

News and Notes



WELCOME!

Calendar

Sun September 21

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

Mon September 22

6:30 PM GriefShare, Library Meeting Room
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

Tue September 23

6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Youth Room
7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wed September 24

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Library Meeting Room
8:20 AM K-8 Chapel, Sanctuary
9:00 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 25

10:00 AM Thurs Morning Bible Study w/Pr. Noah, Sanctuary
12:00 PM 60+ Boyz Gathering, Apple Villa Batavia
6:30 PM Thurs Evening Bible Study w/Pr. Perryman, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Joyful Sounds Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Fri September 26

Sat September 27

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

Sun September 28

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Hey, Immanuel!

Did you know our congregation supports the mission of the broader church locally and globally? Since I have arrived as your Senior Pastor, it's been my goal to partner with ministries outside of our walls and to share the important work that takes place beyond our own context. One of the new ministries we support is LINC Chicago, an organization that seeks to support ministry leaders looking to impact their communities with the Gospel. Learn more here: <https://www.linc.org/about>

So, you are invited to an Immanuel Mission Night on **Wednesday October 8th 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary**. Come hear Pastor Dave Ficken, LINC Chicago City Director speak about the work of LINC and a time for Q & A. Come see how our partnership helps support LINC and its important work! I hope to see you there!

Pastor Noah Kegley

Home and Hospital Visits from the Spiritual Guidance Committee

Immanuel's pastoral staff and members of the Spiritual Guidance Committee regularly meet with the sick, injured, elderly, shut-in, and others in need. It is our joy to bring conversation, prayer, and the Lord's Supper to those unable to join us for worship or in need of fellowship. If you know anyone who could benefit from a home or hospital visit, please email the Spiritual Guidance Committee at sgc@ilcsbatavia.org or call the church office at (630) 879-7163.

Members of the Spiritual Guidance Committee are Tim Ruefer (chair), Tony Ciro, Justin Clavet, Paul Dauksha, Ron Jaeger, Josh Ladwig, Josh Miller, Dale Rudy, Pastor Micah, and Pastor Noah.

Now Accepting Nominations for the Martin Luther Servant of Christ Award

The Martin Luther Servant of Christ Award is given every year on Reformation Sunday to one layman and one laywoman selected by the Spiritual Guidance Committee. The recipients are people who have demonstrated faithful and outstanding service to God, His Church, and His people. Typically, they have served for many years without any fanfare or public recognition. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2025 award, please pick up a nomination form outside the church office. Return completed forms to the church office by noon on Sunday, October 5.

Immanuel Lutheran PTL invites you to our annual

Trivia Night

Saturday, October 18, 2025

BATAVIA MOOSE LODGE
1535 Batavia Ave
Doors Open at 6:30pm
Trivia Starts at 7:00pm

Teams of UP TO 8 people
\$25 per person
50/50 Raffle
Heads & Tails Game
Cash Bar
Prizes for Best Table Theme & Winning Trivia Team!
No team? No problem!

Forms & Payment Due WEDNESDAY, Oct. 15
Forms available in the Church Narthex & School Office

GriefShare Meetings

MONDAYS, 6:30 PM, Library Meeting Room

Immanuel is again offering GriefShare on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the School Library. 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.

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.

Altar Guild Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 23, 7:00PM, Fellowship Hall



Altar Guild is having their next meeting on Tuesday Sept 23 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a very dedicated group of women (and sometimes husbands) who work behind the scenes to make the sanctuary and FLC ready for worship. If you are interested in this ministry, please come and join us. Our hostesses for the evening will be Karen Marchen and Erica Ciro.

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.

This Week's Generous Thoughts

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

They might not like who you are or agree with what you believe, but they won't be able to find a logical reason to hate you when your life is centered around loving people the way Jesus loved you.

