

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 17

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
9:30 AM Traditional Worship & Back-to-School, Sanctuary
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM School Open House, Supply Drop Off, Activity Fair
3:00 PM Pastor Moeller Installation at Trinity West Chicago
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball

Mon August 18

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
8:45 AM Preschool Visiting Day Open House

Tue August 19

FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL!!

Wed August 20

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room
6:00 PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Orientation, Sanctuary

Thu August 21

12:00 PM 60+ Boyz Gathering, Apple Villa-Batavia
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri August 22

Sat August 23

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 PM 3rd Grade Bible Event, Fellowship Hall

Sun August 24

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
9:30 AM Traditional Sanctuary
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball
5:30 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, September 1**, for Labor Day. 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 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/kRrYnj7LFETtdavJ6>



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, Saturday, August 23, **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!

High School Bible Study

SUNDAYS, 5:30PM, Youth Room

High School Bible Study was on summer hiatus for much of July & August, but is starting back up each Sunday, starting August 24. Note the new 5:30pm start time. Food is included!

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, rjaeger59@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**

Save the Date
September 27, 2025!

\$50/Ticket

Sept 27 2025

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
WALCAMP.ORG/STARS

Immanuel School Happenings



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 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

Seeking Elective Day Instructors

We are excited to announce that **Middle School Electives Day** is returning this year on **Friday, October 17, 2025!** Electives give our students a wonderful opportunity to learn & think in new & creative ways. This special day allows them to explore topics & skills outside their regular classes. Some electives last the entire day, while others are split into **half-day sessions**:

- **Morning Session:** 8:20-11:00 AM
- **Afternoon Session:** 12:00-3:00 PM

We are looking for people with **special talents, skills, or passions** they would love to share with our students. Whether it's art, music, science, sports, crafts, hobbies, or another unique interest, your involvement makes a huge difference in their experience.

If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Mrs. McFarland at jmcfarland@ilcsbatavia.org.

Visit our school website at [ilsbatavia.org](https://www.ilsbatavia.org)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

THURSDAYS STARTING SEPT 4, 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Consider God's Call, Brothers and Sisters! Do you ever wonder what you're living for? Do you tend to get lost in the day-to-day grip of the ordinary, the hour-by-hour work or play routine? We all get lost from time to time and the most powerful remedy is a fresh appreciation of God's Call, God's claim upon your life. Beginning Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Dennis Perryman is going to begin an adult evening Bible Study on God's Call. Come one, come all!

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT SEPT 19, 2:00 PM

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated, or otherwise supported our ministry to assist the people served by Lazarus House. More information about the next service opportunity to come. Questions? Call **Terry Rueffer** and leave a message: 630-761-1790.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

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

We had a strong group of 21 volunteers last Friday. Thank you for feeding kids, feeding spirits and empowering communities. That session packed 107 boxes of food which will provide 23,122 meals to 63 kids for a year. The cost of that session was \$6,702.48. Your time and financial support is greatly needed and appreciated. 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>



This Week's Generous Thoughts

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

God, you've already given me everything. Now, help me to be Your hands and feet – a true blessing in someone else's life. You have blessed me beyond measure! In turn, I want to be generous with my time, attention, and resources. Show me who I can love today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

2025 Service Anniversaries CONGRATS!

We thank God for blessing Immanuel Lutheran Church & School with these faithful servants, who are celebrating service anniversaries this year.

Heidi Hartzell—20 years

Heidi has been one of our valued School Secretaries since 2005. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Eastern Illinois University. She is a longtime churchmember and felt called to work at ILS because she really loved her boys' experience when they attended school here, Preschool through 8th Grade. Heidi lives in Batavia with her husband, Tom. In her spare time, you may find her getting her favorite venti iced mocha from Starbucks.



Donna Laughlin—10 years

Donna graduated from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. Donna received the National Administrator of the Year accolade in 2022 from the Lutheran Education Association. She previously served at schools in California and Wisconsin. Donna enjoys helping teachers and students increase their potential, and feels especially blessed to grow together in faith with those she serves. She lives in Batavia with her husband (Kevin), daughter (Jenna), and Mickie the dog. In her spare time, Donna enjoys gardening, quilting, antiques, and designing some pretty incredible garden décor!



Jennifer McLane—10 years

After receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University—Chicago, Jennifer started her career as a 2nd Grade teacher in Forest Park, IL. After taking a break in her career to be a stay-home mom, Jennifer was called back into service at Immanuel in a number of capacities: from the school's Music teacher, a Kindergarten teacher, & the School Librarian, to now focusing on being a classroom aide in both Preschool and Kindergarten. Jennifer & her husband, Bill have 2 children: Kayleigh & Liam, who are both ILS alumni (Classes of 2020 & 2023). Jennifer enjoys quilting and crafting and also traveling with her family.



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Andrea Carroll—5 years

Andrea is a long-time Immanuel churchmember and has spent the last 5 year as an aide in the Kindergarten classroom. She holds a law degree from Northern Illinois University. Andrea and her husband, Mark, live in North Aurora with their 3 boys: Jack (ILS Class of 2018), Sam (ILS Class of 2020), & Will (ILS Gr8). Andrea has spent years cheering her boys on in their baseball & other sporting pursuits. In her free time, she likes to read, watch movies, and color—because you're never too old for coloring books!

Lisa Clark—5 years

Lisa is entering her 26th year of teaching preschool, with the last five at Immanuel. Lisa received her degree in Early Childhood Education . She lives in Maple Park with her husband, Jim, and has three sons and a 15-year old grandson, Tucker, who is the light of her life. Lisa loves animals, camping, fishing and gardening, and is the “chicken whisperer” for the chicks that Immanuel's 3rd Grade class incubate and hatch.



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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 (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 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



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COMMUNICATIONS

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