

# News and Notes



## WELCOME!

### Calendar

#### Sun November 30

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  
4:00 PM Drive-Thru Nativity  
5:30 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

#### Mon December 1

6:30 PM GriefShare, Library Meeting Room

#### Tue December 2

6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 12, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Young Men's (18-35) Bible Study, Youth Room  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, Library Meeting Room  
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

#### Wed December 3

7:00 AM Huddle II Bible Study, Library Meeting Room  
8:20 AM School K-8 Chapel Service, Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Sing & Play, Gym  
4:30 PM Jesus: The Coming Prophet, Priest, & King Bible Study, Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Advent Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Midweek Advent Service, Sanctuary

#### Thu December 4

10:00 AM Thurs Morning Bible Study w/Pr. Noah, Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Christus Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

#### Fri December 5

#### Sat December 6

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
4:00 PM Service of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary  
6:00 PM Service of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary

#### Sun December 7

8:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary + Online [youtube.com/@immanuelbatavia]  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:30 AM Adult Forum & Sunday School  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym  
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym  
5:30 PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room

The school office will be closed for Christmas Break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.  
The church office will be closed December 25-26 & January 1-2.



## Midweek Advent Worship, Bible Study, & Meals Starts this Week, Dec. 3

4:30PM BIBLE STUDY, 5:00PM DINNER, 6:30PM WORSHIP

## 30th Annual Service of Lessons & Carols, Dec. 6

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM, More info on pg. 2

## Voters Assembly Update

On November 2nd the congregation had a special Voters Assembly where we approved a number of changes to our Constitution and By-laws, and we accepted the fiscal year-end financial report from our Treasurer Emeritus. Materials that were presented along with an up-to-date version of our Constitution and By-laws can be found by scanning this QR Code or go to:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ICdVeqemWDCPWtwzPQXIDUF2Xpsq4ASp>

If you have any questions, or need assistance accessing this information, please contact Chairperson Matt Hager ([chairperson\\_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:chairperson_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org)).



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## Rep Immanuel in the Community

### DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 1

Have you thought to yourself "The one thing my wardrobe is missing is a quality Immanuel item"? This is your chance! Items are available for both the church & school. Order by Dec. 1 for free shipping. Items will be delivered to Immanuel for pickup in the church office (for church members) or school office (for school families). Orders after Dec 1 will incur shipping fee & be shipped directly to your address. Makes a great gift!

Or, if you want a dishwasher-safe stainless steel 19-oz travel mug to keep your morning coffee hot & fresh, contact the church or school office and you can take home your very own Immanuel tumbler for just \$15!

# SPIRIT WEAR



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

### NO SHIPPING FEE on orders received by Dec. 1!

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.

### 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!



[stores.inksoft.com/ilbspirit/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/ilbspirit/shop/home)

## Advent & Christmas at Immanuel

# MIDWEEK ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

BIBLE STUDY 4:30PM

DINNER 5:30PM (5:00PM IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND BIBLE STUDY)

SERVICE 6:30PM



### Midweek Bible Study

**Jesus: The Coming Prophet, Priest, & King**

**WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT, 4:30 PM, DINNER FOLLOWS**

Led by Pastor Noah & Pastor Micah throughout the Advent season each Wednesday afternoon. Don't worry, there will still be dinner available afterwards if you're staying through for the midweek service.

### Advent Meal

**WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 3, 10, & 17, 5:30PM (dinner will be available at 5:00PM for those who do not attend the Bible Study)**

**Do you have a favorite soup recipe?**



For the first Advent meal on Wednesday, December 3, we are looking for a couple 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 (5:30pm for those who attend the Bible Study beforehand).

Men's Saturday Bible study will be sponsoring the 12/10 meal. Thank you!

We are still looking for a group or individuals willing to prepare an Advent meal on 12/17.

Please email Sue Wauer at [suewauer@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



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Join us as we  
**REJOICE!**  
in the birth of Christ!

