

**CALENDAR**

**Sun Jan 22**

08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
08:00 AM Online Worship [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 Contemporary Worship, Gym  
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

**Mon Jan 23**

07:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Meeting Room  
09:00 AM Monday Bible Study, Meeting Room  
03:30 PM Blood Drive, Mobile Unit in the Parking Lot  
06:30 PM Griefshare, Library  
06:45 PM Troop 12, Fellowship Hall

**Tue Jan 24**

07:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Wed Jan 25**

09:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
06:30 PM Working Women's Bible Study, Student Ministry Rm

**Thu Jan 26**

04:30 PM JV Boys Basketball v St. Paul Aurora Gym  
05:30 PM Varsity Boys Basketball v St. Paul Aurora, Gym  
06:30 PM Bible Study Group, Library  
07:00 PM Christus Choir, Sanctuary

**Fri Jan 27**

**Sat Jan 28**

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

**Sun Jan 29**

08:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
08:00 AM Online Worship [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 Contemporary Worship, Gym  
12:00 PM New Member Class, Meeting Room  
06:30 PM High School Youth, Gym

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# News and Notes



Birthdays		
<b>January 21</b> Connor Cronin Kenneth Herrmann	<b>January 23</b> Thomas Acton	<b>January 26</b> Alexander Esquivel Clara Cleghorn
<b>January 22</b> Colleen Aguilar Jared Weaver Jason Voelkner Ann Schubert Judy Luetkens	<b>January 24</b> Izzy Lambert Jack Carroll Mark Joanis Susan Marvel Narita Lambert	<b>January 27</b> Kyle Groom Cyril Matter Joan Benedetto Meagen Miller Tracey Scroggins
<b>January 23</b> Andrea Guzman Everly Nagele Gunnar Nagele Ronald Wenzel	<b>January 25</b> Alecia Guttilla Mark Kohlmeier Amy Cole Benita Baugatz Julie Huggins Susan Campbell	<b>January 28</b> Karalyn Skleney Robert Byland Kathleen Tellschow

Prayer Requests	
<b>RECENT CONCERNS</b> <u>HEALTH &amp; STRENGTH</u> <b>Mike Straka</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Linda Straka</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Baby Adeline</b> (The Janaceks' neighbor) <b>Pat Schoeneberg</b> (friend of the Laytons) <b>Ed Saunders</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Megan Sporny</b> (friend of the Bortner family) <b>Carol Balz</b> <b>Antoinette Skaar</b> (Jim & Barb Sandersfeld's granddaughter) <b>Anna Sedberry</b> <b>Brooke Swan</b> (colleague of Gretchen Patti's niece)	<b>Catherine Siway</b> (H.C. Storm kindergarten teacher) <b>Sue Furman</b> (St. Vincent family friend) <b>Tammy</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Bob S</b> (friend of the Rueter family) <b>Jim Riechman</b> (Marsha Stierwalt's dad)
<b>LONG-TERM CONCERNS</b> <b>Betty Krause</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Jen Masters</b> (Kersten family friend) <b>Jim Wenberg</b> (friend of the Dickensons)	

Anniversaries	
<b>January 22</b> Kirk & Anne Nelson	<b>February 12</b> Cyril & Joyce Matter
<b>February 8</b> Eric & Kathryn Petersen Jake & Jenna McKnight	<b>February 13</b> Bill & Ethel Kouba
<b>February 10</b> Peter & Karen Seifrid	<b>February 20</b> Bruce & Janet Brainerd David & Martha Knop

<b>CANCER</b> <b>Barbara Bowman</b> <b>Geri Clemons</b> (friend of the Balz family) <b>Carmen Balz</b> (Tom & Carol Balz daughter-in-law)
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## Altar Guild Meeting

**Tue Jan 24, 7:00 PM @Fellowship hall**

The next altar guild meeting is coming up soon! The altar guild team covers the duties of preparing worship spaces for services held in the church, chapel, or gym. You are invited to join our meeting and see what altar guild is all about. Contact Cynthia Evans with questions at [cede199@comcast.net](mailto:cede199@comcast.net)

## 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).



## Community Blood Drive at Immanuel

**Mon, Jan 23, 3:00-6:30PM**

**@Versiti Blood Bus in the back parking lot**

Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while supplies last. Schedule your appointment today at [immanuelbatavia.org/blooddrive](http://immanuelbatavia.org/blooddrive). Each donation impacts and saves up to 3 lives. Contact Laura Klein with questions [plklein79@yahoo.com](mailto:plklein79@yahoo.com).

