

News and Notes

Eighth Sunday after

Pentecost

It's the Last Weekend of Summer Worship Schedule!

We return to our normal three Sunday services on August 10, 8, 9:30, & 10:45am in addition to the 5:30pm Saturday service.

Calendar

Sun August 3—LAST Summer Worship Schedule

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

10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

4:30 PM Adult Volleyball

6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon August 4

Tue August 5

2:00 PM Church Directory Photos

Wed August 6

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu August 7

Fri August 8

9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children, @FMSC

Sat August 9

10:00 AM Preschool Popsicles in the Park, Big Woods Park

5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun August 10—Regular Worship Schedule

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

4:30 PM Adult Volleyball

6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

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.

Mark Your Calendars—Sunday School & Adult Forum Start 9/7

Preschool through Youth Sunday School and the Sunday Adult Bible Forum will all start back up on Sunday, September 7.

Sunday School Registration is NOW OPEN!

Sunday School starts September 7!

Preschool through Grade 8

- Preschool Sunday School is Parent/Caregiver + Child, Ages 3-4
- Kindergarten through Grade 5 meets in various classrooms in the Elementary wing
- Middle School meets as a group

Questions? Contact Kari Larsen at (630)879-7163 or klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org

Middle School Sunday School questions? Contact Matt Cassidy at mcassidy@ilcsbatavia.org

*Is it Time for
Sunday School
Yet?*

When: Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:30am

Register at: [immanuelbatavia.org/Kids](https://forms.gle/oohKfsbEqH9to7YC8) or

<https://forms.gle/oohKfsbEqH9to7YC8>

or Scan QR Code





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- ELEMENTARY TEACHING ASST
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..... <https://www.ilcsbatavia.org/employment-opportunities>

..... Principal Donna Laughlin
..... dlaughlin@ilcsbatavia.org
.....  630.406.0157

 **Immanuel Lutheran**
Church & School 

Memorial for Eleanor Novotny, Sharon Dalpini's Mother

A memorial fund has been set up to honor Immanuel's Music Ministry Director Sharon Dalpini's mother, Eleanor Novotny, who went to be with Jesus on June 28. Cash or check donations to Immanuel via weekend offerings will be accepted. Simply address an envelope with "Eleanor Novotny Memorial"; checks should be made payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church with "Eleanor Novotny Memorial" in the memo line.

To donate online, go to <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/Novotny> or scan the QR Code here

Please contact Dale or Melinda Rudy with any questions, batrudy1@icloud.com.



Novotny Memorial

Thank You, Faithful Fixers!



Thank you to our Faithful Fixers crew who came in to spend some hours sprucing up the building before school starts! We are so blessed to have so many volunteers ready & willing to keep Immanuel shining as a beacon of Christ on this hill.

Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 7:00 PM, School Library



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Dear Stephen Ministers, You are walking a sacred journey with your Care Receiver. Thank you, Jesus, for walking with us.

Our next regularly scheduled Supervision meeting is on August 5th at 7pm in the school library. Shalom

Last Day for Photo Directory Sittings

What a huge response! We are so blessed that so many of our congregation has come out for photo directory pictures. Thank you!

LAST DATE: AUGUST 5, 2-9PM

7th/8th Grade Confirmation Orientation

WEDNESDAY, AUG 20, 6-7:00 PM, Sanctuary

If you have a child entering 7th or 8th grade and would like to pursue the Rite of Confirmation into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please plan on attending the orientation meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the Sanctuary from 6-7pm.

There's Room in the Choir for You!

STARTS THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:00PM, Music Room

Christus Choir rehearsal will begin on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7pm in the music room. This choir is for high school students and adults who enjoy singing! We sing for worship about 3 times a month and participate every December in the annual service of Lessons and Carols.

At our first rehearsal, we will hand out music & sing for about 30 min. Then, we will enjoy our traditional pie ala mode and fellowship time. For more information, contact Sharon Dalpini, Music Ministry Director, at sdalpini@ilcsbatavia.org.



Immanuel Garage Sale—HUGE Success!

We did a thing...& it was AMAZING!

From July 17-19, Immanuel hosted our annual Indoor Garage Sale. As many of you know, it's so much more than *just* a sale—it's a chance for people to clear out & donate treasures (cleaning is therapeutic!), find fun & unique items to purchase, & then bless others through outreach. It's one of Immanuel's most unique ministries: building community & connections throughout the Fox Valley & beyond.

Our neighbors were ready! Some arrived to line up as early as 6am with chairs-in-hand to wait it out for the sale to start, forming a line that wrapped around the building. Within 5 minutes of opening, we had nearly 300 shoppers come through the doors! Their faces said it all: pure joy. They were welcomed by **over 40 amazing volunteers**, ready to help them find their next treasure.



Over three incredible days, more than 2,800 guests joined the adventure. We hope you were among them—sharing laughs, finding bargains, & feeling warmly welcomed. We are the hands & feet of God when we are helping others, & we hope each person who came felt Jesus working through us.

This event wouldn't be possible without the many hands & hearts behind it:

- Donors who dropped off items
- Volunteers spending countless hours sorting, pricing, organizing, hanging clothes, setting up displays, & working during the sale
- Kitchen helpers who kept us fueled with delicious meals
- Clean-up crews—special shout-out to the BHS Freshman Football Team & their coach who came to help take-down

We welcomed many new faces to our volunteers this year, with new friendships & shared laughter. Even members of the wider community joined in. **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave their time, space, & flexibility while the sale took over the building!

