

CALENDAR

Sun Dec 12

8:00 AM Online Worship [immanuelbatavia.org/watch]  
8:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies  
10:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
6:30 PM High School Youth, Student Ministry Room

Mon Dec 13

6:00 PM Fox Valley Choir Auditions, Music Room  
6:30 PM GriefShare, Spanish Room  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM School Committee, Library

Tue Dec 14

9:00 AM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM 20 Something Men’s Bible Study, Student Ministry  
7:00 PM Immanuel Lifestyle, Library

Wed Dec 15

8:50 AM Chapel, Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM Sing & Play, Gym  
1:30 PM Advent Worship, Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Advent Worship, Sanctuary

Thu Dec 16

6:30 PM K-8 Christmas Worship Service, Gym  
6:30 PM Bible Study, Library  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Council, Spanish Room

Fri Dec 17

9:30 AM Hymns & Verses Chapel, Sanctuary  
5:30 PM Lazarus House Meal Prep, Gym Kitchen  
6:30 PM Hard Questions Bible Study, Library

Sat Dec 18

8:00 AM Mens Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
1:00 PM Orchestra Concert, Sanctuary  
5:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun Dec 19

8:00 AM Online Worship [immanuelbatavia.org/watch]  
8:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
9:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Studies  
10:30 AM Worship, Gym  
4:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym

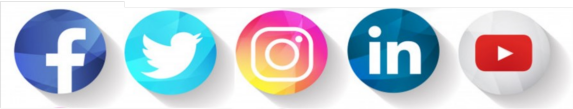
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Going deeper in faith.  
Sharing God's love in community!

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PRAYERS

FOR RECENT CONCERNS

HEALTH & STRENGTH

**Karen Neumann** (Barb Sandersfeld’s sister)  
**Danielle Katz** (Sandersfeld granddaughter)  
**Doug Renock** (Al Gerbitz’s cousin)  
**Bill & Kathy Adams** (friends of the Gerbitz family)  
**Judy Herrmann**  
**Carol Balz**  
**Pastor Wallace Nordquist**  
**Olivia** (friend of the Tim Rueter family)  
**Angela** (friend of the Tim Rueter family)  
**Mike Mele** (friend of the Kersten family)  
**Molly Klein** (Phil & Laura Klein’s daughter in law)  
**Jamie Crooks** (ILS classroom assistant)  
**Lane Lester**  
**Cathy Maverick**  
**The Radeloff Family** (friends of the Kersten family)  
**Philana Lee, Curt & Frank** (friends of Hudon family)

CANCER

**Darlene Schultz** (Art & Gloria Eichman’s daughter)  
**Bill Hilgenberg** (Sharon Ginn’s brother)  
**Geri Clemons** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Anna Coester** (Chris Whitwell’s sister)  
**Steve** [Circelli family neighbor]  
**Roger Schmidt** (Laurie Lane’s brother in law)  
**Lily Solfa** (Tom & Carol Balz’s friend and neighbor)  
**Matt** (Ann Kouba’s uncle)  
**Annette Steinbraker** (friend of the Marchen family)  
**Mai Oldenburger** (school family)  
**Doug Bengston** (Scott family friend)  
**Cathy Urich** (Lois’ daughter in law)  
**Recchia** family friend  
**Philana Lee** (friend of Hudon family)  
**Hank Cooley** [Lori St.Vincent’s cousin]  
**Carmen Balz** (Tom & Carol Balz daughter in law)  
**Lillian Hamilton** (Dugger family friend)

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**Gretchen Trin-klein** (Gretchen Patti’s sister in law)  
**Leonard Potter**, (Sylvia Ellinger’s brother)  
**Jodi**, (Ciro family friend)  
**Jan**, (Ciro family friend)  
**Shirley Smith** (Tamara O’Brien’s mother)  
**Renee Goerger** (Marlene Jurgens daughter and Lynn Harland’s sister)  
**Hannah Hoyt** (friend of the Youth Mission Group)  
**John Hernan** (St. Vincent family friend)  
**Kim** (co-worker of Crystal Dalpini)  
**Megan Sporney** (Heetland family friend)  
**Barbara Bowman**

