

News and Notes

Nineteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

WELCOME!

Calendar

Sun October 19

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 October 20

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

Tue October 21

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

Wed October 22

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 October 23

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 24

Sat October 25

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

Sun October 26

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
1:00 PM Trunk or Treat
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball
5:30 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Holylands Arts—Bethlehem Wood Carvers

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 18-19, Church Narthex



Raad Gumsieh from Holylands Arts will be set up in the Narthex at Immanuel October 18-19, featuring olive wood carvings for sale from Bethlehem-based artisans. **Come do some Christmas shopping!** The Holylands Arts supports over 500 Christian families from Bethlehem & the surrounding areas. Supporting the local Olivewood workshops helps decrease the number of Christians fleeing the country by keeping their main source of income viable.

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 chili, 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>



Candy donations gratefully accepted in the Church Narthex. Would you like to help offset the candy & prizes the cars will be bringing? Must be individually wrapped & ready for disbursal.

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!!



November Voter's Meeting

SUNDAY, NOV. 2, 12:00 PM, Sanctuary

We will hold a special Voters Assembly at noon on November 2nd in the Sanctuary. The agenda will cover: proposed (minor) amendments to our Constitution & Bylaws, update on church & school strategy, review of financial audit report, and year-end 2024/25 fiscal year financial report. Please mark your calendars and prepare to join us; all Immanuel members are welcome.

The proposed Constitution changes and the summary Audit report have been posted to a Google folder: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Wd2BaAFe0erQinnFGYrKU-dE4qFaL7iH>

Please ask in the church office if you would like a printed copy of any of this material.

Stephen Ministry October Meeting



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

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

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 21st 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.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are Here!



Samartian's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You can help in many different ways! Boxes are now available in the church and school lobbies; **PARENTS/ADULTS ONLY**, please take and fill a box with your family; and return the filled box to Immanuel by **Friday, Nov 17**. You can also make a monetary donation to help with shipping; each box costs approximately \$10 or more to ship. See donation ideas and instructions located in each box.

Immanuel Family Movie Night

SUNDAY, JAN 4, 2026



Mark your calendars!! The ILCS Foundation Board is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Movie Night in the Immanuel School Gymnasium. Please come out on January 4, 2026, for a movie, pizza and more fun!!! This event is free of cost and centered on learning the story of Jesus and growing family ministry. Everyone is welcome!! Bring blankets, pajamas and pillows!!

Please stay tuned for more details!

Save the Date—30th Annual Lessons & Carols

SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

Lessons and Carols is an incredible way to enter the Christmas season featuring the music of Advent & Christmas for the choir & congregation, as well as nine scripture readings that tell about the coming of the Christ Child. This year's **30th Anniversary** service will include such favorites as Once in Royal David's City, E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come by Paul Manz, & For Unto Us a Child is Born by George F. Handel. The choir will be accompanied by a beautiful string ensemble, harpist, flutes, piano, & organ. Immanuel's Joyful Sounds Handbell Choir, Tongues of Fire, & Sunday School Children's Choir will also share special music for this service.

Join Lessons & Carols Musicians

Mass Choir rehearsals for the **30th Annual Lessons and Carols** will be held every Sunday in November (Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30) from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Music Room. New singers & those who have sung in the past are welcome to join us for this special service.

For more information regarding the Mass Choir for Lessons and Carols, please contact Sharon Dalpini, Music Ministry Director: sdalpini@ilcsbatavia.org.

Immanuel Family Day with the Chicago Wolves

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 3:00PM



Join Immanuel Lutheran families & friends for a day of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game. Everyone will receive a free Chicago Wolves hat & be seated together in the same section. Our group name will also be on the LED boards during the game.

Fill out the order form (available in the Church Narthex or School Office) & submit with payment to the church or school office by **Monday, November 3**. Questions? Contact Immanuel PTL, ptl@ilcsbatavia.org

Time for Butter Braids!

How good (& easy!) do warm, gooey, delicious Butter Braids sound for Thanksgiving or Christmas breakfast?

