

# News and Notes



## WELCOME!

### Calendar

#### Sun September 7

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]  
9:30 AM Traditional Sanctuary  
9:30 AM ADULT FORUM (Library Meeting Room) & SUNDAY SCHOOL (various classrooms)  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship  
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball  
5:30 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

#### Mon September 8

6:30 PM GriefShare, Library Meeting Room

#### Tue September 9

5:30 PM Northern IL Food Bank Service Opportunity, @NIFB  
6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Chapel

#### Wed September 10

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Library Meeting Room  
9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study on Sunday readings, Library Meeting Room  
7:00 PM Walking with God in Motherhood Bible Study, Music Room

#### Thu September 11

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

#### Fri September 12

9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children, @FMSC Aurora

#### Sat September 13

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

#### Sun September 14

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

## Women's Bible Studies—THREE Choices!

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30AM, Leader: Laura Klein, Fellowship Hall**

**WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS, 6:30PM, Leader: Erica Ciro, Library Meeting**

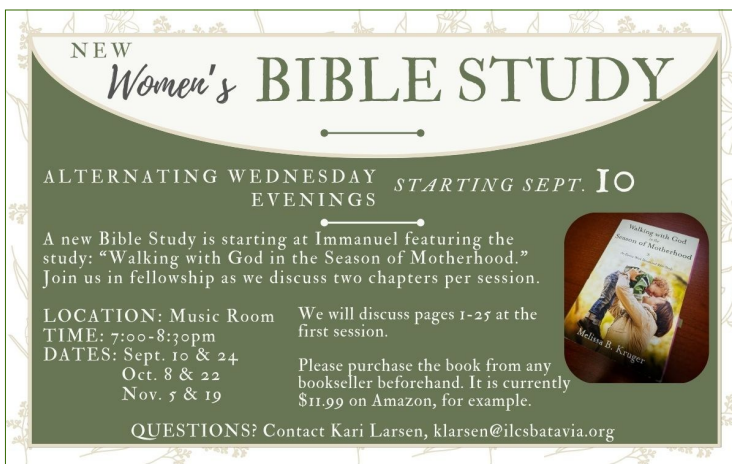
**ALTERNATING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00PM, Leader: Kari Larsen, Music Room**

Such incredible options for dwelling in God's Word for the women of Immanuel!

**Wednesday mornings** are studying "The Power of a Woman's Words" by Sharon Jaynes. Childcare is available if you let Laura know in advance. Contact Laura Klein, plklein79@gmail.com

**Wednesday evenings** at 6:30pm will be digging into the weekly scripture readings from Immanuel's church services. Contact Erica Ciro, eciro65@gmail.com

**Alternating Wednesday evenings**, come study "Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood" led by Kari Larsen. Session dates are in the graphic below. Contact Kari, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org



## Adult Forum & Sunday School Start TODAY!

**SUNDAYS, 9:30AM,**

**Adult Forum, Library Meeting Room**

The class is led by Dave Evans, Dale Rudy, and Bob Schmidt. This year we will meet in the library at 9:30am each Sunday. 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.

Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and head on down to the meeting space in the Library. See you there!

**Sunday School, 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! Plus, this flyer will be updated with additional options.



**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, 10:30-11:15am  
(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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://griefshare.org/findagroup) and search for our group at Immanuel in Batavia.

## Congratulations Stephen Ministry!



On September 18, 2000, Immanuel Lutheran Church enrolled in the Christ-centered caring ministry called Stephen Ministry. Our 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, but September will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, come Experience Koinonia! If you would like more information, please contact Ron Jaeger, [rjaeger59@gmail.com](mailto:rjaeger59@gmail.com).

## This Week's Generous Thoughts—Part 3

*"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 three of four you need to honor:

3) Don't become arrogant. Jeremiah admonishes us, 'Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong...of their strength or the rich...of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord' (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

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

## 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](http://walcamp.org/stars)



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[WALCAMP.ORG/STARS](http://WALCAMP.ORG/STARS)



## Immanuel School Happenings

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:00-8:00pm

# RESTAURANT NIGHT

Just mention you're with Immanuel's fundraiser



Portillo's, Batavia

### Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 8: Spirit Day—wear your ILS gear or blue & white; the class with the most participation gets frozen treats on Friday!
- Sept. 8: PTL Meeting, 5:30pm
- Sept. 16 (CORRECTION): Restaurant Night, Portillo's

### Fall Sports at Immanuel

- Sept. 6: First Cross Country Race at St. John Lombard
- Sept. 9: First HOME Girls VB Game, 5:30pm
- Sept. 11: Girls VB Away @Trinity Roselle
- Sept. 17: XC Invite @Marmion Academy

### 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](mailto:jmcfarland@ilcsbatavia.org).

### Lego & Play-Doh Helping Hands Wanted

Do you love Play-Doh &/or Legos? Would you love to spend some time with Immanuel's littles as they explore the creativity that Legos & Play-Doh provide? Come volunteer at our Lego Club & Play-Doh Club.

- Play-Doh Club meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.
- Lego Club meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Contact Penny Suydam if interested, [psuydam@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:psuydam@ilcsbatavia.org)

### STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

NOT EVERY FAMILY HAS AN EASY TIME FUNDRAISING, BUT EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO EARN PRIZES. SO, HOW CAN IMMANUEL'S CONGREGATION HELP?

Pick up a sponsorship sheet in the Narthex or scan the QR Code, and you can help a student at Immanuel reach his/her Walk-a-Thon fundraising goals.

walk-a-thon date is 9/26

Visit Immanuel's school website at [ilcsbatavia.org](http://ilcsbatavia.org)

## 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 [truffer@att.net](mailto:truffer@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



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# 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)  
**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 Dauksa 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)  
**Keith Riddell**

## GIVING Ways to give:

- **Online** at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/-/give/now>
- To set up a **recurring gift**, email: [finance@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto: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](mailto:comms@ilcsbatavia.org)



To register church attendance, please use this QR Code

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Have something to add to News & Notes?** Email [comms@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:comms@ilcsbatavia.org) by the Wed preceding

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