CALENDAR

Sun Dec 26

NO WORSHIP SERVICES OR SUNDAY SCHOOL 4:30 PM Volleyball, Gym

Mon Dec 27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tue Dec 28

Wed Dec 29

Thu Dec 30

Fri Dec 31 5:30 PM New Year's Eve Service, Sanctuary

Sat Jan 1

NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Sun Jan 2

8:00 AM Online Worship [immanuelbatavia.org/watch] 8:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary 9:15 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary 4:30 PM Volleyball, Gym 6:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

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PRAYERS FOR RECENT CONCERNS

HEALTH & STRENGTH

Karen Neumann (Barb Sandersfeld's sister) Danielle Katz (Sandersfeld grandaughter) Doug Renock (Al Gerbitz's cousin) Bill & Kathy Adams (friends or the Gerbitz family) Judy Herrmann Olivia (friend of the Tim Rueter family) Angela (friend of the Tim Rueter family) Mike Mele (friend of the Kersten family) The Radeloff Family (friends of the Kersten family) Philana Lee, Curt & Frank (friends of Hudon family) Betty Krause (friend of the Balz family)

<u>CANCER</u>

Darlene Schultz (Art & Gloria Eichman's dauahter) Bill Hilgenberg (Sharon Ginn's Peter Seggel, Army (Terry & 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' daughterin-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) Gretchen Trinklein 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)

CANCER Continued...

Renee Goerger (Marlene Jurgens daughter and Lvnn Harland's sister) John Hernan (St. Vincent family friend) Kim (co-worker of Crystal Dalpini) Megan Sporney (Heetland family friend) Barbara Bowman Cathy Maverick

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 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 Surdynski, 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 & COMFORT

For the family of **Floyd** Giordani (Karen Marchen's uncle)

For the family of Priscilla **Seay** (Karen Marchen's Aunt)

For the family of **Barbara** Hoffman (Barb Christenson's mother)

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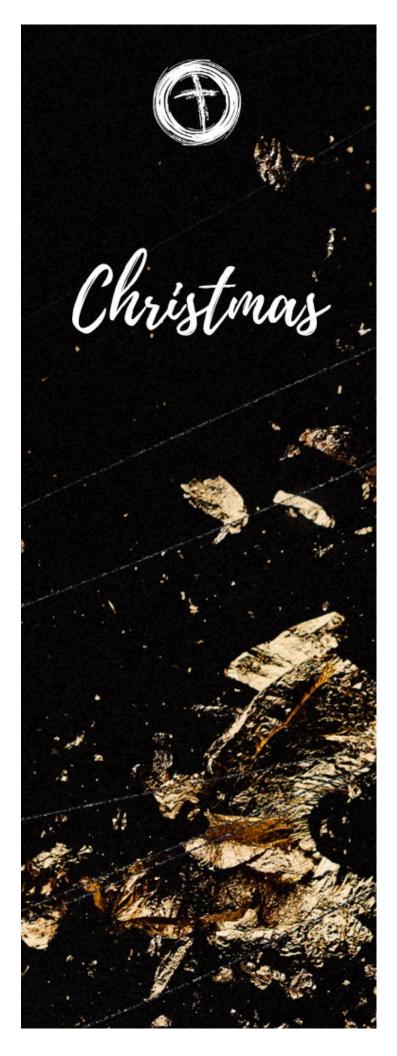
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- Student Ministry News for middle and high school families. Keyword: SMNEWS

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 nominating committee for the upcoming MMC elections has been formed with the objective of bringing forth a slate of candidates for the Feb 12th election to fill openings for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and 4 At-Large Members. Information 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 beanie--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 or go caroling with the Christus Choir, etc. Take a picture and post it on Facebook with #immanuelbeanies to show us what you're doing! Contact Lori lstvincent@ilcsbatavia.org to learn more. Merry Christmas!

