

## CALENDAR

### Sun Dec 4

08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
08:00 AM Online Worship [[immanuelbatavia.org/watch](http://immanuelbatavia.org/watch)]  
09:30 AM Adult Bible Study, Meeting Room  
09:30 AM Sunday School, Various Locations  
09:30 AM 7-8th Grade Confirmation, Fellowship Hall  
09:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Modern Worship, Gym  
02:00 PM Fox Valley Children's Chorus, Sanctuary  
04:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym  
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

### Mon Dec 5

05:30 PM PTL Meeting, Sanctuary  
06:30 PM Griefshare, Library  
06:45 PM Troop 12, Fellowship Hall  
07:00 PM SGC, Meeting Room

### Tue Dec 6

09:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Meeting Room

### Wed Dec 7

09:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Meeting Room  
10:30 AM Sing and Play, Gym  
07:00 PM Advent Service, Sanctuary

### Thu Dec 8

07:00 PM Christus Choir, Sanctuary  
07:00 PM Lifestyle Class, Meeting Room

### Fri Dec 9

### Sat Dec 10

08:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
05:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

### Sun Dec 11

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10:45 AM Modern Worship, Gym  
04:00 PM Drive Through Christmas Nativity, Parking Lot  
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

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Sharing God's love in community!

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## PRAYERS

### FOR RECENT CONCERNS

#### HEALTH & STRENGTH

**Mike Straka** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Linda Straka** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Baby Adeline** (The Janaceks' neighbor)  
**Pat Schoeneberg** (friend of the Laytons)  
**Ed Saunders** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Megan Sporny** (friend of the Bortner family)  
**Carol Balz**  
**Antoinette Skaar** (Jim & Barb Sandersfeld's Granddaughter)  
**Tony Ciro**  
**Elvin Harms**

#### CANCER

**Barbara Bowman**  
**Geri Clemons** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Carmen Balz** (Tom & Carol Balz daughter-in-law)  
**Catherine Siway** (H.C. Storm Kindergarten Teacher)  
**Sue Furman** (St. Vincent family friend)  
**Martin Harms** (Elvin's brother)  
**Tammy** (friend of the Balz family)

### FOR LONG-TERM CONCERNS

**Betty Krause** (friend of the Balz family)  
**Rob Lennartz** (Lori St Vincent's cousin)  
**Jen Masters** (Kersten family friend)  
**Jim Wenberg** (friend of the Dickensons)  
**Michael** (friend of the Rueter family)

### Weekday Bible Study Groups

#### Tuesday Bible Study Group

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM @ Meeting Room  
Led by Pastor Eric. Studying the book of Hebrews.

#### Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM @ Meeting Room  
Led by Laura Klein. Currently studying Philippians.

#### Working Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesdays 6:30 PM @ Youth Ministry Room  
Led by Erica Ciro. Studying women of the Old Testament.

#### Thursday Evening Bible Study Group

Thursdays 6:30 PM @ Library  
Led by Pastor Eric. Currently studying Ezekiel.

#### Saturday Men's Bible Study Group

Saturdays 8:00 AM @ Fellowship Hall  
Led by Pastor Eric. Discussing theological questions.

### Sunday 9:30 AM Education Hour Activities

#### Adult Forum @Library

Led by Elvin Harms. Discover Your Gifts study.

#### Sunday Sing & Play @Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

Led by Kari Larsen. Parents attend with your preschooler.

#### Kids Sunday School

K-2nd @Kindergarten Classroom  
3-4th @Youth Ministry Room  
5-6th @Upstairs Classroom

#### 7-8th Confirmation Class @Fellowship Hall

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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# News & Notes

## ADVENT

## A SEASON OF HOPE



**Immanuel Lutheran**  
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Building deeper relationships with  
God in community with others.

## Poinsettia Orders

The altar guild team is ordering poinsettias to decorate our worship areas in celebration of Christmas. If you would like to make a donation towards this purchase, please fill out an order form located in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Donations of \$12 or \$23 can be made in memory or celebration of a friend or loved one.