Orders will arrive for pickup
November 12
2:45-4:00pm, Church Narthex

Order forms due with payment to the school office by October 30, 2025

How to Place Orders:

- Scan Ordering QR Code or pick up paper order form in school office
 - <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/2e22bee6-9cfa-4f6e-8c96-810a14b5ca9c>
 - For ease of order organization, please select your student from the list when placing online orders
- Pay via check or cash to the school office (clearly marked in an envelope!) or scan Payment QR Code to pay online:
 - <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/butterbraids>
 - **MUST** have corresponding paper or online order placed to pay online

To ORDER:

To PAY:

Proceeds from this year's sale will go towards Immanuel Athletic Boosters
Questions? Contact Nicole Erickson: erickson323@gmail.com

Save the Date—Drive-Thru Nativity

SUNDAY, NOV 30, 4:00-6:00PM

What a great way to kick-off the Christmas season! If you're interested in helping out at this year's event, please contact Kari Larsen, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org

Drive-Thru Nativity

Sunday, November 30, 2025
4pm-6pm

Looking for a great way to kick off the Christmas season?

Come hear, see, & immerse your family in the true story of the First Christmas from the comfort of your warm car while driving through Immanuel's parking lot

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
950 Hart Rd
Batavia, IL 60510



Blessed is She

Concordia University Chicago 2025 Women's Luncheon

Blessed Is She: A Women's Luncheon

TUESDAY, NOV 4, Chapel of Our Lord @Concordia U-Chicago

This event is hosted by Concordia University Chicago and graciously led by our First Lady, **Sharon Dawn**. This special gathering will take place on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, beginning with worship at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Our Lord, followed by a luncheon on the Werner Stage. Our keynote speaker, **Deaconess Kristin Wassilak**, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities & Theology at Concordia University Chicago, will share an inspiring message as we come together in fellowship and faith.

- **Cost:** \$35 per guest (includes lunch and program)

Please RSVP by **Friday, October 24** using this link: <https://4agc.com/event/blessedishe2025>

Immanuel School Happenings

State XC Meet—Congratulations!



Congratulations to our Immanuel Cross Country runners as they took place in the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois state meet this weekend! We're so proud of you!

Thank You to all who helped make our Elective Day so great for Immanuel's Grades 5-8!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 23: Literacy Night, Preschool to Grade 3
- Oct. 25: Grades K-2 Sing in Church, 5:30pm
- Nov. 3: NO SCHOOL K-8 (Preschool is in session)
- Nov. 4: NO SCHOOL, Preschool-Gr8
- Nov. 8: Preschool Sings in Church, 5:30pm

Fall Sports at Immanuel

As Cross Country moves on to State & Nationals, Girls Volleyball is finishing out the season.

- 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

Sponsored By:



HIGH SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

NOVEMBER 11, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM
IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

SIX local, private high schools in one place!
You have incredible choices for your family!

IDEAL FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8

- ✓ Explore different options
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Gain insights from current students
- ✓ Learn about academic programs

Exhibiting High Schools:

- Aurora Central Catholic HS
- Aurora Christian HS
- Marmion Academy
- Rosary College Prep
- St. Francis College Prep
- Wheaton Academy

Visit Immanuel's school website at ilsbatavia.org

This Week's Generous Thoughts

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

Just as food and water are essential for human life, everyday realities point us to spiritual truths...

We need Jesus even more than we need the essentials of life.

This world offers empty calories, but only Jesus can satisfy the hunger in our souls!

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 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 trueffer@att.net, or leave a phone message at 630-761-1790.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT NOV 11, 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: NOV 14 & DEC 12, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer for our October packing session at FMSC. 99 boxes of food providing 21,384 meals to 59 kids for a year were packed during our session. Our team packed 28 of those boxes. The cost of that session was \$6,201.36. Your gifts of time and money are greatly appreciated. Your gift goes where it is most needed. We trust God had called us to respond together!

The next two volunteer opportunities are **November 14 & December 12** 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

TRUNK or TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
3 - 5 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
328 GEORGE ST., WEST CHICAGO

FREE * FACE PAINTING * TREATS
GAMES * FREE

Christmas Sale and Luncheon

Trinity Lutheran Church

328 George Street, West Chicago
(Corner of Sherman and George)

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Handmade Items, Christmas Decorations,
Jewelry, Premade Gift Bags, Treats by Lisa,
Bake Sale, Used Treasures*

Luncheon 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sloppy Joes, Salads, Chips, Dessert & Beverage
Hog Dogs Available for the Children

\$8.00 per person
\$4.00 children (ages 10 years & younger)

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)
Jim Scott (Tom's brother)
Sue Miller (Balz family friend)
Padma Lacy
Laura Gatz
Marilyn Kennedy
Becky Goodspeed (Lee Williams' daughter)

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)

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

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