

News and Notes



WELCOME!

Calendar

Sun November 16

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
9:15 AM Joyful Sounds Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room
9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:30 AM Adult Forum & Sunday School
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym
12:00 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols, Music Room
3:00 PM Immanuel Family Day @Chicago Wolves game
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball
5:30 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

Mon November 17

6:30 PM GriefShare, Library Meeting Room

Tue November 18

5:30 PM Northern IL Food Bank Service Event, @NIFB
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 12, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Youth Room

Wed November 19

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Library Meeting Room
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 Study, Music Room

Thu November 20

10:00 AM Thurs Morning Bible Study w/Pr. Noah, Sanctuary
12:00 PM 60+ Boyz Gathering, Apple Villa Batavia
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
NOTE: Pr. Peryman's Thursday Evening Bible Study is on hiatus until January

Fri November 21

10:30 AM Thanksgiving Chapel (10:30am) & Feast (11:15am)

Sat November 22

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

Sun November 23

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]
9:15 AM Joyful Sounds Handbell Rehearsal, Music Room
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NOTE: There will be NO services on Thanksgiving Day, 11/27, & NO Saturday Evening service on 11/29



Drive-Thru Nativity Volunteers & Church Christmas Decorating

What a great way to kick-off the Christmas season! Are you interested in helping bring the nativity story to life? Maybe you'd rather help decorate the church for Christmas? Have we got opportunities for YOU! If you would like to sign up to help decorate the inside & outside of church on Saturday, Nov. 29, or to be a volunteer at the Drive Thru Nativity on Sunday, Nov. 30, please scan the QR Code or go to <https://signup.com/go/QypYsJl> to choose your spots

Decoration set up is **Saturday, Nov. 29**, beginning at 9am.



Drive-Thru Nativity is **Sunday, Nov. 30**, 4-6pm
Favorite spots for the Nativity fill up quickly, so make sure you sign up soon so you don't miss out.
Questions? Please contact Kari Larsen, klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org



volunteer

Immanuel's 2025 Photo Directory Update

Production work on Immanuel's new photo directory is nearing completion. We have reviewed the initial proof and submitted changes, edits, and corrections. We expect to have the next proof available for review late in the first week in November. Depending on additional changes needed, we are hopeful that we can "go to print" soon after that.

The congregation's participation in this project has been very exciting. Our new directory will have 200+ photos of Immanuel families! Stay tuned for more details about the arrival date of the new directories, as well as instructions for how to pick up your copy

Immanuel's Holiday Food Drive

benefitting
Iglesia San Pablo

Your generosity feeds families in need.

This holiday season, Immanuel is collecting donations to help our sister congregation, San Pablo Lutheran Church in Aurora, keep their food pantry stocked for the community they serve.



Items Needed:

- Rice
- Beans— any variety
- Oil
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tomatoes
- And other non-perishable items



For online monetary donations, please scan the QR Code or go to <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/fooddrive>



Operation Christmas Child Boxes are Due 11/17!



Samaritan'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 **Monday, 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.

In addition to packing a shoebox, anyone 13 years and older can volunteer at the Midwest Ministry Center in Aurora, 800 N. Commerce Street. The service opportunities begin the day before Thanksgiving and go to December 20. When you volunteer, you get to be part of a group of volunteers that are getting the shoeboxes ready to be sent to over 100 countries around the world. When serving, you will hear more about the impact the ministry is having on building God's Kingdom and you will get to pray over the shoeboxes. The next person who will open the shoebox will be the child! You can register yourself or a group by going to: www.occvolunteersignup.com.

.60+ Boyz Group Monthly Gathering

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:00 PM APPLE VILLA
NEXT GATHERING: NOVEMBER 20

Come One, Come **ALL Immanuel Retired Men!** Invite a brother, as we enjoy our fellowship. If you long for seasoned male fellowship and a great meal, come join the Boyz at Apple Villa Cafe in Batavia (1961 W Wilson) at noon on Thurs. Oct 16. We're reading Paul Maier's **The Fullness of Time: A Historians Look at Christmas, Easter, and the Early Church**. Please come with your comments on **chapters 8 & 9**. Maier has fascinating insights to historical facts of Jesus' time on earth. Experience Koinonia! If you would like more information, please contact Ron Jaeger rjaeger59@gmail.com

SPIRIT WEAR

Now you can represent Immanuel throughout the community!
More options available online.

NO SHIPPING FEE on orders received by Dec. 11

Items will be delivered to Immanuel before 12/19 & available in the church office for pickup (school families will have items sent home with students). Orders placed after 12/1 will incur a shipping fee & be sent directly to your address.



stores.inksoft.com/ilbspirit/shop/home

Stainless Steel 20.9 oz Travel Mug/Tumbler \$15

Double wall insulated
Keeps hot for 8 hrs or cold for 16 hrs
Contact the Church or School Offices to pick one up today!



2026 Giving Envelopes Now Available

Pick up your envelopes for 2026 giving, now available in the Church Narthex.

It's That Time—Order Your Christmas Poinsettias!