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



SAVE THE DATE—TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT 26, 1-3:00 PM

Get those costumes ready! To attend, just show up—bring your friends & neighbors! We'll have hot dogs, chips, & cider to munch on while making your way around the parking lot. Or maybe you want to reserve a space for your decorated vehicle trunk & hand out candy! We are also looking for a few donations of pumpkins and large hay bales to help get the Fall vibe going for a photo area. To sign up for a trunk or donations, scan the QR Code or go to:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABA623A0FBC43-58601034-trunk>

Young Men's Bible Study

TUESDAYS, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

All men around the ages of 18-35 are welcome to join this Bible study, which meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the Youth Room. Beginning on September 30, we will start exploring Lutheranism and other denominations and religions. The pair of study booklets are available to purchase for \$5. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Justin Clavet at (407) 415-8277. We'd love to meet you.

Safety & Security Committee Wants YOUR Input!

Did you know that Immanuel has a Safety and Security Committee? If you ever have a safety- or security-related question, concern, or suggestion that you want to share with the committee, please follow this link and fill out a simple online form: <https://immanuelbatavia.org/safety>

Or, check in with a current member on the committee: Dale Rudy, Bob Acton, Bill McLane, Colleen Dietz, Tom Zillman, Joe Circelli, and Dale Bortner.



Raise Right Gift Cards

Raise Right allows families to support Immanuel while purchasing gift cards for things you use everyday: gas, groceries, clothing, coffee, & so much more. Retailers offer a rebate percentage and 55% of it goes to ILCS and 45% is refunded to purchasers (YOU!) at the end of the school year. Details and sign-up instructions are available at raiserright.com. Use Enrollment Code: **A7L6B1B855773**

Check it out—it's so easy!

Due dates for orders: September 22, October 13 & 27, November 10 & 17, December 1, 8, & 15, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 4 & 18.

Immanuel School Happenings

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 24/25: Picture Day(s)
- Sept. 26: Walk-A-Thon
- Sept. 27: Grades 3-5 sing in Church

Fall Sports at Immanuel

Congrats to our Varsity Boys XC Team for their 1st Place finish at the Lombard meet! Congrats, boys! One of Immanuel's Varsity girls also took individual 1st Place in the girls race. We have some speedy Eagles!

Our Girls Varsity Volleyball team opened their season with a heart-breaking 3-set loss, but the spirit & determination they showed is sure to help them throughout the season! Come cheer on our Eagles!

- Sept. 22: XC Eagle Invitational XC Meet, West Main Park, 4:00pm
- Sept. 23: Girls VB Away @St. John Lombard
- Sept. 24: XC Invite @Immanuel East Dundee
- Sept. 25: Girls VB Away @St. Peter Schaumburg
- Sept. 30: Girls VB HOME vs Bethany Naperville, 4:30pm




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




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

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT OCT 17, 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: OCT 10, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

A great big thank you to everyone who volunteered on Sept. 12. 74 boxes of food were packed providing 15,984 meals. Our group contributed 27 of those boxes. 44 kids will be fed for a year! The cost of that session was \$4635.36. Each meal costs less than 30 cents to produce. Thank you for volunteering & your financial support. The need is urgent, but we trust God has called us to respond together. Because of you, Feed My Starving Children meals are already in the world's most critical hunger hotspots.

The next two volunteer opportunities are **October 10 and November 14** from 9:00-10:45am. 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

Walcamp's Evening Under the Stars

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

Bring your lawn chairs & enjoy a Ravinia-style adult evening on Walcamp's Lake Lawn. Ticket price includes gourmet food & live music with west suburban favorites, Dog & Pony Show. Walcamp is the LCMS's outdoor education & retreat center located nearby in Kingston, IL. Transforming lives through Christ-centered outdoor experiences in God's creation.

Join us for our Annual

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

\$50/Ticket

Save the Date

September 27, 2025



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PURCHASE TICKETS AT WALCAMP.ORG/STARS



Prayer Requests

RECENT CONCERNS

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 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)
Keith Riddell
Monica Schultz (friend of the Gerbitz family)

Chris Spellman (former member of ILCS)

Rowan Olson (Gerry & Marge Topel's great-nephew)

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

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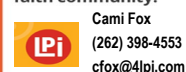
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