

The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church Prince William County

July 6, 2025

Pastor's Corner "An Anglican Way of Praying for Our Nation"

Among the great gifts of Anglicanism is our *Book of Common Prayer*. For centuries it has united Christians in worship through a wonderful interweaving of Scripture and ancient prayers. Thomas Cranmer, Reformer and Archbishop of the Church of England, was the architect of the first *Book of Common Prayer* given to the people in 1552. No longer were God's Holy Word and the Church's ancient liturgies locked behind Latin and reserved only for ordained lips. Now all Christians throughout England could fully participate in worshiping God.

Before the *Book of Common Prayer*, however, there was The Great Litany. This was the first piece of ancient liturgy translated into English, prepared by Archbishop Cranmer in 1544 to be prayed throughout the country at a time when England was at war with France and Scotland. This litany was prayed both in the churches and in the streets, interceding on behalf of the nation. Eight years later it was included in the *Book of Common Prayer 1552*, and has been used ever since as an extended prayer for a nation in times of both thanksgiving and need.

Since this Friday, July 4th, the United States celebrates 249 years of independence, on Sunday, July 6th we will set aside time to pray for our nation. In place of the Prayers of the People and the Confession, we will pray through The Great Litany on behalf of our country (pages 91-98 of our *BCP 2019*). This liturgy touches on

government, education, agriculture, families, church, and more. Bring your thanksgivings and concerns for our nation, holding them in your heart before the Lord throughout the service.

On Independence Day itself, I encourage you to use one more gift found in our *Book of Common Prayer 2019*. Turn to page 636 and join with others across our nation who will be praying the following collect (a structured prayer "collecting" the intentions of the people into a concise petition):

Lord God, by your providence our founders won their liberties of old: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to exercise these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Missions Corner—Pastor Sallie's Sojourn

When God calls you go. So off to Bali I will go in a few months.

Planning for this trip to Bali has essentially taken place over the last 6 months. As I reflect over this time, I am thankful for many things.

The discernment of my call was a journey itself. When I first told Fr. Travis about this adventure his eyes lit up and the smile on his face went ear to ear. It was a wonderful affirmation. An Immanuel member also confirmed my call. When I told her I wasn't sure of the time frame she immediately told me it would be two years. I'm thankful for the affirmations I have received from the Immanuel family.

Jean and Wilburn Albert have volunteered to care for my home while I'm on mission. Their gift has lifted this concern from me, and I will have a home when I return.

The Mission and Outreach team confirmed this mission unanimously, voting to bring this mission to the Vestry. The Vestry voted to be the sending church. I'm grateful for the votes of confidence from these two groups.

Jerry Fitzsimmons, our Vestry communication liaison, created a web page on the Immanuel website that is dedicated to this mission. It will be updated and includes information on how people can provide financial support. Awesome!

As I write this, there is a bake sale on the horizon. The sign-up sheet is full, and the baked goods will be decadent. The energy that Cathy Riddle has put into this is amazing. She is a treasure, and I am thankful for her

The Barnabas team is meeting to look at their support role through praying, holding me accountable, and being advocates while I am abroad. These team members are my cheerleaders. Their prayers lift me up!

And of course, the training and encouragement from the AFM staff is ongoing.

I have so much to be thankful for as I ready myself for this mission. I am certain your prayers are being heard because I'm being blessed overwhelmingly!

Worship

Please join us, in person, 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 <u>iachurch.org/worship</u> for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 12,	Fundraiser for Pastor Sallie	4-8 Panera
July 13,	VBS Training	9:15am CR2
July 15,	Pray for Prodigals	7-8pm Nave
July 16,	VBS Workday	4-6:00pm CR2
July 16,	VBS Training	6:00pm CR2
July 28- Aug 1,	Vacation Bible School	9-1 Church
August 5,	Prayer and Praise	7-8pm Nave
August 19,	Pray for Prodigals	7-8pm Nave

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Panera Fundraiser to Support Pastor Sallie's Mission in Bali: On Saturday, July 12 from 4-8 pm at Panera located at 4402 Fortuna Center Plaza in Dumfries there is a fundraiser to benefit Pastor Sallie's mission in Bali. Panera will donate 30% of the net sales. Flyers are available in the Narthex or click here for more information and to print the flyer.

<u>Vacation Bible School 2025:</u> Registration is open for Live It Out VBS! Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 28-August 1 from 9am-12pm with family lunch after. Register at https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vbs. We need YOUR help to make this year's Vacation Bible School amazing! We are in need of volunteers to help with Music/Dance, Games, Small

Groups and much more! If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Melissa Byers at: mbyers@iachurch.org.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: The July Food Cupboard Ministry Foods of the Month are canned vegetables- peas, mixed vegetables, green beans, and corn. 15-ounce cans only, please. We will report on the weight of our latest delivery of food to ACTS next week. "Every donation brings hope and relief to a neighbor in need. Thank you for standing with us and making a real impact!"-ACTS on Facebook

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: In an art class, you'll discover everything you need to know about using your imagination to create brilliant pieces of art. Sometimes, the things you create can help solve a need or show the world something amazing about who God is. In this 4-week series, kids will hear about some of the amazing things God did through Elisha to help people imagine how their gifts could make a difference. They'll see how God asks us to help each other, God can do incredible things, and how God helps us solve big problems. By the end, we'll start to see the wonderful things we can do when we know God gives us more than we can imagine.

Youth Group: Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join youth group Sundays after the service from 12:15 -1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Bring a friend and come ready for games, great conversations, and growing closer to God. Contact Melissa Byers mbyers@iachurch.org to join our newsletter for important dates for our youth.

<u>Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:</u> The Sunday night Men's Bible Study will take the summer off due to various travel schedules. We will resume in September. Please contact Bob Mann with questions at mannrm@comcast.net

Monday Men's Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner this time at Chuy's located at 2641 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge this coming Monday, July 7, at 5:00 pm. New attendees are always welcome so come join us and bring someone with you.

<u>Women's Monday Night Bible Study</u>: On Monday, July 7, we start a summer break for our group. We plan to meet for a Fellowship Dinner before school starts, and begin our next Bible Study on Monday, August 25. More details will be coming in late July.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 1 as we continue the study, The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World. You can also join us via Zoom, click here. Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280 Questions? Call or text Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651

<u>Tuesday Ladies Dinner:</u> The next dinner will be at House of Chou located at 12508 Dillingham Sq, Woodbridge, on July 15, at 5:00 pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please RSVP to <u>teharpster@comcast.net</u>.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: The next meeting is at 8:00am on 7/5/25 in IAC classroom #1. We are studying the Book of Revelation using Dr. Warren Wiersbe's BE VICTORIOUS commentary. In preparation read Revelation 6 and 7 in your Bible and, Chapter 5 – "The Seals and the Sealed" in the commentary (pp.77-88) and ponder questions (pages 89 & 90). Books are available for \$10 from Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. Coffee and donuts are provided. Join us and bring a friend or join us via ZOOM. Meeting ID:827 91399156.

<u>Saturday Men's Breakfast:</u> The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship. The sign-up poster is in the Narthex before you enter the Nave.

County Community Activities

Cold War History Buffs: Gary Powers, Jr., a leading authority on the Cold War, will be speaking on September 19, 205 at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Anglican Church. He is speaking as part of a fundraiser for The Cold War Museum. The cost is \$20.00. Please use the poster in the Narthex to sign up. For more information, contact Bryan Zwanzig at BandKZwanzig@gmail.com or 703-408-2039.

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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.

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