## Voters Meeting

**Sun, Feb 12, Noon @Sanctuary**

Immanuel members, please join us for our annual voter's meeting! We will be electing congregation members to fill vacancies on the Mission and Ministry Council (MMC). This year, we have 4 vacancies, with 4 candidates identified to fill those vacancies:

- Larry Durrant, Treasurer
- Lynn Harland, Secretary
- Joe Circelli, At Large
- Blake Hughes, At Large

In addition to MMC elections, the meeting agenda will also include:

- 1) ILCS Foundation Annual Report
- 2) Year-to-date financial update
- 3) Update on Senior Pastor call process
- 4) Interim Pastor operations
- 5) Open Discussion Forum

## Colossians Bible Study

**Sun, Jan 8 - Feb 26, 9:30 AM @Meeting Room**

The renowned British author and theologian C.S. Lewis once noted that most Christians need reminding more than they need instruction. Let the book of Colossians remind you of the great truth that Jesus is our all-in-all. He is all our souls need, and all our hearts desire. We become different and we make a difference by ordering our lives around the incomparable Christ. Join us on Sundays as we study Paul's letter to the Colossians!

## Batavia City-Wide Alpha

**Mon, Jan 23, 6:30 PM @Batavia Parks Civic Center**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over 11 weeks. Each talk looks at a different question about life and God, such as *Who is Jesus?* and *How Can We Have Faith?* And is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, in all denominations, and in many languages. You are invited to a city-wide Alpha course starting Mon, Jan 23, 6:30-8:45 PM, at the Batavia Parks Civic Center, 327 W. Wilson St. There will be an in-person or virtual option. All are welcome! Invite a friend! Contact Elvin ([eharmsjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eharmsjr@sbcglobal.net)) or Sara ([sbharms56@gmail.com](mailto:sbharms56@gmail.com)) Harms with questions. Register online at [Batavia-Alpha.eventbrite.com](http://Batavia-Alpha.eventbrite.com).

## New Member Classes

**Sundays Jan 29, Feb 5, 19 & 26, Noon-1:30 PM**

Led by Pastor Eric Kennaugh, discovering Immanuel classes guide participants through considering membership in the Immanuel community to active and intentional participation. Topics include "What is the Bible and Why Should I Trust it?" "Who is God?" "What is Salvation and How does it Work?" "God's Gifts: the Sacraments," and "Why Should I Belong to a Church?" You will also get the opportunity to learn about entry level ministry opportunities, and to meet with an active member of Immanuel who can answer questions and help make connections. Childcare is available upon request. Register online [immanuelbatavia.org/membership](http://immanuelbatavia.org/membership).

## ILS Employment Opportunity

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is seeking highly qualified candidates for a **full-time 3rd grade teaching position**. The 3rd grade teacher is responsible for planning and implementation of instruction to students in the third grade. The teacher provides feedback to both students and parents and ensures that Immanuel's third grade curricula meet and exceed standards. Other professional responsibilities may include, but are not limited to: maintaining a safe learning environment, supervising students, maintaining student records, participating in professional development, communicating with staff/students/parents, and supporting co-curricular/extracurricular activities.

Minimum Requirements: (1) Embrace the mission and ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. (2) Possess and demonstrate good interpersonal skills in relating to adults and children. (3) Meet any regulatory requirements of the position. (4) Hold a Bachelor's degree in Education. (5) Hold an appropriate teaching certificate in the state of Illinois, or be willing to pursue the certificate. (6) Successfully complete the background check process.

