

CALENDAR

Sun Dec 11

08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
08:00 AM Online Worship [[immanuelbatavia.org/watch](https://www.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
04:00 PM Drive Through Christmas Nativity, Parking Lot
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

Mon Dec 12

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

Tue Dec 13

09:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Meeting Room

Wed Dec 14

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

Thu Dec 15

12:00 PM 70+ Mens Lunch Group, Apple Villa in Batavia
05:30 PM Preschool Christmas Worship, Gym
07:00 PM Christus Choir, Sanctuary

Fri Dec 16

Sat Dec 17

08:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM Betty Behnke Celebration of Life Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Musical Tap Workshop, Gym
05:30 PM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Sun Dec 18

08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
08:00 AM Online Worship [[immanuelbatavia.org/watch](https://www.immanuelbatavia.org/watch)]
09:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 AM Modern Worship, Gym
01:30 PM Musical Tap Workshop, Gym
04:30 PM Adult Volleyball, Gym

YOUR FAITH  OUR COMMUNITY

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

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Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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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
Linda Ryun (Kathy Fletcher's sister)

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)
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)

PEACE and COMFORT

for the family of **Marlin Harms**, (Elvin's brother)
for the family of **Christine Czajka** (Art & Gloria Eichmann's daughter)

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
Church & School

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.



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.

Men's 70+ Lunch Group

Thu, Dec 15, Noon @Apple Villa in Batavia

Men age 70 or older are invited to join together for lunch and fellowship! Meet with your brothers in a reserved room at Apple Villa in Batavia (1961 W. Wilson). Food is ordered off the menu and each person is responsible for his own lunch. Contact Roy with questions: 630.406.8806.

Pastor Kennaugh's Call to LCEF

Pastor Kennaugh has accepted a call to serve as VP of Ministry Solutions at LCEF. He will be stepping down from the Senior Pastor role at Immanuel in January and will move into an Interim Pastor role while we seek a new Senior Pastor. He will continue to provide weekend bible study and worship, as well as provide support to the staff and Immanuel community on Mondays for the foreseeable future. Please pray for him and his family in this time of transition and for the call committee's work to be swift in finding the pastor God has already set apart to lead Immanuel into the future.

Panera School Restaurant Night

Tue, Dec 13, 6:00 AM-9:00 PM @1690 S. Randall Rd

Order from Panera in Geneva on Tuesday, Dec 13 to support our school! Show a paper or digital copy of the flyer available at ilsbatavia.org/fundraisers when you order, or enter code FUND4U at checkout if you order online. 20% of qualifying sales will go to our school.

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

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 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 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!

School Christmas Celebrations

Strings Christmas Concert

Sat Dec 10, 2:00 PM @Sanctuary

Preschool Christmas Celebration

Thu Dec 15, 6:00 PM @Gym

K-8 Christmas Worship

Tue Dec 20, 6:30 PM @Gym

Feb 2023 Mission & Ministry Council Election

Open Forum - Sun, Dec 11, 9:30 AM @ Library

Nominations Due - Wed, Dec 21

This Sunday December 11th at 9:30 a.m. there will be an Open Forum for individuals who are interested in serving on the Mission & Ministry Council and want to learn more. The deadline for submitting names is December 21, 2022. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact Bob Schmidt (vicechairperson_mmc@ilcsbatavia.org, 630-542-8153). The nominating committee is looking 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. Those elected will take office on July 1, 2023.

Cyber Security Presentation

Mon, Jan 9, 6:30 PM @Sanctuary

All parents of 3rd - 8th graders are invited to a cyber security presentation organized by Immanuel Lutheran School. A representative from the IL Attorney General's office will talk about topics including internet safety, current Illinois youth trends, intervention and prevention strategies, and laws in place for cyber security. Due to some sensitive topics, this presentation is for parents only and childcare will be available. Dinner and childcare are provided courtesy of the Immanuel PTL. Register online at bit.ly/3iH3XeZ by Mon, Dec 19.

Birthdays

December 10

Courtney Horan
Lauren Scharlow
Connor McFarland
Richard Horan
Carol Kase
Christina Marotta
Nancy Edwards

December 11

Mike Kesselmayer
Lisa Krumwiede

December 12

Kiley Blacksmith
Susan Miller

December 13

Matthew Wazio
Dick Wauer
Sandy Reuland

December 15

Ethel Kouba
Kelly Wenzel
Carol Carey
Richard Sanders

December 16

Jacob Staudacher
Marsha Stierwalt

December 17

Mackenzie Vidlak
John Kohlmeir
John Randall
Rosana Stein Rodrigues

Anniversaries

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

December 19

George & Carol Carey

December 26

Elvin & Sara Harms

December 27

James & Kate Kirkpatrick

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please contact Penny 630.879.7163 or 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 with questions or to register.**

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 with questions or to register.**

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, homenow@hotmail.com to register to serve.**

School Information

Visit the school website at 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 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 (2nd Quarter 2022 proceeds were \$216.86)
- RaiseRight. 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**.