

# The Weekly

# Immanuel Anglican Church Prince William County

May 19, 2024

# Pastor's Corner "Every Sunday is Pentecost"

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

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These words came to me as I reflected on the first verse of Acts chapter 2: "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Since Jesus' ascension into heaven ten days earlier, the Eleven apostles, along "with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers," had been gathering together (Acts 1:12-14). When they gathered, they prayed, read Scriptures, revisited Jesus' words, worshiped...and waited for the fulfilment of Jesus' promise. And then they experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, filling them and ushering them outside to tell "the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:4-11).

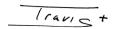
That sounds a lot like a Sunday service at Immanuel. We come together each week to worship, pray, listen to God's words, encounter Jesus anew...and receive again the fulfillment of his promise. And then we are ushered out into our communities to

tell others in word and deed what God has done and is doing in our world through Jesus.

The original Pentecost, of course, is unique. That specific day is *the* day the Father first responds to the request of his Son to give to his church the "Helper, the Holy Spirit...who will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:16-17, 26). On that same day, Peter declares, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The one-time event of Pentecost becomes an ongoing opportunity for all who come to Jesus.

And so every Sunday is Pentecost. Let's come together to Jesus to receive his Spirit. Many of us have that same Pentecostal Spirit already dwelling within us. Some of us need to receive it for the first time. All of us need to be filled anew.

Your Pastor in Christ,



### **INFORMATION**

## May 19, 2024

# **Worship**

Please join us each Sunday at 8:00am or 10:30am located at 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA, or via <u>livestream</u>.

A Morning Prayer service is offered via <u>Zoom</u> every Thursday at 8am.

We will have Midday prayer Tuesday – Friday in the Nave.

Visit <u>iachurch.org/worship</u> for more details.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

\*NOTE\* Nursery (Infant – PreK) and Kids (K-5) activities available during Parish Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

May 19	Day of Pentecost
May 25	Church Yard Sale
May 26	Holy Trinity/Memorial Day
June 2	Move- Up Sunday, Parish Meeting & Picnic
	on the Lawn

#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Ladies Dinner:</u> The next dinner will be at El Paso on Golansky and Smoketown on Tuesday, May 21st at 5:00pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please rsvp to <u>tyrah@comcast.net</u> so a seat is reserved for you.

Men's Monday Dinner: The men of IAC will be meeting for dinner at *Giorgio's Family Restaurant* (4394 Kevin Walker Dr) Monday, May 20 at 5:00pm. All men are welcome to come.

Backpacks For Kids: Backpacks For Kids is back at King Elementary School for the 2023-24 school year! Each week Immanuel will provide weekend food to 40 kids in need. You can help by donating food from the Amazon Wish List, bringing food to Worship on Sunday mornings (the collection box is to the left when you walk in the front door) or writing a check and including Backpacks For Kids in the memo. See <a href="mailto:iachurch.org/backpacks">iachurch.org/backpacks</a> for details. We also need help packing bags and delivering food each month. If you are interested in helping pack or deliver food, contact <a href="mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org">mbyers@iachurch.org</a>.

<u>Vacation Bible School:</u> Registration is open for VBS 2024- Start the Party! Monday, July 29- Friday, August 2 from 9-12 with lunch afterward, we will host VBS here at Immanuel Anglican Church. Register children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at <a href="https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vbs">https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vbs</a>. If you <u>are</u> interested in volunteering for VBS, we are having a Volunteer Interest Meeting Sunday, May 19th in classroom 2 after church. If you have questions, contact <a href="mayers@iachurch.org">mbyers@iachurch.org</a>.

Men's Retreat Announcement: Join us for this year's Men's Retreat from October 25th to 27th at Cacapon Resort State Park in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, the same location as previous years. We're excited to offer another enriching Spiritual Life program and time of fellowship. Like before, sessions will feature either DVD lectures or a live speaker, followed by group

discussions. During our downtime, there will be plenty of on-site activities to enjoy, such as hiking, golfing, clay shooting, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, and board games, or simply unwinding. While the exact cost is currently unavailable, we encourage you to secure your spot with a \$100 deposit. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Anglican Church, noting "Men's Retreat" in the memo line. For more information contact Nick Makrides (nickmakrides@yahoo.com) or Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net).

#### **PROGRAMS**

<u>Sunday Nite Men's Bible Study:</u> Join us on Sundays at 7:00pm. in classroom 4 for Immanuel's newest Bible study! We're starting with a 5-week video study of Genesis offered by Hillsdale College. Each session will include a video followed by discussion and we'll wrap up by 8:30pm. No fuss, no muss and NO COST. See Mike Harpster, Scott Finney or Nick Makrides for details.

Immanuel Kids: Astronaut Neil Armstrong once said landing on the moon was "one small step for man." The biggest adventures start in such a simple way — especially when it comes to space! Asteroids, distant planets, and brand-new galaxies await us once we leave earth's atmosphere. Being the first to explore such uncharted territory can be intimidating. In this four-week series, we'll take a look at the Book of Acts to learn from the first Christians. Through their stories of faith and bravery, kids will learn how to take the first step of believing in Jesus, the next step of praying for others, and an even bigger step of trusting the Holy Spirit makes us brave. But they won't want to skip the last step of telling others about Jesus.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: On Monday, May 20, we will continue our study of *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by reading and discussing Chapters 13 and 14. We meet at 7 pm via Zoom, and welcome new members to our Bible Study. For more information about the Women's Monday Night Bible Study, please contact Deb Tomchek at <a href="mailto:dtomchek@aol.com">dtomchek@aol.com</a> or by phone at (703) 597-4136.

<u>Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:</u> Join us as we follow Fred Affeldt's expository teaching on the Book of Revelation. Did you know that it's the only book of the Bible that promises a blessing to the reader (1:3)? Fred's style of teaching is relatable and 100% steeped in scripture. Bring your Bible and there is no homework! Please contact Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651 or

<u>blynn56@verizon.net</u> if you have any questions. We would love for you to join us!

<u>Saturday Men's Breakfast:</u> The men's Saturday morning Bible study group have invited all men to come and share breakfast at the church on Saturday, May 18th at 8:00am. Please contact Alan Clark (<u>alan.clark1@verizon.net</u>) by Thursday, *May 23rd* if you plan to attend, so that enough food can be prepared.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The IAC men will not meet until 6/01/24 due to other IAC activities. In preparation for that meeting read Chapter Nine (pp.117-126) and ponder the questions on pp. 127 & 128 of Wiersbe's Commentary "Be Basic". The topic for that meeting is "The God of New Beginnings." If you need a book, contact Alan Clark (703)627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net.

You can join here: <a href="https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed">https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed</a>

Lost and Found The found items are on the Usher's Table

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