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 arade @Middle School Classrooms Led by Matt Cassidy

Boxed Offering Envelopes

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

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

Women's Bible Study: The book of Romans Wednesdays Jan 5 - Feb 23, 9:00 - 10:30 AM @Fellowship Hall

No book of the Bible more clearly illuminates the path of the Christian life than the book of Romans. Paul's power-packed letter stands as a treatise on important topics such as sin, justification, sanctification, and more. Join this small group to find out how the book of Romans can help you be right with God, yourself, and others. Register online immanuelbatavia.org/women to get a book. Contact Laura Klein with questions plklein79@yahoo.com.

Chicago March for Life

Sat Jan 8, All Day

Join over 10,000 pro-life individuals from throughout the Midwest for March for Life. A group from Immanuel will be attending this event including AM workshops, March & Rally, and LCMS gathering. Join us for the AM only or the whole day. More information coming soon. Contact Erica Ciro at eciro65@gmail.com with questions or to join the group. Details: nidlcms.org/life-task-force

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 review the 7 realities as illustrated in the Bible and our lives now. Register online 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 immanuelbatavia.org/biblestudies.

New Contemporary Service Sundays 10:45 AM @Gym, Beginning Jan 9

Check out our new contemporary service! Worship leader, Jim O'Connell, joins our staff on January 9th and will lead us in re-defining contemporary worship here at Immanuel. Similar to many of the leading contemporary churches: the praise, prayer, and worship at the newly configured 10:45 service will be led by Jim, with Pastor Eric or Chris joining in to give the message and sacraments. Crafts will be distributed before the sermon to keep children entertained while parents listen; the kids will then be encouraged to show their creations when the sermon is done. The youth praise band will join the 10:45 service. We will continue to have a 10:30 service in the sanctuary, but it will now be in the same traditional format as the 8:00 service.



Bring a candle, any candle, to our New Year's Eve service. It's our tradition to set these candles on the altar and light them. This symbolizes Christ's promise to be with us and our response to shine the His light into the New Year.

immanuelbatavia.org/serve

Food Pantry Donations

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry is a not-for-profit organization founded by local churches. They serve our community by providing food and household supplies to those in need. Your financial or nonperishable 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/currentneeds. Email Mary Jo Nottke mnottke@aol.com with questions.

Lazarus House Meal Donations Fri Jan 21, 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 coming soon. Contact Lori, Istvincent@ilcsbatavia.org with questions.

Give from the Heart Christmas Drive

Give from your heart and help children have a Merry 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 childassuring they receive what they want and need. For more information or to donate visit lcfs.org/ ChristmasDrive.

Feed My Starving Children Fri Jan 14, 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 development. 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 with questions or to register. We had 18 volunteers at our December packing session; 38 children will be fed for a year due to our efforts!

Northern Illinois Food Bank Tue Jan 11, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

The NIFB provides nutritious meals to residents in 13 counties in Northern Illinois. Join us for a volunteer food sorting & packing session! Ages 8+ are welcome. Email Bill bdpeach@me.com with questions or to register. At the December event 14 volunteers packed 1,778 pounds of food providing 1,482 meals for hungry neighbors!

School Musical Performances

3rd-5th Grade Choir Sat Feb 12, 5:30 PM Staff Choir Sun Mar 6, 10:30 AM

NO 5:30 PM Saturday NIGHT/ Sunday Morning Services December 25-26th

Because there are several Christmas Eve/Day services on Friday and Saturday, there will be no Saturday night/Sunday morning services the weekend of Dec 25 and 26th.

NO 5:30 PM Saturday NIGHT Service January 1st

There will be 8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday Service, but NO Sunday School January 2nd

Due to the New Years holiday.

Give

"Everyone shall give as he is able, in accordance 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 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 (3rd Quarter proceeds are \$117.42)
- ShopWithScrip. See immanuelbatavia.org/ purchasing-programs for details.
- Box Tops for Education. See immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs for details.

Monthly Financials

Monthly financial reports are emailed to individuals who request them. If you would like to begin receiving this information, please contact Larry Durrant, Treasurer, treasurer mmc@ ilcsbatavia.org.