## Online Attendance & Connection Form

We want to hear from you! Please fill out our new online attendance and connection form to check in and let us know what upcoming events you're interested in. Current volunteer and event RSVP along with connection opportunities are included for your convenience. Scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out the form now or visit our website any time at [immanuelbatavia.org/connect](http://immanuelbatavia.org/connect).



## Drive Thru Christmas Volunteers Needed!

**Sat, Dec 11, 4:00-6:00 PM** (Dec 18 Rainout Date)  
Volunteers are still needed for our popular Drive Through Christmas Nativity. Judging from the number of people interested on social media, we expect this to be a very well-attended community event. Sign up to help with traffic control, be a greeter, or wear a costume & staff a nativity scene. Time slots are in half hour increments and no acting experience is necessary for most of our scenes. Register online today at [signup.com/go/oroSVjq](http://signup.com/go/oroSVjq). Contact Kari Larsen [klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:klarsen@ilcsbatavia.org) with questions.

## Calling All Instrumentalists!

**Sat, Dec 24, 4:00 PM**  
We need instrumentalists for our 4 o'clock service on Christmas Eve. Adults and children alike are invited to perform special pre-service music as soloists or in small groups. If you are interested in participating please contact Sharon Dalpini at [sdalpini@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto:sdalpini@immanuelbatavia.org).

## 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 child—assuring they receive what they want and need. For more information or to donate visit [lcfs.org/ChristmasDrive](http://lcfs.org/ChristmasDrive).

## Griefshare

**Mondays Jan 9 - Apr 3, 6:30-8:30 PM @Library**  
GriefShare is a program that was developed specifically to help those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is a place where hurting people find hope and healing. Contact Christin Hager with questions 630.815.1598 [christinhager@gmail.com](mailto:christinhager@gmail.com). Register online [immanuelbatavia.org/care](http://immanuelbatavia.org/care)

*Drive Through Christmas Nativity*  
**Sunday, Dec 11, 4-6 PM**

Nativity scenes feature live actors

Hear the true story of the first Christmas

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

## Drive Through Christmas Nativity

**Sun Dec 11, 4:00-6:00 PM @Parking Lot**  
Add Immanuel to your holiday lights and sights list. Stop by the parking lot to drive through our nativity scenes featuring live actors and hear the true story of the first Christmas! (In the case of a rainout, this event will be rescheduled for Dec 18.)

## Christmas Eve Services

**Sat, Dec 24, 1:00, 4:00 & 11:00 PM**  
Join us for Christmas Eve worship! The 1:00 family service lasts about 45 minutes and is especially for families with young children; this year we will be having a Pop-up Christmas Pageant for the kids (no practice necessary). The 4:00 traditional service is our most well-attended; we sing traditional hymns and there are performances by the choir and handbells. Our late night candlelight service is very traditional – it's held in the sanctuary and Communion is given.

## Holiday Service Schedule

**Advent Services**  
Wednesdays, Dec 7, 14 & 21, 7:00 PM

**Christmas Eve**  
Sat Dec 24, 1:00, 4:00 & 11:00 PM

**Christmas Day**  
Sun Dec 25, 9:30 AM

**New Years Eve**  
Sat Dec 31, 5:30 PM

## Midweek Advent Services

**Wed, Dec 7, 14 & 21, 7:00 PM @Sanctuary**  
For the 3 weeks leading up until Christmas we put together special advent services on Wednesday evenings to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Come as you are for these simple services led by Pastor Eric. We sing traditional advent hymns and hear about the wonders of our God!