We are excited (& blessed) to share that this year, we raised \$38,000!!! WOW!!

A portion of the proceeds will go towards Immanuel upgrading building automation (HVAC, etc)—helping to care for the space that brings us all together.

Beyond the funds, we were also able to bless many wonderful charitable organizations with items that remained after the sale, including:

Children's Cancer Federation, The Epilepsy Foundation, Chip-In, Maddie's Mitten's, a new Batavia group founded by the Sullivans: Furnish Forward, Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenville, Friends of the Library, Kane County Animal Control, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry & Clothes Closet, Anderson Animal Shelter, & our own with items for Immanuel's classrooms & offices.

Mark your calendars! 2026 Garage Sale will be July 16-18.

God is truly at work in our community & through each of us.

Thank you for being part of this ministry—we can't wait to do it again.

—Your 2025 Garage Sale Team.

P.S. Still have your garage sale sign? Please return it!

Tongues of Fire Youth Choir

Tongues of Fire is a choir for students in middle school & high school and college. We sing once every 4-6 weeks. Our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9am prior to the Sunday that we are scheduled to sing. This group is led by student director, Ellie Taylor, & Mrs. Dalpini. The Tongues of Fire also participate in the service of Lessons and Carols.

For more information, contact Sharon Dalpini, Music Ministry Director, at sdalpini@ilcsbatavia.org.

Immanuel School Happenings

Come Grow With Us!



If you or someone you know is looking for Preschool for 2025-2026, we have just a few more spots in our 3-year old program 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 limited 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

Chess Club Leader Needed

Are you interested in sharing the gift of strategy development gained through learning to play chess? We're looking for a volunteer to oversee our Chess Club for the 1st semester. This would entail 1-1.5 hours per week. Please contact Principal Donna Laughlin if interested: dlaughlin@ilcsbatavia.org or 630-406-0157.

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

This Week's Generous Thoughts

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. Psalms 33:5

Is the earth full of darkness, evil and sin? Yes. But don't forget, this verse reminds us of something else the earth is full of: His unfailing love.

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 AUGUST 15, 2:00 PM

It is almost time for some tasty, fun cooking to deliver summer meals to the residents at Lazarus House. These summer months are a little more challenging than others because of travel and family schedules. The concerns of the residents at Lazarus House remain the same, even as the population there turns over. Building and staff costs, and food prices, make getting people back to self-sufficiency a challenge. On Friday August 15, our gifts from Immanuel members will be delivered to the shelter in St. Charles. Terry could use some help in the kitchen, as well as provision of a list of items for a Taco Dinner & Saturday meals. Below is the signup URL.

<https://volunteersignup.org/BTC7F>



With God's blessing, the work goes on.

Questions on how this month's donations will work? Contact Terry Rueffer at truffer@att.net or leave a message at 630.761.1790.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT AUGUST 11, 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: AUG 8 & SEPT 12, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

A great big thank you to those who were able to serve with us last Friday. We welcomed some new faces who helped us. 94 boxes of food were packed providing 20,304 meals which will feed 56 kids for a year. The cost of our session was \$5,888.16. Imagine a world without hunger! It all begins with you! Please mark your calendars and volunteer for our upcoming packing dates: **August 8 & September 12 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

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.

Registration is \$40/person. Group registration is \$25/person for groups of 5+.

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



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

Pastor Dennis Perryman

The Grayer Family (Friends of Tom Balz)

Mark Rogman

Nancy Buechner (Penny Suydam's sister)

Padma Lacy

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)

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 Dauksa family)

Dan Toner (former member)

Joey Gomez (friend of Chad & Lexie Anderson)

MacKenzie Hazelton (friend of the McKnight & Dodd families)

Barb Schlegel (Melba Layton's cousin)

Bob Jurgens (Marlene's son and Lynn Harland's brother)

Jeff Thorne (Friend of the Layton's)

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Tim Diehl, Coast Guard

Sam Harms, Air Force

Nate Harms, Air Force

Dan Goress, Marines

Peter Seggel, Army (Terry & Lori Rueffer's godson)

Sean Benson, Air Force (Dee and Pat Dodd's son-in-law)

Kody Greer, Navy (Michelle Palmer's nephew)

Luke Klinga, Navy (Bob & Gretchen Patti's nephew)

Benjamin Rudy, Air Force

Sarah Baermann, Army

Matthew Piette, Air Force (Kim Reynold's nephew)

Steven Surdyski, Army/National Guard

Ben Bartelmey, Navy

Daniel Russo, Navy

Andy Marcinonis, Army

Taylor Carlisle, Air Force Reserves (Penny Janacek's grandson)

Ben Baker, Army (Pietsch family friend)

Spencer Poltowicz, Army

Matt Fry, Navy (Doris Houghtaling's nephew)

Robbie Fry, Navy (Doris Houghtaling's nephew)

Gianna Jensen, Marines (Nallenweg & Janacek family friend)

Samantha (Greco) Smith, Navy (Nallenweg family friend)

Eathan Fry, Army (Doris Houghtaling's grandnephew)

Sarah Kaiser, Army/National Guard

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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