

CALENDAR

Sun Feb 20

08:00 AM Online Worship [immanuelbatavia.org/watch]
08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
09:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies
10:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym
04:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

Mon Feb 21

06:30 PM GriefShare, Spanish Room
06:30 PM Troop 12 Board of Review, Science Room
07:00 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
07:00 PM Finance Committee, Library

Tue Feb 22

09:00 AM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
07:00 PM MMC Meeting, Library

Wed Feb 23

09:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Sing & Play, Gym
04:00 PM 20 Something Men's Bible Study, Student Ministry Room
06:30 PM Confirmation, Gym & Fellowship Hall
06:30 PM Working Women's Bible Study, Student Ministry Room

Thu Feb 24

06:30 PM Bible Study, Library
07:00 PM Christus Choir, Sanctuary

Fri Feb 25

06:30 PM Bible Study, Library

Sat Feb 26

08:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
09:30 AM Altar Guild Sack Cloth & Ash Assembly, Fellowship Hall
05:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun Feb 27

08:00 AM Online Worship [immanuelbatavia.org/watch]
08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
09:15 AM Education Hour Sunday School & Bible Studies
10:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym
04:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

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Sharing God's love in community!

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FOR RECENT CONCERNS

HEALTH & STRENGTH

Evie Taylor
Al Gerbitz
Pam Kelly (friend of the Balz family)
Charlie MacKinnon
Warren Kersten

CANCER

John Hernan (St. Vincent family friend)
Kim (co-worker of Crystal Dalpini)
Megan Sporney (Heetland family friend)
Barbara Bowman
Cathy Maverick
Geri Clemons (friend of the Balz family)
Carmen Balz (Tom & Carol Balz daughter-in-law)
Gretchen Trinklein (Gretchen Patti's sister-in-law)

FOR LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Philana Lee, Curt & Frank (friends of Hudon family)
Betty Krause (friend of the Balz family)
Diane (Cronin) Scheinpflug
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Jan & Larry (friends of the Rueter family)

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News & Notes

Stewardship



Immanuel Lutheran
Church & School

Building deeper relationships with
God in community with others.

K and Pray

Sat-Sun, Mar 12-13 @Church Service

Sat, Mar 19, 8:45-11:00 AM @Library & Gym

Children have open hearts when it comes to prayer. At Immanuel, we encourage and celebrate prayer in the life of kindergarten children and their families. ALL kindergarten families are invited to attend any of the worship services on March 12th or 13th to receive a special blessing and prayer gift. The following Saturday, we invite kindergarteners and their parents to join us for our K and Pray event. Enjoy a light breakfast and some fun activities as our ministry team teaches you and your child how to pray. Learn how to grow in your prayer life and discover more about prayer together. The prayer gift is free, but the cost to cover breakfast at the event is \$5 per family. Register online at immanuelbatavia.org/kids to receive a prayer gift and/or attend the K and Pray event! Contact Kari Larsen at klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org with questions.

Congratulations to Donna Laughlin!!

On receiving the 2022 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator Award granted by the Lutheran Education Association

Ms. Laughlin is principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Batavia, Ill. She previously served Lutheran schools in Oconomowoc, Wis. and San Francisco, Cal. She has filled various local and district-level leadership positions.

Donna earned a B.S in elementary education from Valparaiso University (dean's list) Valparaiso, Ind., and a M.Ed. in educational leadership from Concordia University, Portland, Ore.

Among her greatest joys in teaching, Donna said, "I love talking with students, parents, and colleagues about how God is working in their lives."

Commenting on challenges, Donna said, "Balancing business and ministry can be challenging." She continued, "Even when we work hard to do our best, we cannot forget that it is not our own will that made the effort successful, but His."

In support of Donna's nomination, her pastor said, "What sets her apart is her unique combination of heart and backbone. As she leads Immanuel Lutheran School, she does so with both determined vision and a gentle touch."

One parent commented, "I truly believe...that Donna Laughlin is one of the main reasons Immanuel is the amazing school that it is. Her love for her students and their families can be felt and is known by all who meet her."

The colleague who nominated her commented, "Donna is a disciple. Anyone who speaks to her will see and hear the compassion and warmth that she has in her heart."

Her mission statement is "... to share the love of Jesus Christ with all whom I serve in my capacity as a professional educator and as a leader."

Edward Grube

Director of Communications
Lutheran Education Association, River Forest, Ill.

National Youth Gathering

Jul 9-13 in Houston, Texas

The LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. This summer the Gathering will be held in Houston, Texas from Jul 9-13. All youth ages 14-19 at the time of the Gathering are invited to attend. Please email Matt Cassidy at mcassidy@ilcsbatavia.org if your child intends on joining, and fill out the registration form found online. Registration forms are due by Wednesday, Feb 23 and can be turned in to the church office. More details and the registration form can be found at immanuelbatavia.org/youth. Feel free to contact Matt with questions.

