

News and Notes



WELCOME!

Calendar

Sun August 31

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

Mon September 1—Labor Day

CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Tue September 2

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting,, Meeting Room (Library)

Wed September 3

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Meeting Room (Library)
10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym
6:00 PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation, Fellowship Hall

Thu September 4

10:00 AM Thurs Morning Bible Study w/Pr. Noah, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Thurs Evening Bible Study w/Pr. Perryman, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri September 5

Sat September 6

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

Sun September 7

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
9:30 AM Traditional Sanctuary
9:30 AM ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL
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

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!

Adult Forum is Back Starting Sept. 7

SUNDAYS, 9:30AM, Library

On Sunday, September 7 Adult Forum will be back for an exciting year of study. The class is led by Dave Evans, Dale Rudy, and Bob Schmidt. This year we will meet in the library from 9:30 to 10:30. Our first unit will be a four week study titled "Nurturing your Faith-Life Together." Dr. Dale Meyer examines the believer's life in four sessions. Using 1 Peter's instructions on Christ-centered conduct and service, Meyer's study stresses the need to live like Jesus for others yet resist the world around us. Reflection questions prompt users to respond in their own words.

Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and head on down to the library. We hope to see you there.

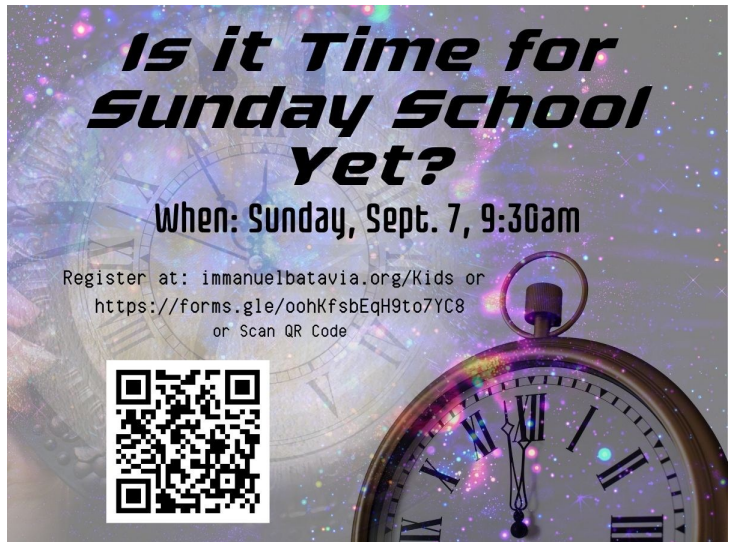
Sunday School Starts Sept. 7!

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



Looking for Bible Study Opportunities?

Check the flyer in the Narthex for the many opportunities to get involved in a Bible Study at Immanuel. So many options throughout the week!

Sing & Play
Starts Sept. 3!

Program Features:

- ✓ Early Childhood Socialization
- ✓ Play-Based
- ✓ Songs & Games
- ✓ Ideal for 18-mos to Age 4
- ✓ No Registration Needed
- ✓ Younger Siblings Welcome
- ✓ Parent or Caregiver + Child

When: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am (during the school year)

Drop-IN Parent-Tot Program

For more information:
Kari Larsen
klarsen@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.

Stephen Ministry Meeting

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

Our next regularly scheduled Supervision meeting is on September 2nd at 7pm in the school library. May we all walk facing Jesus.

Congratulations Stephen Ministry!



On September 18, 2000, Immanuel Lutheran Church enrolled in the Christ-centered caring ministry called Stephen Ministry. Our 25th Anniversary is here! A milestone like this shows the enduring power of "Christ caring for people through people." Used by thousands of churches worldwide, Stephen Ministry has given Immanuel a very powerful and loving way

to care for its members and the wider community. As part of Immanuel's team, trained lay church members known as Stephen Ministers provide totally confidential emotional and spiritual care to individuals experiencing life challenges. They walk a sacred journey with their Care Receivers and deeply know our God of compassion walks with them. We are so grateful to God for everyone on our team! We are also thankful to God for the many blessings happening in and through Stephen Ministry. Dear Lord, may we reflect Your love as we find Your joy in serving others. To learn more about Stephen Ministry at Immanuel and even join this caring team, please contact Senior Pastor Noah Kegley at 630-879-7163 or Stephen Leader Gretchen Patti at 630-267-0051 (evenings). To request the caring services of a Stephen Minister, please contact Referrals Coordinator Sue Marvel at 630-844-6562.

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.

NEW Women's Bible Study Starting Sept. 10

ALTERNATING WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-8:30PM, Music Room

NEW Women's BIBLE STUDY

ALTERNATING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS STARTING SEPT. 10

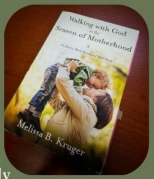
A new Bible Study is starting at Immanuel featuring the study: "Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood." Join us in fellowship as we discuss two chapters per session.

LOCATION: Music Room
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
DATES: Sept. 10 & 24
Oct. 8 & 22
Nov. 5 & 19

We will discuss pages 1-25 at the first session.

Please purchase the book from any bookseller beforehand. It is currently \$11.99 on Amazon, for example.

