



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

July 12, 2026

## Missionary News Travels to Indonesia

I was asked if I could write something about my April/May 2026 mission trip to Indonesia. I must confess that I find these tasks challenging. First, how do I be concise & coherent after “drinking from a firehose.” Also, in contrast to my structured mission trip with Joni and Friends, my trips to Indonesia are freelance with many “other duties as assigned” on the agenda. I like to describe my job as “being a cheerleader” for the indigenous Church, who is doing the real heavy lifting. I do whatever I can to support our brothers and sisters in the spread of the Gospel.

This trip did have an anchor purpose. I was invited to speak at the 2026 graduation for SMA Kristen Indonesia Sejahtera (Prosperous Indonesian Christian High School) on Rote Island, a school I’ve partnered with since 2018. I owed them a ‘debt of gratitude,’ as the whole school held a praise and prayer service during my cancer surgery and I desired to thank them.

I felt completely unqualified during this trip, I spent my career in construction, but this trip I visited seven schools, from elementary to college level, with four different organizations. My visit included a wide variety of Christian traditions,

including Reformed, Methodist and Charismatic. I began and ended my trip with my own Anglican tradition. I landed in Jakarta and visited with Father Aan of Providence Anglican Church and ended with visits to Immanuel's own Cross Cultural Worker teaching on Bali.

Indonesia is a large country. In comparison, it would cover the same space as the area from Vancouver, Canada to the island of Jamaica including all the continental US. Geographically, the population is concentrated on the islands of Java and Sumatra. Nearly 87% of the population is Islam. Christianity makes up only about 10% of the population. The rest is made up of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Animism or "folk beliefs". Technically it is illegal to be an atheist in Indonesia. The two 'Great sins' in Islam are Unbelief and Ungratefulness, so you are legally required to have a religion.

As a "Bule" (boo-lay, the word means albino), I'm given special status. I always try to use that for the Lord and/or the marginalized. I was involved in several Q&A sessions with students and teachers. I was impressed with the quality of their Catechism knowledge and the tough questions I was asked. A fifth-year student asked me, "Why are you here?" I told her about the graduation speech I was asked to give and then told them to look between their feet. As they did, I told them that that's their mission field and since I find myself here, I'll preach Jesus here.

Praise be to God,

Kevin Robertson

## Worship

Please join us, each Sunday at 8:00am or 10:30am at 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA. You may also join us at 10:30am via [livestream](#).

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85934655171>  
Meeting ID: 859 3465 5171

Morning Prayer is taking a break for the month of July. It will be offered again beginning August 3, at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon. During Vacation Bible School week (July 27-31), midday prayer will not be offered.

Visit [iachurch.org/worship](http://iachurch.org/worship) for more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

July 17	Youth Kayaking on Occoquan	10:30-1:30pm
July 19	VBS Training	9:30-10:00am
July 21	VBS Workday	1-3:00 pm
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School	9-1 Nave
August	Prayer Walks	more information to follow

## COMING THIS FALL

Adult Class	Study led by Julie Walsh
Life Groups	Sign-ups coming soon
Confirmation Classes	Sign-ups coming soon

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Shirt Sales:** Did you miss out on our last sale? Or do you want a different color? Or a different size? Here's another chance to order your Immanuel Polo or T-shirt. **NOTE: time is limited! Orders must be placed and paid for by Sunday, July 12.** (Cash or checks only) See Barbara Finney or call: 703-405-2651 or email: [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net).



**What is ROCK THE BLOCK?** It's one of Immanuel's opportunities to prayerfully bless Martin Luther King Elementary School students with new backpacks, school supplies, socks, children's books, DVDs, and more. **Save the date:** Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm located at ML King Elementary, 13224 Nickleson Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22193. We are partnering with our VBS kids and others to collect monetary donations along with gently-used books and family-friendly DVDs. For more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tony [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com). Volunteer sign-click [here](#) or use QR code.



**Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of July we are collecting canned tuna, canned salmon and 1 pound plastic jars of peanut butter. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

**Food Cupboard & Hilda Barg Mid-Year Update:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the food cupboard and provided meals to the Hilda Barg Center. So far this year **we** have delivered to ACTS 1710 pounds of supplies and non-perishable foods and have provided 240 meals to the Hilda Barg Center. Thank you for your continued and amazing generosity.

**Blessing Bags:** Updated lists for the contents of the Blessing Bags are available. Please pick one and fill a bag for a woman in need. To date 44 purses for the ACTS Domestic Violence shelter have been delivered! Thank you to all who have donated to this ministry. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**Vacation Bible School:** Kingdom Quest VBS is coming July 27-31! Kids are invited to join us for an exciting week of games, music, Bible adventures, and fun as we learn to live out our faith together. Registration is now open, and we're also looking for volunteers to help make the week a success. Sign up to attend at [iachurch.org](http://iachurch.org) or contact [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org) to volunteer or learn more.