Immanuel Lifestyle Relational Study

Wednesdays, Mar 9-May 11, 1:15-3:15 PM OR 7-9 PM @Library

For those who have completed the Going Deep classes in the relational study series: Want to move toward an interactive relationship with God? Learn how to live a God-with-me life? Come find out in this 10-week class! Learn how to deepen gratitude experiences that kickstart the relational areas in your brain. Draw nearer to the Lord and identify blocks that hinder your relationship with Him. Learn a new visual style prayer form. To sign-up for the time that works best for you, email Julaine at jkammrath@hotmail.com or call Penny at 630.879.7163. Find more information at immanuelbatavia.org/biblestudies.

How We Love - Marriage Seminar

Sundays, Mar 6-May 1, 3:00-4:30 PM @Fellowship Hill

Married couples, join Pastor Eric and his wife Amy for this 9-week relationship course. Learn your Love Style to understand how your childhood experiences inform what you expect from relationships, how you receive and express love, and how you respond to others in stressful interactions. Learn to break free from painful patterns, find healing, and create close, nourishing relationships. The cost for this class is \$20 per couple. Register online at immanuelbatavia.org/biblestudies. Contact Pastor Eric with questions ekennaugh@ilcsbatavia.org.

Face of Grace Book Study

Mondays, Feb 21-Apr 25, 6:00-7:30 PM

@Amy Glinke's House-121 Sauk Dr in Batavia

Join us for a 10-week study on the book Face of Grace by Ed Khouri. Grace means so much more than forgiveness of sins. It actually serves as the basis of how we attach to God and others. When we embrace the true biblical definition of grace we enjoy spiritual transformation, engage in healthier relationships, and encounter real joy! Please purchase the book, available on Amazon, read the 1st chapter and answer the study questions prior to the first class. Call or text Amy at 630.842.8732 with questions or for help with the book.

Going Deep: The Divine Adventure

Thu Mar 3-Apr 21, 7:00-8:30 PM @Fellowship Hall

This is the beginning study for Immanuel's relationship series. Move more deeply into your relationship with God. Led by Pastor Eric and based on Blackaby's Experiencing God, you will learn to observe God-sightings, see your current life from a new lens, and develop relational skills toward transformation. Register online immanuelbatavia.org/biblestudies.

Annual Giving Pledges

It's budget time and we're working on getting estimates ready for the upcoming fiscal year. Financial giving is an important aspect of spiritual growth. Your monetary gifts make you a partner in ministry here at Immanuel and they enable us to continue our mission of building deeper relationships with God. After prayerful consideration, please fill out a pledge form, online at immanuelbatavia.org/pledge.

Food Pantry Donations

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry is a not-for-profit organization founded by local churches. It serves 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 with questions.

Birthdays

February 19

Christine Stuart

February 20

Greg Hudon
Kim Reynolds
Janet Brainerd
Maggie Transue

February 21

Melissa Mills
Leslie Boor
Adam Thorne
Mahan Khamissi

February 22

Jacob Krumwiede
Greg Siebert
Dave Suydam
Mary Powell

February 23

Barb Wayzer
Christine Matson
Arlene Knauff
Lydia Marcinonis
Dale Rudy
Bella Polizzotto
Chessie Polizzotto
Mikayla Kennaugh
Blake Hughes

February 24

Jennifer McLane
Derek Wagner
Evelyn Jaramillo

February 25

Kimberly Rudolph
Keri Krivograd

February 26

Laura Crockatt
Kathryn Macauley
Jim Harland
Fletcher Hamill
Joseph Jaramillo
Colton Kasza

February 27

Alex Klein
Rachel Gonnerman
Tracey Dell
Jaclyn Kamholz
Kaidyn King

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please contact Penny 630.879.7163 or church@immanuelbatavia.org

Anniversaries

February 8

Eric & Kathy Petersen
Jake & Jenna McKnight

February 10

Peter & Karen Seifrid

February 12

Cyril & Joyce Matter

February 13

Bill & Ethel Kouba

February 20

David & Martha Knop
Bruce & Janet Brainerd

February 23

David & Judy Winecke
Dick & Sue Wauer

February 24

Kevin & Tracey Scroggins

February 25

Michael & Linda Snodgrass
Bill & Gail Beckmann

February 28

Karl & Christine Teske

**Congratulations!!
to Evan Conti for making 1st Semester
Honor Roll at Marmion Academy**

Feed My Starving Children

Fri Mar 11, 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.** Thanks to all our February volunteers! They packed 51 boxes, which will make 11,016 meals, which equals 30 kids fed for a year.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Tue Mar 8, 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.** Thanks to all who volunteered in February! 15 volunteers packed 3,150lbs of potatoes, which equals 2,625 meals.

Lazarus House Meal Donations

Fri Mar 18, 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 online: immanuelbatavia.org/serve. Contact Lori, lstvincent@ilcsbatavia.org with questions.

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.