



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

August 23, 2026

Pastor's Corner

"Confirmation: Renewal. Empowerment. Welcome."

Before I talk about Confirmation, **I invite you to join me in praying for students and their families, and for all involved in education.** School begins for almost everyone next week! (Well...it has already begun for the teachers, staff, and administrators as they've been preparing for the return of students.) On Sunday, we'll take time during the announcements to pray a back-to-school blessing on all of you participating in education, and provide a gift to help re-orient you to Jesus during the school year. I encourage to be present for the blessing, and bring along friends so we can pray for them as well.

Now, on to Confirmation....

In our Anglican Way of following Jesus, we sometimes use "churchy" words that are unfamiliar to newcomers, and that have lost their meaning for long-time members. **Confirmation** is one of those words. I think it's helpful to understand Confirmation in three ways: Renewal; Empowerment; Welcome.

Renewal: The "Candidates for Confirmation" stand before the Bishop and **renew** "the solemn promises and vows" made at

their Baptisms (p. 176, BCP 2019). If they were children when baptized, this is the moment they publicly proclaim their mature, personal commitment to Jesus. If they were adults, this is a moment of reaffirmation.

Empowerment: The Candidates (now called Confirmands) then kneel, and the Bishop places his hands on each person's head. It's another significant moment. The Bishop stands in a generations-long line of Bishops reaching back to the Apostles themselves—the first ones **empowered** through Jesus by the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry—and he prays “that the Holy Spirit may fill [each Confirmand] more and more for their ministry in the Church and the world” (p. 176, BCP 2019).

Welcome: In that same moment of prayer, the Bishop also **welcomes** that person into the fellowship of the ancient, global Anglican Church. When the Confirmands stand, they now stand as Anglicans, a communion of Christians pursuing a unique way of following Jesus, formed through centuries of Spirit-inspired Scripture, Sacrament, Liturgy, and Order.

If you have not yet been confirmed, I invite you to consider participating in this important sacramental moment when our Bishop, Chris Warner, comes to visit us on November 22. (This is called an “episcopal visitation.”) **Fall Confirmation Classes for adults and youth are required preparation for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.** They begin on Sunday, September 13, and meet weekly between the services until Bishop Chris's visit. [Register here](#) to attend the classes.

For those of you who have been confirmed in another Christian tradition, this same episcopal visitation is an

opportunity for you to be **“Received”** into the Anglican Church. It’s also a time when current members may **“Reaffirm”** their commitment to Jesus and his Kingdom. The above-mentioned classes are for you as well!

If you have questions about this important step in your walk with Christ and his people, please get in touch with me (thines@iachurch.org).

Your Pastor in Christ,

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P.S. Be sure to remember to [register for a Life Group!](#)

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 at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:00am.

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

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23	Prayer Walk	Between services
August 29	Ladies Coffee	IHOP 10:00 AM
Sept 13	Adult Class	9:15am CR1
Sept 13	Confirmation Classes	9:15 am CR 4
Sept 18 & 19	Hilda Barg	sign ups coming soon
Life Groups		Sign-up on Realm
Nov 13 & 14	Synod	Nominate delegates now

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, Immanuel Family, VBS kids, and staff for supporting ROCK THE BLOCK! You prayerfully blessed Martin Luther King Elementary School students with new

backpacks, school supplies, socks, children's books, DVDs, and the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. More faith stories to come Pat and Dean Tony

Prayer Walk: Join Kristi Ellison and Paul Giannini for a back-to-school prayer walk around several of our local schools as we prepare to send our students and teachers back under the protection and with the blessing of their heavenly Father. We will meet out front of Immanuel Anglican Church BETWEEN services on Sunday, August 23, (9:15ish) where we will divide into teams, one to each of the three local schools around our church, covering some key prayer points. The goal is to finish in time for those who want to return for the 10:30am service. Let's make a stand for Jesus for these places, the teachers and students who so desperately need His presence!

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of August, we are collecting canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned soups. 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. 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.

The Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment is on the November 3, ballot, which will enshrine Abortions into the Virginia constitution if it passes. An email from the head of the Anglicans for Life Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church in Dale City has made information on a learning and prayer

opportunity covering this election issue and others available. The event is open to the public and will be held on September 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at The Falls Church Anglican Church, 6567 Arlington Blvd. The parking garage is adjacent to the church. Attendees are requested to register, but walk-ins are welcome. Register [here](#). Please consider attending. It is imperative to understand the amendment before voting. The amendment itself will not be on the ballot, only a single question requiring a yes or no answer. The wording of the ballot question does not convey, in reality, what this will mean for the state of Virginia. Please consider coming. Contact Paul or Cathleen Giannini with any questions or if you would like to carpool. Contact info is: Paul, 703-304-1671 or pjgiannini13@gmail.com and Cathleen, 703-851-0908 or cragchat1@gmail.com.

Men's Fall Retreat – Save the Date! November 6-8, 2026
Cacapon Resort State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV. This weekend is designed to strengthen your relationship with God and foster deeper connections with other men of faith. We're excited to welcome a new speaker, Matthew Yi, who has preached at Immanuel in the past. He will lead us in a powerful time of teaching on the theme: 5 Truths, One Hope. Retreat Highlights Include: Inspiring Teaching with Matthew Yi, Group Sessions & Reflection Time, Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Golfing, Skeet Shooting) Fellowship & Worship. Registration opens on Aug14. A registration link will be sent via email using our church's software, **Realm**. Participants must use that software to register. Or click [here](#):



If you are not a member of Immanuel but wish to attend, please provide your email address to receive the registration link. Contact Nick Makrides (nickmakrides@yahoo.com) or Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net) to be added to the list. To complete your registration, a \$100 deposit is required. Deposits can be submitted in the offering, clearly marked "Men's Retreat." or directly to church office personnel. Deposits will be accepted from Aug 14 through Oct 6, or until all rooms are filled—so be sure to register early! Costs are Single Room: \$370.00 or Double Room: \$260.00/person. Full payment is due by Oct 25. Due to limited lodging, this year's retreat is open to men age 18 and older. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual renewal, connection, and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's Book Club: Yes, time to get those books off the shelf or from the library or wherever you want to get them. THRILLED to announce our first book is a CLASSIC this year. We will be reading *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. We will meet TUESDAY, September 8th, at the home of Kathleen Harding. 3731 Russell RD, Woodbridge. Please call or email Cathleen Giannini with any questions at 703-851-0908. You can email Kathleen to let her know if you are coming at kathleenmharding@aol.com

MISSION TRIPS

Kevin Robertson is heading to Surabaya, Indonesia to serve with Joni and Friends Wheels for the World(TM) . He will then continue to meet with other in-country mission partners. He asks for prayer for all those whom God has called to be served and hear His Good News.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.

Youth Ministry: Middle and high school students will resume regular Youth Group on Sunday, August 23, from 12-1:30 PM. Save the date for our Youth & Volunteer BBQ on August 30 as we kick off the new ministry year! For more information, contact dtomchek@aol.com .

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 September 27 in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men finished the study of Daniel and will starting a new study on 1st and 2nd Peter, Living Hope" Shannon Scott, roadmaps for living faithfully as "chosen exiles". If you have any questions, contact Mike Harpster here or Scott Finney here.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We have considered such questions as "What characteristic of a child do you want to emulate in your relationship with God?" "In what area is Jesus asking you to change your thinking or your actions as you follow him?" 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 10:32-52 and chapter 13 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 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 August 24, Chili's located at 14432 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 to study 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. 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 Dixie Bones located at 13440 Occoquan Rd Woodbridge, on September 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: The group is taking a break for the summer. Discussions will resume on September 12, 2026, at 8:00 am in classroom 1. Please come prepared to recommend the next study series. For more information contact Gary Grey at: gary8638@gmail.com or 703-966-2812.

Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee: Once a month the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The first meeting is August 29, 2026, at 10:00 am at IHOP on Hoadly Road. For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet September 19, 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 September 20, 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.

Financial Update thru July 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$359,605.25
Expenses	<u>\$291,578.87</u>
Net	\$ 68,026.38

Building

Revenue	\$126,519.81
Expenses	<u>\$ 59,784.68</u>
Net	\$ 66,735.13

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

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 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.