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

**Tim Diehl**, Coast Guard  
**Paul Schmidt**, Army (Brenda Elders’ cousin)  
**Alex Schmidt**, Army (Brenda Elders’ cousin)  
**Sam Harms**, Air Force  
**Nate & Kira Harms**, Air Force  
**David Yardley**, Air Force (Steve and Ann Ciaccio’s nephew)  
**Luke Ganster**, Army (Rudy and Harms family friend)  
**Dan Goress**, Marines  
**Peter Seggel**, Army (Terry & Lori Rueffer’s godson)  
**Matt Battley**, Marines (Pietsch family member)  
**Sean Benson**, Air Force (Dee and Pat Dodd’s son-in-law)  
**Kody Greer**, Navy (Michelle Palmer’s nephew)  
**Luke Klinga**, Navy (Bob and Gretchen Patti’s nephew)  
**Benjamin Rudy**, Army  
**Sarah Baermann**, Army  
**Matthew Piette**, Air Force (Kim Reynold’s nephew)  
**Steven Surdyski**, Army/National Guard  
**Ben Bartelmey**, Navy  
**Daniel Russo**, Navy  
**Andy Marcinonis**, Army  
**Tom Prats**, Army (friend of the Dauksha’s)  
**Taylor Carlisle**, Air Force (Penny Janacek’s grandson)

**PEACE and COMFORT**  
For the family of **Ron Connolly** (Norma’s husband)

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Subscribe** to our email notifications by texting your email address and the keyword indicated below to **22828**.
- Daily inspiration devotional. Keyword: DI
  - Discover eNews weekly news. Keyword: DISCOVER
  - Discover eKids for Sunday School families. Keyword: DKIDS
  - Family Fizz for families with young children. Keyword: FIZZ
  - Student Ministry News for middle and high school families. Keyword: SMNEWS

**Eagle Info** is emailed to school families weekly.

**News & Notes** printout is distributed at weekend services.

**Immanuel Voices** sermon podcast is available on Podbean, iTunes, and Spotify.

**Immanuel Music** music ministry podcast is available on Podbean, iTunes and Spotify.





2022 MMC Leadership Nominations

**Due Fri Jan 7**  
Nominations are now being accepted for 2022 Mission and Ministry Council openings. A nominat-ing committee for the upcoming MMC elections has been formed with the objective of bringing forth a slate of candidates for the Feb 12th elec-tion to fill openings for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and 4 At-Large Members. Infor-mation about the responsibilities of each of these positions, along with a nomination form, can be found in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Please submit the completed form to mhager@ilcsbatavia.org or the church office by Fri Jan 7. Contact Matt Hager with questions at the email above or 630.803.2649.

Immanuel Beanies

Everyone is invited to grab a free Immanuel bean-ie--available in the church lobby. The only hitch is that we ask you to wear it as you perform service in our community: sign up to be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army; gather a group of friends, family, and/or neighbors and go caroling; or participate in one of Immanuel's monthly service opportunities: Northern Illinois Food Bank, Feed My Starving Chil-dren, serving at the Food Pantry, or preparing and delivering the Lazarus House Christmas meal. Take a picture and post it on Facebook with #immanuelbeanies to show us what you're doing! Free Immanuel t-shirts are also available in the of-fice! Contact Lori at [Istvincent@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:Istvincent@ilcsbatavia.org) to learn more. Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Serving Opportunities

- Tue Dec 14, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Northern Illinois Food Bank Packing Session  
Organized by Bill Pietsch
- Fri Dec 17, 9:00 - 10:45 AM  
Feed My Starving Children Packing Session  
Organized by Linda Fass
- Fri Dec 17, 5:30 PM  
Lazarus House Meal Donations  
Organized by Lori St.Vincent

Immanuel Christmas Cards

Immanuel is sending Christmas greetings to new neighbors and school families. If you are interested in helping to hand sign and address these cards, please contact Lori St.Vincent at [Istvin-cent@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:Istvin-cent@ilcsbatavia.org).

