend of Chad & Lexie Anderson)
MacKenzie Hazelton (friend of the McKnight & Dodd families)

PEACE & COMFORT

The family of **Eleanor Novotny** (Sharon Dalpini's mother)

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

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