Poinsettias are now on sale to help beautify the sanctuary & gym for Christmas worship and then give them a good home afterwards. Cost is \$15 & \$25, depending on size. Orders can be placed online by scanning this QR Code or go to:

<https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/poinsettias>
Or use an envelope available in the narthex



poinsettia

Advent at Immanuel

Advent Midweek Services

WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 3, 10, 17, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Midweek Bible Study

Jesus: The Coming Prophet, Priest, & King

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT, 4:30 PM, DINNER FOLLOWS at 5:30 PM

Advent Meal Sign-Up

WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 3, 10, & 17

Wednesday Advent pre-service meals will be back with the Advent season!

Do you have a favorite soup recipe?



For the first Advent meal on Wednesday, December 3, we are looking for 10 people to sign up to bring a crockpot of soup to share potluck-style, along with donations of Hawaiian rolls, cold cuts, & dessert to make this an "All In" soup & sandwich meal. Meals start at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The sign-up to bring items & help prepare this meal is coming in November—keep an eye out!

As for the remaining two dates (12/10 & 12/17), these will be group-sponsored meals from Immanuel committees, Bible studies, choirs, or any other Immanuel-sponsored group. The first 2 groups offering to prepare a meal will be accepted! Please email Sue Wauer at suewauer@yahoo.com.

30th Annual Service of Lessons & Carols

December 6, 2025
4:00pm & 6:00pm

THE FALL OF HUMANITY.
THE PROMISE OF A MESSIAH.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.
THE GREAT COMMISSION.

TOLD THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL
SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE & SONG.



950 HART RD.
BATAVIA, IL 60510

Immanuel School Happenings

2026-27 New Student Applications Open Dec. 1!

Interested in learning more about Immanuel Lutheran School's Preschool through Grade 8 and how we can help meet your family's educational goals? Applications for new students open December 1! Immanuel congregation members & current school families do get priority registration time to secure your seat. Please reach out to Rebecca Bello, Admissions Director, to schedule a tour, admissions@ilcsbatavia.org!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Chapel (10:30am) & Feast (11:15am)
- Nov. 24-28: NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Feast—Nov. 21



Immanuel Lutheran School's annual Thanksgiving Feast will be on Nov 21. This is a highly anticipated event when Immanuel's school students serve & share a traditional Thanksgiving meal & all the trimmings as one community with the seniors of Immanuel's congregation—children & elders together. *If you received your invitation or would like one, contact the school or church office to RSVP, (630) 406-0157.*

Thanksgiving Feast Donations

Would you like to help offset the cost of the Feast? We appreciate your generosity! You can donate online at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/feast> or scan the QR Code here.



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: NOV 21, 2:00 PM

New and old contributors: our November Lazarus House meal prep team is led by Vicki McFarland. We are repeating last year's successful menu, so perhaps you can repeat your gifts to feed our neighbors in shelter in St. Charles. Scan the QR Code or go to <https://volunteersignup.org/TX3DD>



Questions? Contact Terry or Vicki by Nov. 17 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: mjnottkes@aol.com

Immanuel Alumni in the Performing Arts

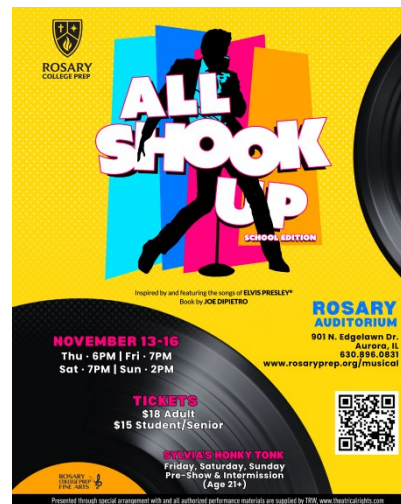
All Shook Up, Nov 13-16

Rosary College Prep

A hilarious and heartfelt musical loosely based on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. The setting is 1955, and into a square little town rides a guitar-playing young man who changes everything and everyone he meets. Featuring mega hits from Elvis Presley, this musical will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Don't Be Cruel."

<https://>

Tickets:



Light in the Darkness
John 8:12
WOMEN'S RETREAT
FEBRUARY 6-7, 2026
Friday 6-9pm & Saturday 8:30a-3p
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
950 HART ROAD BATAVIA
FEE: \$75 payable online at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/retreat> or cash/check in clearly marked envelope to church or school office
This 2-day retreat is ideal for women of ALL ages, focusing on spiritual fulfillment while socially connecting with other women. Reflect, renew, & reengage in God's Word. Jesus illumines the darkness!

 **Immanuel Lutheran**
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SCAN TO REGISTER

<https://forms.gle/EtSKP9kPrjIMNvV7>

This Week's Generous Thoughts

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9

Take a moment to ask God to direct your steps. Ask Him to reveal any desires or plans that aren't from Him. Submit your plans to God in prayer, that your plans and His will are in harmony, so that you'll be open to following Him wherever He leads.

Peace doesn't come from having all the answers, but from trusting that God is directing your steps.

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)
Sue Miller (Balz family friend)
Padma Lacy
Laura Gatz
Marilyn Kennedy
Becky Goodspeed (Lee Williams' daughter)
Carol Balz
Ruth Toland (sister of Ethel Kouba)

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
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)

PEACE & COMFORT

For the family of **Judy Koeller** (former member)

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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Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

