

News and Notes

Sixteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

WELCOME!

Calendar

Sun September 28

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 29

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

Tue September 30

6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Youth Room

Wed October 1

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
6:00 PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study on Sunday readings, Library Meeting Room

Thu October 2

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 October 3

Sat October 4

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

Sun October 5

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

Thank you to our guest preacher this weekend from the LINC Chicago ministry!

Pastor Appreciation Day is October 12!

Immanuel Mission Night—LINC Chicago

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sanctuary

Did you know Immanuel partners with ministries outside of our walls in the mission of the broader church locally and globally? We want 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. You are invited to an Immanuel Mission Night on Wednesday October 8, 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. Learn more about LINC Chicago here: <https://www.linc.org/about>

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

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!

Saturday, October 18, 2025

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

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

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

WEAR COSTUMES • DECORATE A TRUNK • FOOD AND PHOTO BOOTH

SUNDAY OCT 26
RAIN OR SHINE

SAVE THE DATE!
1:00-3:00PM
950 Hart Rd.
Batavia, IL 60510

VOTE FOR BEST TRUNK PRIZES!!



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 need trunks, too! To sign up to decorate your trunk & hand out treats, scan the QR Code or go to:

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



Special Speaker October 5

SUNDAY, OCT 5

On October 5, Ethan Bryant from Feed My Starving Children will be at Immanuel to talk about his organization. He will give a 5-minute talk after each service and will have a table in the Narthex with info and will answer any question someone might have.

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.

Stephen Ministry October Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Dear Stephen Ministers, Thank you for continuing to walk the sacred journey with your care receiver AND with Jesus. Our next regularly scheduled Stephen Ministries Supervision meeting is on Tuesday, October 7th in the school library starting at 7pm. Our next quarterly Continuing Ed meeting will be held at Immanuel on Tuesday, October 21 from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be learning about "The Spiritual Needs of Seniors." Details forthcoming. Keep walking facing Jesus.

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.

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.



RaiseRight. Raise Right Gift Cards—NEW CODE

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 raiseright.com. Use Enrollment Code: 656L9E8C55773 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.

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 Rueter (chair), Tony Ciro, Justin Clavet, Paul Dauksha, Ron Jaeger, Josh Ladwig, Josh Miller, Dale Rudy, Pastor Micah, and Pastor Noah.

Immanuel School Happenings

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 27: Grades 3-5 sing in Church
- Oct. 2-3: NO SCHOOL, LEA Conference, St. Louis
- Oct. 6: Spirit Day
- Oct. 14: Restaurant Night, Chick-fil-A, 5:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 17: Electives Day, Gr5-8
- Oct.18: Trivia Night, Batavia Moose Lodge
- Oct. 23: Literacy Night, Preschool to Grade 3

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. 30: Girls VB HOME vs Bethany Naperville, 4:30pm
- Oct. 1: XC Meet, Aurora Area Parochial Championship @Marmion Academy, 4:30pm
- Oct. 4: XC Meet, Yorkville Foxtrot, 9:00am
- Oct. 6: XC Meet @St. Peter Schaumburg, 4:15pm
- Oct. 14: Girls VB HOME vs Trinity Roselle, 5:30pm **BLUE OUT!!!**
- Oct. 16: Fall Sport Pep Rally
- Oct. 17-18: Girls VB Tournament @St. Paul Mt. Prospect
- Oct. 18: XC LSA IL State Meet, Bloomington
- Oct. 21: Girls VB Tourney Pool Play @Trinity Roselle
- Oct. 23: Girls VB Away @Bethany Naperville, 5:30pm
- Oct. 25: Girls VB Tourney Bracket @Trinity Roselle
- Oct. 25: XC LSA National Meet, Mequon WI
- Oct. 28: Girls VB HOME vs St. Peter Schaumburg, 4:30pm



BLUE OUT Immanuel Volleyball Match

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:30 PM

At our home Volleyball match on Tuesday, October 14, let's fill the stands with our Immanuel blue as we take on the Trinity Roselle Tigers! The first 20 people who come wearing blue will receive a water bottle sticker!

Visit Immanuel's school website at ilsbatavia.org

Immanuel in the Community

Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT OCT 17, 2:00 PM

It is nearly time for a chicken dinner from Immanuel for residents at Lazarus House. Donors are requested to log in and click their choices at the [Volunteersignup.org](https://volunteersignup.org) site for helping deliver a Friday October 17 dinner and Saturday meals. Go to the following URL or scan the QR Code for donation instructions: <https://volunteersignup.org/EC8EJ>



Anyone who wants to help out should contact Terry at 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

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

This Week's Generous Thoughts

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

In a world that tries to insist that all paths lead to God, don't hesitate to speak the truth in love: Jesus is the only way.

God, You have given me unique gifts for Your glory. Please provide opportunities – both big and small – where I can use what You've given me for Your Kingdom. Make me generous with my time and resources, In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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)
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)
Mark Piper (Friend of the Notke's)
Melinda Barto (Tammy Rogman's sister in law)
Scott Oricco (Friend of Bill Pietsch & Tony Ciro)
Lucy Parma (friend)

THANKSGIVING

For **Katie Rueffer** and fiancé Tim on their marriage Sept. 27

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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