## OCC Volunteer & Paid Jobs

**November - December**  
Registration is now open at the Operation Christmas Child Aurora location to process OCC shoeboxes. Volunteer to inspect, pray over, and ready each gift for shipping. By partnering in this exciting effort, you can play an integral role in bringing Good News & great joy to millions of boys & girls! See volunteer opportunities at [samaritanspurse.org/occvolunteer](http://samaritanspurse.org/occvolunteer). Paid seasonal employment is also available. There are a wide variety of customer service & warehouse positions. Apply at [samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs](http://samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs).

## Feb 2023 MMC Election Nominations

**Due Wed, Dec 21**  
The Nominating Committee for the upcoming Mission and Ministry Council elections has been formed in order to bring forth a slate of candidates for the Feb. 12, 2023 election to fill openings for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and two At-Large Members. Please provide Bob Schmidt ([vicechairperson\\_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:vicechairperson_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org), 630-542-8153) with any names of individuals who are interested in serving on the Mission and Ministry Council; the deadline for providing names is December 21, 2022. If you are interested in serving and want to learn more about MMC leadership responsibilities, please attend our Open Forum on Sunday, December 11th at 9:30 am.

## 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 [mnottke@aol.com](mailto:mnottke@aol.com) with questions.

## Birthdays

<b>December 3</b> Ezlynn McKnight Brandon Soerens Mark Meyer Char Bogda	<b>December 7</b> Lisa Priestler Sue Wauer
<b>December 4</b> Georgette Chesnutt Carla Goetz Hollie Kott	<b>December 8</b> Aiden Reinert Lexi Reinert Blake Vance Claire Jacobi Luke Kowalski Gretchen Byrd RJ Markulin Zachary O'Hara
<b>December 5</b> Erik Olsen Jacob Voelkner Mason Cook Chris Schindler Joseph Duerr Kurt Federschmidt Angel Goecker Polly Acton Paul Kowalski	<b>December 9</b> Cynthia Boulton Kate Myatt Nathaniel Lambert Phil Klein
<b>December 6</b> Melinda Rudy Joyce Schick	<b>December 10</b> Courtney Horan Lauren Scharlow Connor McFarland Richard Horan Carol Kase Christina Marotta Nancy Edwards
<b>December 7</b> Jim Vanderheyden Tim Rueter	

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please contact Penny 630.879.7163 or [church@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto:church@immanuelbatavia.org).

## Feed My Starving Children

**Fri, Dec 9, 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](mailto:Linda_fasslinda@yahoo.com) with questions or to register. Thank-you to all the volunteers that helped at our November session! We packed 140 boxes of food, providing 30,240 meals that will feed 83 children for a year.

## Northern Illinois Food Bank

**Tue, Dec 13, 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](mailto:Bill_bdpeach@me.com) with questions or to register. Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the November packing session! We packed 91 boxes for families in need, totaling 9,082 lbs and providing 7,568 meals.

## Lazarus House Meal Donations

**Fri, Dec 16, 5:30 PM**  
Lazarus House provides services to the homeless. On the third Friday of every month Immanuel provides meals to support this cause. Email [Lori\\_istvincent@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:Lori_istvincent@ilcsbatavia.org) to register to serve.

## Anniversaries

**December 6**  
Jerry & Karen Miller

**December 7**  
Joe & Cindy Guttilla

**December 10**  
Andrew & Cassie Spenny

**December 12**  
Mike & Kris Helm

**December 16**  
Stan & Henriette Davis

**December 17**  
James & Cynthia Boulton  
Bob & Mary Ann Patterson  
Daniel & Dana Thorpe  
Eldon & Jo Frydendall

**December 18**  
Mark & Gail Payton

## School Information

Visit the school website at [ilsbatavia.org](http://ilsbatavia.org) for information on upcoming events and news updates from Principal Donna Laughlin. See the /blog, /eventscalendar, and /fundraisers pages.

## 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](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](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2683484) (2nd Quarter 2022 proceeds were \$216.86)
- RaiseRight. See [immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs](http://immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs) for details.
- Box Tops for Education. See [immanuelbatavia.org/purchasing-programs](http://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](mailto:treasurer_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org).