Salary Expectations: Salary commensurate with experience

Contact: Donna Laughlin, Principal  
[dlaughlin@ilcsbatavia.org](mailto:dlaughlin@ilcsbatavia.org) or 630-406-0157

## ILS Priority Enrollment

**NOW thru Feb 15**

Immanuel Lutheran School is established and supported as a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Our purpose is to provide Christian nurture based on the Word of God for children and their families, to offer a quality Christian educational program that is appropriate to the developmental needs of the child, to extend Christian love and fellowship, and to serve the needs of families in the congregation and the community. We offer pre-school through eighth grade students extraordinary experiences and comprehensive learning opportunities that teach the whole child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, & physically; leading 100 percent of graduating eighth graders into placement in their first-choice high school or academy. Priority enrollment is NOW OPEN for Immanuel church members to re-enroll current or add/enroll new children! To start the enrollment process go to [ilsbatavia.org/admissions-process](http://ilsbatavia.org/admissions-process) or contact Admissions Director Rebecca Bello at [rbello@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto:rbello@immanuelbatavia.org) with questions.

## Lazarus House Needs New Coordinator

Lori St.Vincent will no longer be coordinating Lazarus House as of Mar 1, 2023. A new coordinator is being sought. Duties include: (1) recruiting families or groups to provide the meal for a month, (2) planning the menu and determining if the meal will be prepared at Immanuel or if ready-to-serve dishes will be donated, (3) prepare meal or accept delivery of ready-to-eat dishes and deliver items to Lazarus House in St. Charles. Contact Lori at [homenow@hotmail.com](mailto:homenow@hotmail.com) with questions or to signup to be the new coordinator.

## Life Lessons from John Women's Bible Study

**Wed, Jan 11-Mar 29, 9:00-10:30 AM @Meeting Room**

Witness the moments, ministry, and miracles of Jesus. In Max Lucado's 12-lesson Bible study, Life Lessons from John, we are privileged to see the hands-on Jesus through the eyes of John, who saw His acts firsthand. The water that turned to wine; the mud placed on a blind man's eyes, the aroma of Mary's perfume, and even Jesus' voice. John's gift to us is a record of tender moments and heaven-powered miracles. Contact Laura Klein with questions [plklein79@yahoo.com](mailto:plklein79@yahoo.com).

## Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind

### Women's Bible Study

**Wed, Jan 11-Mar 1, 6:30 -8:00 PM @Youth Ministry Room**

Much of our busyness is necessary to our survival or to the well-being of others and ourselves. In the whirlwind of our lives, however, it may seem impossible to focus beyond the noise of daily demands. We long for a greater awareness of God with us. This bible study explores ways of conversing with God in the midst of things, so we can see our day's work as the joyful service of kneeling before Jesus. Contact Erica Ciro with questions [eciro65@gmail.com](mailto:eciro65@gmail.com).

## Sunday 9:30AM Education Hour Activities

Adult Forum @Meeting Room.

Led by Bob Schmidt. Colossians study.

Sunday Sing & Play @Mrs. Nelson's Classroom

Led by Kari Larsen. Parents attend w/ your preschooler.

Kids Sunday School. K-2nd @Kindergarten Classroom,

3-4th @Youth Ministry Room, 5-6th @Upstairs Classroom

7-8th Confirmation Class @Fellowship Hall

## Feed My Starving Children

**Fri, Jan 20, 9:00-10:45 AM**

FMSC is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with partners that empower communities to move from relief to development. Join us for a volunteer packing session followed by an optional Portillo's lunch! Anyone over the age of 5 can participate.

**Email Linda [fasslinda@yahoo.com](mailto:fasslinda@yahoo.com).**

## Northern Illinois Food Bank

**Tue, Feb 14, 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:bdpeach@me.com).**

## Lazarus House Meal Donations

**Fri, Jan 20, 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](mailto:homenow@hotmail.com).**

## 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](mailto:mnottk@aol.com) with questions.*

## School Information

Visit the school website at [ilsbatavia.org](http://ilsbatavia.org) for school events and news updates from Principal Donna Laughlin. See the /blog, /eventsalendar, 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>
- Set up a **recurring gift** - email [finance@immanuelbatavia.org](mailto:finance@immanuelbatavia.org).
- **Text** \$ and amount (no spaces) to **630.528.0328** and follow the prompts.

**Additional ways to give:**

- RaiseRight. 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).*