**Immanuel Kids:** Nothing brings a family together—or stirs up some friendly drama—like a family game night! Just like in games, family life can have its own ups and downs, whether it's with our given or chosen families. In this 4-week series, kids will explore how Abraham's family navigated challenges and blessings while learning how we can care for our families, serve them well, and remember that we're all part of God's family. As they do, kids will learn that **we can believe God's promises, we can pray for our families, we can trust God to provide, and we're all welcome in God's family.**

**Youth Ministry:** Middle and high school students are invited Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm for our Summer Study, which will serve as our regular Youth Group gathering throughout the summer. Save the Date for Second Sunday @ 6PM on July 12 and Kayaking Friday, July 17. Signup [here](#). For more information, contact [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).

**Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:** The men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month which is reserved for Cruciform. The next meeting will be on July 12. They will continue the 8-week series viewing a DVD authored by J.D. Greear. Men facing the cultural challenges of today will connect to the ancient wisdom of Daniel and

learn that the power to make a difference is found in the commitment to be different. Beginning at 7pm in classroom 4 the time will be split between Listening, Discussing and Fellowship concluding by 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, see MikeHarpster@comcast.net or ScottSFinney@verizon.net.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** All ladies are welcome to join us as we study the Gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides-MARK. We are on Mark 8:1-9:1 and chapter 9 of the study guide. You don't need to be reading the study guide ahead and you may join at any time. Monday evening gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or [koravetzdpt@gmail.com](mailto:koravetzdpt@gmail.com) for more information and the ZOOM link.

**Men's Dinner:** All Immanuel men and their guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner. The next dinner will be on July 13, Wegman's located at 14801 Dining Way, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Join this lovely, caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 as we dive into Isaiah using the Melissa Spoelstra book and video: "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More". We'll unpack Isaiah's words to reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. You won't be striving harder but instead trusting more deeply in the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him you'll find the comfort and peace you need to sustain you. Contact

Barbara Finney at [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net) or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

**Tuesday Ladies Dinner:** The next dinner will be at All American Steakhouse, located at 5594 Ashland Community Square, on July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to [Teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net).

**Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:**

July 11 The Immanuel Men will meet to discuss Wiersbe's Chapter Eleven, "The Power Of His Resurrection", John 20:19-31, pages 163-173, and the questions on pages 174 & 175. In your bible read John 20.

Books are available for \$15. Coffee and donuts are provided. Laughter is free. For more information, contact Alan Clark on 703-627-4725. Join us and bring a friend or join us via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 827 91399156.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men will meet July 18, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship

**Cruciform:** Join the men of Immanuel and the community on July 19, 2026, for a deep dive into men's decision-making paths at Cruciform Crossroad Conversations - a journey of self-discovery and growth. Real talk. Real faith. Real growth. Participate in in-depth conversations about the challenges men are navigating in today's world. Bring a friend. Open to all men from all churches - 18+. Food included. Stay tuned for the next meeting date.

## Financial Update thru May 31, 2026

### Operations

Revenue	\$271,698.41
Expenses	<u>\$216,815.24</u>
Net	\$54,883.17

### Building

Revenue	\$83,625.41
Expenses	<u>\$40,044.00</u>
Net	\$40,581.41

The Operations fund pays for salaries & admin costs, mission outreach, ministry expenses (such as children, youth and adult, altar guild, fellowship), and facility expenses (such as insurance, maintenance of property, equipment costs). The Building fund pays for the monthly mortgage, that loan amount due monthly is \$15,420.

## County Community Activities

Put your notice here!

**Not receiving The Weekly?** You can sign up on the IAC website by going to [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the subscribe form. If you need help, contact the Parish Administrator at [office@iachurch.org](mailto:office@iachurch.org).

### Lost and Found

There are containers and dishes in the kitchen. If they are yours, please pick them up! Other lost and found items can be found in the basket on the usher's table.

### Building Usage

If you or your group would like to use a room at the church, please contact the office at [office@iachurch.org](mailto:office@iachurch.org) or [tharpster@iachurch.org](mailto:tharpster@iachurch.org) to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated. Please note the configuration pictures in each room on the wall near the light switch. After your meeting, please return the room to the arrangement in the picture without exception. All rooms are used for many different activities. If your group is using the hallway space and set up tables, please return the tables to the closet at the end of the session.

### Parking Lot

If you or your group need to leave vehicles in the parking lot overnight during an activity, please contact the Parish Administrator before leaving. You will be asked to leave the

make, model and license number of the vehicle, your departure and return dates and times. Any vehicles left in the parking lot without notification are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

# NOTES