



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

June 07, 2026

Pastor's Corner "Life Groups"

I am the Vine, y'all are the branches. When y'all are joined with me and I with y'all, the relationship intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, y'all can't produce a thing.
(John 15:5, *The Message [Southern Style]*)

Labor Day weekend 2026, we are planting Life Groups in the soil of Immanuel. Life Groups are community groups of up to twelve people (plus kids!) who cultivate worship, growth, and service through a simple format of welcome, conversation, engagement with Scripture, and prayer.

I'm convinced that Life Groups are one of the primary ways we can obey the command to abide in Jesus, enabling us to experience his promise, "*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples*" (John 15:7-8). Remember each "you" in these sentences is plural, which is why I added the "y'alls" in the opening quotation.

A couple of weeks ago I met with potential Life Group leaders, and I asked them to share what they value about small groups. Almost all of them spoke of the significance of past experiences in such groups – getting to know others and be known, increased intimacy

with Jesus, better understanding of Scripture, being cared for during difficult times, the fun of being with others, and good food!

Everyone agreed on the importance of community groups for the overall health of the church. Done well, community groups provide a safe place for genuinely loving relationships to form, for practical, honest grappling with God’s word, for praying with others, and for experiencing together the messy growth of becoming like Jesus.

In other words, Life Groups can be neighborhood pockets of our mission statement in action: *We cultivate a Spirit-filled family that goes into our communities and the world to offer Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal, inviting everyone to experience life with God the Father in Jesus Christ.*

This Sunday I’ll present more details on Life Groups at Immanuel, and ask you to begin praying about joining one in the fall. My prayer is that our Life Groups will become yet another place where you know **you are loved.**

Your Pastor in Christ,

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P.S. Please take time to read the “Vestry Updates” provided by Deb Tomchek, our Senior Warden.

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 offered at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 14	Second Sunday	6-8 pm Nave
June 28	Cruciform	5-7 pm Nave
June 29	Youth Mini Golf	TBD
July 11	Movie Night	TBD
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School	9-1 Nave

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Updates: Thank you for your prayers for our Vestry. Some recent updates are in order, and we're glad to share them with you. First, this Sunday at the 8 o'clock service, Becky Ragon will be installed as a Vestry Member to conclude Jazmyn McGinley's term which ends in January 2027. We are grateful to Becky for serving. With help from the Finance Committee, the Vestry has been discussing two financial policies (one for Designated Giving and one for Fundraising) and look forward to finalizing them shortly. We have also been meeting with Bishop John Gurnsey for teaching on stewardship and tithing and will share more about what we are learning with you. We are scheduled to have a half-day retreat on Saturday, June 20, to discuss progress on our 2026 priorities and prepare our first list of 2027 priorities. Your prayers are so important as we work through each of these topics. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Mission Trips: Pray for Catherine Annand as she ministers to the people of Tanzania.

Backpacks for Kids: Thank you for all your generous help in providing around 1,400 weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children (in cooperation with ML King Elementary School guidance counselors)! You continue to make a difference in the lives of children!

Now available: A special summer story of the Bell family adventures along with others in the series, thanks to the generosity of Hugh Replogle. 100% of donations for these adventure books will be donated to purchase food for the ministry of BP 4 Kids.

Save the Date: We look forward to working with ML King school officials for **Rock the Block, Tuesday, Aug. 11th**. This year, the school will partner with our church for a "Back to School" night. Again, many thanks for your heart for those in need! POC Dean or Pat Tony: patbtony@gmail.com.

Food Cupboard Ministry: For June we will be collecting hot and cold breakfast cereals. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

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. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Thanksgiving in the Park: Dear Immanuel Family, how excited we were last year to initiate what we thought would be an annual Thanksgiving in the Park tradition for our church family. Regrettably, the "traditional" part of that vision will have to go on hold for one more year, because the area of the park where the cabin is located is undergoing renovation and will not be available this year and we cannot find a comparable alternative. We look forward to hosting Thanksgiving in the Park 2027 and will miss you this year--keep fine-tuning those recipes! With much love, Jerry and Rose Fitzsimmons

Immanuel Kids: Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us—trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What’s even more amazing is that it was all created *by* God, *for* God. From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation—especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God’s image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!

Middle and High School Outing: RSVPs are now open for our Mini Golf & Nathan’s Dairy Bar outing on Monday, June 29! We need everyone planning to attend to RSVP so we can make sure we have enough rides for all students. The church will cover the cost of mini golf for students, but students should bring money if they would like ice cream at Nathan’s Dairy Bar. We’re looking forward to a fun time together! RSVP [HERE](#) or email mbyers@iachurch.org.

Youth Group: Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Group each week. Mark your calendar for June 14th where we meet on Second Sundays at 6:00 PM, and on all other Sundays

from 12:00- 1:30 PM. For more information, contact 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 June 14. 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.

Cruciform: Join the men of Immanuel and the community on June 28, 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.

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 June 8, 2026 at Olive Garden located at 14405 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We are on Mark 4:35-5:43 and chapter 5 of the study guide. Monday evening gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM. All ladies are welcome to join us as we study the Gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides- MARK. From the back cover, "These twenty studies on Mark's Gospel give us a fresh, true picture of Jesus and the kingdom he brought, that we might choose his solutions as we

participate in his kingdom even today." Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information and the ZOOM link.

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 or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Chuy's located on 2641 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge, on June 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:

6/6/26: The Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group will meet at 8AM in Classroom #1 to discuss Chapter Eight of Wiersbe's Commentary, "SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE", pp.119-131 and the questions on pp.132 and 133. In your bible read 18;28-19:16.

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 June 20, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

Life First News: In case you missed the announcement on Sunday, Life First has informed us that we raised over \$7000 toward saving the lives of unborn babies and bringing clients to know the Love of Christ. Thank You, Immanuel Church! I can never imagine myself putting into words what it feels like to be a part of a church committed to this life saving cause and the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord.

Another Great Announcement: Immanuel Anglican Church sponsored two tables at the Life First Gala this past April. (The largest fund raiser of the year which keeps Life First up and running). The goal was \$550,000 and over \$600,000 was raised.

All three locations are now up and running: Manassas, Virginia and Dumfries!!! The Woodbridge office will begin much needed renovation with added space this coming year!

This Is of Paramount Importance: I continue to express the importance of voting against the Abortion Amendment. Did you know exit polling in the state of Ohio suggests that about 1/3 of weekly church attending conservatives voted for the abortion amendment? The primary reason is the language was deceptive and confusing. I hope to have updated flyers for us within the next two weeks. Let's use them to let our friends and neighbors know what this abortion amendment truly means. This amendment makes no changes to the current laws in Virginia allowing for abortion. It only makes the possible consequences and dangers of, what would be, unrestricted abortion, even worse.

Please contact Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or cragchat@gmail.com if you would like a tour of any facility or if you would be interested in volunteering with the agency.

Financial Update thru April 30, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$232,063.80
Expenses	<u>\$181,295.11</u>
Net	\$50,768.69

Building

Revenue	\$69,174.00
Expenses	<u>\$34,749.71</u>
Net	\$34,424.29

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.

Lost and Found

The found items are 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 or 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.

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