QUESTIONS? Contact Kari Larsen, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org



60+ Boyz Group Monthly Gathering

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 12:00 PM APPLE VILLA

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, September 25. We're reading Paul Maier's *The Fullness of Time: A Historians Look at Christmas, Easter and the Early Church*. Maier has fascinating insights to historical facts of Jesus' time on earth. We normally gather every 3rd Thursday, but September will meet on the 4th Thursday, come Experience Koinonia! If you would like more information, please contact Ron Jaeger, rjaeger59@gmail.com.

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



Important Upcoming Dates

- September 1: NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- September 8: Spirit Day—wear your ILS gear or blue & white; the class with the most participation gets frozen treats on Friday!
- September 8: PTL Meeting, 5:30pm
- September 16 (CORRECTION): Restaurant Night, Portillo's

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:00-8:00pm

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Just mention you're with Immanuel's fundraiser



Portillo's, Batavia

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

This Week's Generous Thoughts

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10

If God can trust you with something small, He will trust you with more. But His blessings come with certain conditions, and here is number two of four you need to honor:

2) Don't forget others. The Bible commands 'those who are rich in this present world...to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds...generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves' (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

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 SEPT 19, 2:00 PM

Many thanks to those who help serve those who are housing-challenged in Kane County, with food, funds and prayers. On the third Friday in September a few good men from Immanuel will be cooking out at Lazarus House. This is becoming an annual picnic for the residents and for the cooks. Anyone who wants to help out should contact Terry at trueffer@att.net, or leave a phone message at 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 23,112 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



Operation Christmas Child, Local Seasonal Jobs


Immanuel partners annually with Operation Christmas Child to provide care boxes for children in need across the globe. Samaritan's Purse is currently looking to hire approximately 150 Christian men and women to fill paid positions for a four-week project with Operation Christmas Child. Scan the QR Code for more information about job opportunities in the Aurora area.

- Seasonal Employment (mid-November through mid-December) at the Operation Christmas Child facility in Aurora, IL.
- 40+ hours per week, Monday – Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off)
- Customer Service Team Member Job Description: [Customer Service Team Member in Aurora, IL](#)
- Warehouse Team Member Job Description: Warehouse Team Member in Aurora, IL
- Hourly pay rate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers
- The joy of being part of a community of believers whose efforts are making a difference around the world



Immanuel's Bible Studies

Are you wanting to join a Bible Study at Immanuel, but just don't know what meets when & for whom? Look no further! There are many opportunities to plug into a Bible Study. Below is a listing of the Bible Study groups currently meeting at Immanuel throughout the week. Hopefully, there is one (or more) that works with your schedule!

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM, 9:30AM**
 - Meets Sunday mornings, Meeting Room (Library)
 - Current topic: "Nurturing your Faith-Life Together" by Dr. Dale Meyer
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 - For Preschool through Grade 8, Sunday School is 1 hour each Sunday morning, 9:30am during the school year.
 - Preschool: 3-4-year olds with parent
 - Grades K-2 & 3-4
 - Grades 5-8
 - Contact Kari Larsen: klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org
- **SUNDAY EVENING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, 5:30 PM, Youth Room**
 - An evening Bible study especially for high schoolers to dig deeper in the Word and how to live a life of faith in the world around them. Food is included!
 - Questions or to stay in the loop on current topics, scan the QR Code  contact Matt Cassidy, mcassidy@ilcsbatavia.org
- **HUDDLE II BIBLE STUDY**
 - Wednesday mornings, 7:00AM, Meeting Room (Library)
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP, 9:00-10:30AM, Fellowship Hall**
 - Meets Wednesday mornings during the school year (after Labor Day). Questions? Contact Laura Klein at (630)621-7134, plklein79@yahoo.com Childcare is available.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP, 7:00-8:30PM, Music Room**
 - Starting Sept 10, meeting every-other Wednesday; The topic through Thanksgiving is "Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood" by Melissa Kruger (available for purchase on Amazon)
 - Contact Kari Larsen, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org
- **COFFEE & THE WORD WITH PASTOR NOAH, 9:30AM coffee; 10:00AM class, Narthex & Sanctuary**
 - Meets Thursday mornings with coffee & conversation in the Narthex at 9:30am, followed by large-group format Bible Study at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Current topic: the Gospel of Mark. Contact Pastor Noah: nkegley@ilcsbatavia.org
- **THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall**
 - Led by Pastor Perryman. Current topic is discussing God's Call in our lives.
- **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY, 8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall**
 - Men of all ages are invited! Gathering, including donuts & coffee, 8-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Current topic: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Contact Pastor Noah, nkegley@ilcsbatavia.org.
- **60+ BOYZ GROUP**
 - Meets 3rd Thursday or each month at 12:00PM at Apple Villa Restaurant in Batavia for fellowship & a great meal. Contact: Ron Jaeger rhjaeger59@gmail.com.

See the weekly News & Notes or eNews for other Bible Studies that may meet at various times during the year.

Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

Rowan Olson (Gerry & Marge Topel's great-nephew)
Stacy (Carol Balz's cousin)
John Zimmer (Al & Jan Gerbitz nephew)
Arnold Gatz (Dan's dad)
The Grayer Family (Friends of Tom Balz)
Nancy Buechner (Penny Suydam's sister)
Padma Lacy
Mark Kline
Roger (friend of the Gatz family)

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)
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)
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)
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)
Richard Dunn (friend of Justin Clavet)
Maury Drury (friend of the Bakken family)

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
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



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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