Sunday Bible Study Groups

**Sundays 9:15 - 10:15 AM**

- Adult Forum  
@Library  
Led by Elvin Harms
- The Miracles of Jesus  
@Sanctuary  
Led by Pastor Eric

Sunday School Programs

- Sundays 9:15 - 10:15 AM**  
Preschool Sunday Sing & Play  
Parents stay with your preschooler  
@Mrs. Nelson's classroom  
Led by Kari Larsen
- Kids K-5th grade Digging Deeper  
@Fellowship Hall (K-2nd)  
@Spanish Room (3rd-5th)  
Led by Mary Wert.
- Youth 6th-12th grade  
@Middle School Classrooms  
Led by Matt Cassidy

70+ Men's Lunch Group

**Thu Dec 16, Noon**  
Men age 70 or older gather on the third Thursday of every month for lunch and fellowship. They meet in a reserved room at Pal Joey's Restaurant [2030 Main St, Batavia]. Lunch may be ordered off the menu and each person is responsible for his own lunch. Questions? Contact Roy Lorenz at 630.406.8806.

New Member Class

**Sundays beginning Jan 9, 9:15 - 10:15 AM**  
Discovering Immanuel classes guide participants through considering membership in the Immanuel community to active and intentional participation. Childcare is available upon request. Register online [immanuelbatavia.org/membership](http://immanuelbatavia.org/membership)

**Going Deep/Experiencing God Huddle #1 Wednesdays beginning Jan 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
This small group experience is for those who have taken either relational course and would like to re-view the 7 realities as illustrated in the Bible and our lives now. Register online [immanuelbatavia.org/ biblestudies](http://immanuelbatavia.org/biblestudies).

**Going Deep/Experiencing God Huddle Continued Tuesdays beginning Jan 4, 8:30 - 10:00 AM**  
A similar format to Huddle #1 above, but with new Biblical events and life questions. This small group is for those who have taken either relational course, but especially for those who have already taken the Huddle #1 class. Register online [immanuelbata-via.org/biblestudies](http://immanuelbata-via.org/biblestudies).

Poinsettia Orders

The altar guild team is ordering poinsettias to deco-rate our worship areas in celebration of Christmas. If you would like to make a donation towards this pur-chase, please fill out an order form located in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Dona-tions of \$14 or \$25 can be made in memory or cele-bration of a friend or loved one.

Boxed Offering Envelopes

If you use boxed offering envelopes, the 2022 boxes are now available for pick-up in the Narthex.



**NO Saturday Night/Sunday Morning Services December 25-26th**  
Because there are several Christmas Eve/Day ser-vices on Friday and Saturday, there will be no Satur-day night/Sunday morning services the weekend of Dec 25 and 26th.

Giving Tuesday Fundraising

We raised \$600 towards contemporary worship au-dio/visual equipment and \$140 towards the upcom-ing youth gathering with this year's Giving Tuesday fundraising initiative!

[immanuelbatavia.org/serve](http://immanuelbatavia.org/serve)

Food Pantry Donations

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry is a not-for-profit or-ganization founded by local churches. They serve our community by providing food and household supplies to those in need. Your 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 [mnottk@aol.com](mailto:mnottk@aol.com) with questions.

Lazarus House Meal Donations

**Fri Dec 17, 5:30 PM**  
Lazarus House provides services to the homeless. On the third Friday of every month Immanuel provides meals to support this cause. Sign up now at [volunteersignup.org/JYTK9](http://volunteersignup.org/JYTK9). Contact Lori, [Istvin-cent@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:Istvin-cent@ilcsbatavia.org) with questions.