### Christmas Eve

1:00pm Family Service w/ "No Prep" Pageant

4:00pm Blended Worship-Style Service

10:00pm Candlelight Service w/ Communion

### Christmas Day

9:00am Divine Service w/ Communion



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## February 2026 MMC Election

The Nominating Committee for the upcoming Mission & Ministry Council elections is being formed. The objective of this committee is to bring forth a slate of candidates to serve on the Mission and Ministry Council (MMC) at the February, 2026 voters meeting. The committee will be chaired by Dale Rudy, our current Vice-Chairperson. The MMC positions of Chairperson and two At-Large Members need to be filled. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve in one of these positions. A member of the nominating committee may be contacting you. If you are interested in serving on the MMC, please contact Dale Rudy ([vicechairperson MMC@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:vicechairperson MMC@ilcsbatavia.org), 312-241-8389) for more information or to submit your name. The deadline for providing names is January 2, 2026.

## 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 using an envelope in the narthex or online, scan this QR Code or go to:

<https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/poinsettias>



poinsettia

## Upcoming Stephen Ministry Meeting

**TUESDAY, DEC. 2, 7:00 PM, Library Meeting Room**



Dear Stephen Ministers, Thank you for your caring hearts and kind words. Our next regularly scheduled Stephen Ministries Supervision meeting is on Tuesday, December 2nd in the school library starting at 7pm.





## 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, with questions or to schedule a tour, [admissions@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:admissions@ilcsbatavia.org)!

### Important Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 8: PTL Meeting, 6:00pm
- Dec. 13: Winter Orchestra Concert, 1:00pm
- Dec. 16: Preschool Christmas Worship, 5:30pm
- Dec. 18: Grades K-8 Christmas Worship, 6:30pm
- Dec. 19: Early Dismissal, 11:30am; no afternoon enrichment, no after-school extended care
- Dec. 22-Jan. 4: NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break

### Basketball & Cheer Seasons Kick Off

Cheer on the Eagles as our basketball teams start their season along with the Cheer team!

- 12/2: Boys JV & V Away @Immanuel East Dundee
- 12/5-12/6: Boys Tournament @Cross Yorkville
- 12/9: JV Boys HOME vs Bethany Naperville
- 12/11: Varsity Boys HOME vs Trinity Roselle



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

*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!

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SCAN TO REGISTER



<https://forms.gle/EtSKP9kPrjJMNv7>

### Immanuel's 2025 Photo Directory Update

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

### 2026 Giving Envelopes Now Available

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

## Immanuel in the Community

### Lazarus House Monthly Meal Donations & Prep

3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NEXT EVENT: DEC 19, 2:00 PM

Thank you to all who helped make the Nov. 21 meal a success! Keep an eye out for many opportunities to serve this holiday season.

Questions? 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 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](mailto:Jennifer@nallenweg.com)

### Feed My Starving Children

2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

NEXT EVENTS: DEC 12 & JAN 9, 9:00-10:45 AM @FMSC

A great big thank you to the 23 volunteers we had for our November packing session! 95 boxes of food were packed providing 20,520 meals to 56 kids for a year. The cost of our session was \$5,950.80. At less than 30 cents a meal, all monetary gifts make sure FMSC is there with food for families in crisis who have nowhere else to turn. Famine risk has more than doubled in the past year!

The next two volunteer opportunities are **December 12 & January 9** 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](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)

### DivorceCare Group Starting

Our sister congregation, St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Charles, will begin offering DivorceCare this January. DivorceCare is a Christ-centered support group that meets weekly for 13 sessions, and is designed for those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. It's a place to find understanding, encouragement, and hope. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Karen at [care@stmarkslife.org](mailto:care@stmarkslife.org).

### Holiday Food Drive

Throughout this holiday season, we are collecting items to help our sister congregation, San Pablo Lutheran Church in Aurora. Needed items are: Rice, beans, oil, canned vegetables, other non-perishable items. Or, you can financially help by donating at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/give/fooddrive>



San Pablo

### This Week's Generous Thoughts

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38*

You don't have to just give financially to practice generosity. Living generously simply acknowledges that God is able to do anything He wants through the gifts He has given you.

What do you have to give? Whether it's your time, talent, or treasures, God loves to bless us when we give with a humble heart.

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

# Prayer Requests

## RECENT CONCERNS

**Padma Lacy**  
**Laura Gatz**  
**Marilyn Kennedy**  
**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)  
**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)

## 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)  
**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 **Scott Brennan** (friend of the Dauksha family)

## 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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); at a minimum, please submit info by the Wednesday prior. The more notice, the better.

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