



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

April 28, 2024

Pastor's Corner Pastoral Letter from Bishop Chris

From time to time, bishops write letters to their diocese. These are known as Pastoral Letters, or simply Pastorals. Historically, this has been a common way for Anglican bishops to communicate when there are extreme circumstances or acute needs. Pastoral letters are open letters addressed by a bishop to the clergy or laity of his diocese, or both. They contain specific instructions or directions for behavior in particular circumstances. Sometimes they are also intended to provide consolation or to share information which the bishop feels is especially important.

The above paragraph contains Bishop Chris' opening words in an email he sent to all the clergy in the diocese earlier this week, along with a Pastoral Letter. This is among the gifts of being Anglican—we live under the pastoral authority and care of one who has vowed to guide and guard the people of God. The Letter we have received from Bishop Chris is a faithful expression of this God-ordained role.

At the Bishop's direction, I will read the [Pastoral Letter](#) aloud before the Prayers of the People in both services this Sunday, and Pastor Sallie will read it aloud at the women's retreat. While the Letter does not contain graphic details, please be advised that it does address sexual abuse that occurred at one of our sister churches in the 1990's. The letter is attached below so that you may read it ahead of time.

Parents, I encourage you to speak with your children if you choose for them to remain in the Nave while the Letter is read (most younger children will be in Children's Church). It's important for our children to be aware of these issues in ways that are appropriate to their age and experience.

For those of you affected by the pain of sexual abuse, please know that we are ready to provide you with care and support. If you still plan to attend on Sunday, prayer teams will be available as usual during the 10:30am Sunday service. All our women prayer ministers are away on retreat, so if you would like to meet with a team of women, you may let [Pastor Sallie](#), [Margaret Mann](#), or [me](#) know, and we'll arrange a time for you to meet with them. Pastor Sallie and I, of course, are available to meet with you as well, or assist you in finding a trusted therapist.

I'm grateful our Bishop is leading the way in addressing this tender issue openly and pastorally. This is an opportunity to be reminded of the importance of caring for our children and other vulnerable ones, and to offer hope and healing to those who have experienced abuse.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

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Worship

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

A Morning Prayer service is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 26 –28	Women’s Retreat
May 5	Braeded Chord Sunday Worship
May 9	Ascension
May 12	Mother’s Day
May 19	Day of Pentecost
May 25	Church Yard Sale
May 26	Holy Trinity/Memorial Day
June 2	Parish Meeting & Picnic on the Lawn and Move- Up Sunday

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Dinner: 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 tyrah@comcast.net so a seat is reserved for you.

Men's Monday Dinner: The men of IAC will be meeting for dinner at *On the Border* (2651 Prince William Pkwy) Monday, April 29th at 5:00pm. All men, whether you are a regular attendee or new, are welcome for this event.

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 iachurch.org/backpacks for details. We also need help packing bags and delivering food each month. If you are interested in helping pack or deliver food, contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

Women's Book Club: The Women's Book Club will meet on May 14th at 7 PM. This month's book is OVERTURE OF HOPE by Isabel Vincent. The subtitle is Two Sisters' Daring Plan that Saved Opera Jewish Stars from the Third Reich. We will meet at the home of Penny Barriteau, 3217 Culbreth Ct. 22192. Please call Cathleen Giannini with any questions at 703-851-0908 or cragchat@gmail.com. This will be our last book for this season so please think about trying us out.

Vacation Bible School: 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 5th grade

at <https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vbs>. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

Anglicans for Life: As you know, Quality of Life and Respect for Human Life in all stages are primary values at Immanuel Anglican Church. There is an organization called Anglicans for Life which focuses on these very important issues. We are in the process of discerning whether IAC will open a chapter at our parish. In the meantime, All Saints Anglican Church has a very active chapter. Their Spring Meeting of Anglicans for Life is on Sunday May 5th at 1 PM in the Heaven Room in the Children's Wing of All Saints Church. This upcoming meeting will focus on End of Life Issues. Clearly, this is an important issue many of our congregation family members have faced recently and we will all face one day. Please feel free to attend this meeting and get a sense of what Anglicans for Life is all about.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or cragchat@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

Sunday Nite Men's Bible Study Kick-Off: 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: From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: On Monday, April 29, we will continue our study of *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by reading and discussing Chapters 8 and 9. 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 dtomchek@aol.com or by phone at (703) 597-4136.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 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 blynn56@verizon.net if you have any questions. We would love for you to join us!

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The next meeting is on 4/27/24 at 8:00am in Classroom #1 of IAC. In preparation read Chapter Six of Wiersbe's Commentary (pp.81 - 90) "In Center Stage - Cain" and consider the questions on pages 91 & 92. A quick glance at the questions will probably reveal some aspect of the Genesis story you have never considered (but should!). All IAC men are encouraged to attend - and bring a guest. Coffee and donuts available (as always).

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

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