Give from the Heart Christmas Drive

Give from your heart and help children have a Mer-ry Christmas! Your donation will put gifts under the tree for children in the care of Lutheran Child and Family Services. Foster parents will receive money specifically to buy Christmas gifts for each child— assuring they receive what they want and need. For more information or to donate visit [lcfs.org/ ChristmasDrive](http://lcfs.org/ChristmasDrive).

Mid-week Advent Services

**Wednesday, Dec 8 & 15, 1:30 & 7:00 PM**  
Prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at our mid-week advent services. Come as you are for these simple services led by Pastor Chris. We'll sing traditional advent hymns and hear about the wonders of our God: our God is a Consuming Fire, a Mighty Rock, and the Everlasting Light!

Outdoor Nativity Scene Takedown

**Sun Dec 12, 11:30 AM**  
We will be taking down the outdoor nativity scenes on Sunday after the 10:30 service. Any help would be appreciated! Just show up and let Kari Larsen know you're here to help.

Feed My Starving Children

**Fri Dec 17, 9:00 - 10:45 AM**  
FMSC is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that empower communities to move from relief to develop-ment. Join us for a volunteer packing session! All sessions are followed by an optional Portillo's lunch. Anyone over the age of 5 can participate. Email [Linda\\_fasslinda@yahoo.com](mailto:Linda_fasslinda@yahoo.com) with questions or to register. We are grateful that 13 people were able to volunteer last Friday. Total packed was 51 boxes or 11,016 meals that would feed 30 kids for a year.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

**Tue Dec 14 5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
The NIFB provides nutritious meals to residents in 13 counties in Northern Illinois. Join us for a volun-teer food sorting & packing session! Ages 8+ are welcome. Email [Bill\\_bdpeach@me.com](mailto:Bill_bdpeach@me.com) with questions or to register.

Congregation Conclave Planning

**Sat Dec 18, 9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
Conclave planning sessions are scheduled for the first and third Saturdays of each month. Eve-ryone is invited to come. We are discussing the Five Pillars and considering the goals that will help us more fully live them out as a congrega-tion. We hope to see YOU there!

School Musical Performances

- K-8th Grade Christmas  
Thu Dec 16, 6:30 PM
- 3rd-5th Grade Choir  
Sat Feb 12, 5:30 PM
- Staff Choir  
Sun Mar 6, 10:30 AM

Holiday Service Schedule

- Advent Services  
Wed, Dec 15, 1:30 & 7:00 PM
- Christmas Eve  
Fri Dec 24, 1:00, 4:00 & 11:00 PM
- Christmas Day  
Sat Dec 25, 9:30 AM
- New Years Eve  
Fri Dec 31, 5:30 PM

Five Guys Restaurant Night

**Tue Dec 14, 4:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Stop by the Five Guys on Commons Rd in Geneva between 4 and 8 PM. Mention the Immanuel Lutheran School fundraiser and 20% of your purchase will be donated to our school .

Give

**"Everyone shall give as he is able, in accord-ance with the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you." - Deuteronomy 16:17**  
Your donations provide Immanuel with the opportunity to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus locally and nationally.

Ways to give:

- **Online** at <https://onrealm.org/immanuelbatavia/-/give/now>
- Email [finance@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto:finance@immanuelbatavia.org) to set up a **recurring gift**.
- **Text** \$ and amount (no spaces) to **630.528.0328** and follow the prompts.

Additional ways to give:

- Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2683484](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2683484) (3rd Quarter proceeds are \$117.42)
- ShopWithScrip. See [immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs](http://immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs) for details.
- Box Tops for Education. See [immanuelbata-via.org/purchasing-programs](http://immanuelbata-via.org/purchasing-programs) for details.

Monthly Financials

Monthly financial reports are emailed to individu-als who request them. If you would like to begin receiving this information, please contact *Larry Durrant, Treasurer, [treasurer\\_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:treasurer_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org)*.