

News and Notes



Back to our Regular Worship Schedule!

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

Calendar

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

Mon August 11

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED All Day—All-Staff Meetings

Tue August 12

5:00 PM Northern Illinois Food Bank, @NIFB

5:00 PM New School Family Fellowship

5:30 PM New School Family Orientation, Sanctuary

6:30 PM Preschool Parent Orientation/Curriculum Night, Sanctuary

Wed August 13

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED Morning—All-Staff Meetings

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room

Thu August 14

6:30 PM K-8 Parent Orientation/Curriculum Night, Sanctuary

Fri August 15

2:00 PM Lazarus House Meal Prep

Sat August 16

5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun August 17

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

9:30 AM Traditional & Back-to-School Worship, Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

1:00 PM School Supply Drop-off, Open House, Activity Fair

4:30 PM Adult Volleyball

6:00 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Upcoming Church & School Office Closures

Please note, the church & school offices will be closed ALL DAY on **Monday, August 11**, for all-staff meetings. The offices will also be closed for the morning on **Wednesday, August 13**. Please leave a phone message or email: church@immanuelbatavia.org or school@immanuelbatavia.org

CALLING ALL NEW & RETURNING 7TH & 8TH
GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS + PARENTS!

Confirmation Orientation Meeting

We will:

- Discuss the pathway & curriculum of Confirmation for 2025-2026
- Highlight content, expectations, dates, & other important details for the coming year

This is a great opportunity to be informed! Please come ready with questions and concerns!

LOCATION: SANCTUARY

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE: church@immanuelbatavia.org

20
August
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM



Third Grade Bibles

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 & MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Having a Bible is important and each year, Immanuel provides Bibles to our church and school children entering 3rd Grade. This year, our young churchmembers will receive their Bibles at the 10:45am service on August 17, while our 3rd Grade schoolchildren will receive theirs in opening chapel on August 18. Keep an eye out for more information about the Bible Event with Kari Larsen to make a special cover for these Bibles!

Third Grade Bible Cover-Making & Fellowship Event

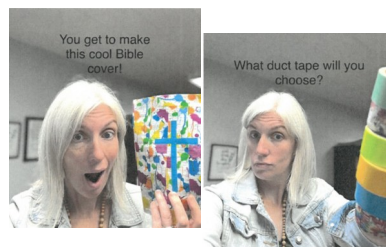
SATURDAY, AUG 23, 6:30-8:30 PM

Once the Bibles are distributed to the church & school third graders, we want them to really know that their Bible is special. Let's hang out together and make a unique cover for the new Bible! The 3rd Grade Bible event will be on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. We will have pizza, learn how to use the Bible, make a really cool Bible cover, & play some games. Bring a roll of duct tape, & fun colors are encouraged—you can even swap with a friend & double the creativity! Note: a parent is required to stay with their child for this event.

Please register at the below link or scan QR Code so we can get an idea of how much pizza we need! <https://forms.gle/kRrYnj7LFETdavJ6>



Questions? Please contact Kari Larsen, Director of Children's & Family Ministry, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org



Saturday Men's Bible Study is BACK

All men are invited to the Saturday Men's Bible Study every Saturday Morning. Gathering, including donuts and coffee, **8-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. We will pick up our study of C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters, picking up at chapter 8. In order to get the most out of this study; we are to read the chapter and review the Study Guide (get your copy from Tony Ciro \$15) questions prior. There's been great conversations with deep questions and experiences shared. Please join us!

We have great fellowship and study, please come and test drive the experience!

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.



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.

GriefShare Meetings Returning

MONDAYS STARTING SEPT 8, 6:30 PM, Library

Immanuel will be offering GriefShare on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the school library beginning on September 8th. GriefShare is a Christian care group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. If you have any questions, contact Christin Hager at 630-815-1598 or christinhager@gmail.com. If you know someone who may benefit from GriefShare, you can find flyers in the narthex to pass on this information.

To register, please visit griefshare.org/findagroup and search for our group at Immanuel in Batavia.

60+ Boyz Group Monthly Gathering

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:00 PM APPLE VILLA

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 21

Come one, come **ALL Immanuel men!** Invite a brother, as we enjoy our fellowship and sharing monthly meetings. If you long for seasoned male fellowship and a great meal, join us at Apple Villa Cafe, 1961 W Wilson, Batavia at noon on Thursday, August 21. **We're reading Paul Maier's The Fullness of Time: A Historians Look at Christmas, Easter and the Early Church.** We will discuss chapters 4-5, pp.24-42. Please read the material and come with your comments. Maier has fascinating insights to historical facts of Jesus' time on earth. We gather every 3rd Thursday, come Experience Koinonia! If you would like more information, please contact Ron Jaeger, rhaeger59@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministry

Unconditional: Not subject to any conditions or limitations



It's hard to find anything that is unconditional. Everything seems to have strings attached to it. Yet God's love is unconditional—we don't have to earn it or achieve anything to receive it. At times, however, we can feel quite removed from God's unconditional love. We can feel guilty, undeserving, or downright "unlovable". At those times, Stephen Ministers can help. They are trained to listen and care in a nonjudgmental way, focusing on letting Christ's unconditional love flow through them and into the life of their care receiver. If you or someone you know has been struggling with guilt or feeling unlovable and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Noah or Sue Marvel at 630.844.6562.

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 or
<https://forms.gle/oohKfsbEqH9to7YC8>
or Scan QR Code

Walcamp's Evening Under the Stars

SEPTEMBER 27, 4:30-8:30PM, 32653 Five Points Rd, Kingston, IL

Come on out to support Walcamp, the LCMS's outdoor education & retreat center located nearby in Kingston, IL. for their annual Evening Under the Stars. An adult evening at Walcamp featuring great gourmet food selections, live music with the Dog and Pony Show, desserts, caricature artist, fun camp things to do. Transforming lives through Christ-centered outdoor experiences in God's creation. Purchase tickets at walcamp.org/stars

Join us for our Annual **EVENING UNDER THE STARS**
\$50/Ticket

Save the Date
September 27, 2025!

Sept 27 2025

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
WALCAMP.ORG/STARS

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 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

WE ARE HIRING

- ELEMENTARY TEACHING ASST
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

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

Principal Donna Laughlin
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630.406.0157

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Visit our school website at ilsbatavia.org

This Week's Generous Thoughts

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves," —Ephesians 2:3

Jesus didn't leverage His authority for power or pleasure, control or comfort. He was sent to please God by serving others.

When you take the time to notice, serve, or encourage others, you are magnifying Christ as you live out your faith.

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

Next Friday is time for tasty, fun cooking to deliver summer meals to the residents at Lazarus House. Terry could use some help in the kitchen, as well as provision of a list of items for a TACO Dinner and Saturday meals. Below is the signup URL. Call **Terry Rueffer** and leave a message with any questions: 630-761-1790.

<https://volunteersignup.org/BTC7F>

AS OF WEDNESDAY AUG 6 STILL OPEN ON THE SIGNUP LIST:
Shredded Cheese, Fruit, Small bags of chips for lunches, a few onions to chop.



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 Lokies, 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)
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 (Ruefer 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 Dauksha family)

Dan Toner (former member)
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)

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

Have something to add to News & Notes? Email comms@ilcsbatavia.org by the Wed preceding

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