



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

June 14, 2026

Pastor's Corner "Jesus' Great 'I Do'"

Marriage is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman, binding both to self-giving love and exclusive fidelity. ... The covenantal union of man and woman in marriage signifies the communion between Christ, the heavenly bridegroom, and the church, his holy bride (Ephesians 5:32). While all do not marry, Holy Matrimony symbolizes the union all Christians share with their Lord.

This is how our Book of Common Prayer describes marriage, drawing on the biblical witness to marriage in its creation in Genesis, its celebration in Song of Songs, its symbolism in the Prophets, its affirmation in the Gospels, and its explication in the Epistles. No wonder in an Anglican wedding ceremony the Priest declares, "Marriage is commended by Holy Scripture to be held in honor among all people" (p.201).

Each marriage is intended by our heavenly Father to be a living image of the self-giving communion between Jesus and the church – a promise-keeping love that pursues what is best for the other regardless of the cost, removes all barriers to unity, chooses death to self so the other might live, and creates even more life to share with others. No marriage does

this perfectly, of course, which is why **marriage points beyond itself to the great “I do” that Jesus speaks to us.**

This Sunday, we have the unusual and beautiful opportunity to witness “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage” during the second service. Antonio and Dana will stand in the midst of our church family to have their vows joined and upheld by God’s blessing, “filling them with all spiritual benediction and grace, that they may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting.” **The Father’s strengthening embrace of this marriage speaks to all of us his unyielding embrace of our union with his Son.**

On this special day at both services, all married couples also will be invited to stand and renew their vows to each other. As we rejoice in these renewed promises, **all will be reminded of Jesus’ unyielding promise to love,** comfort, honor, and keep each one of us, and to be faithful to each one of us every day of our life into eternity.

My prayer is that every one of you will hear Jesus saying, *“Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart”* (Song of Songs 2:13; 3:6).

Your Pastor in Christ,

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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

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

Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Quest VBS is coming July 27-31! Kids are invited to join us for an exciting week of games, music, Bible adventures, and fun as we learn to live out our faith together. Registration is now open, and we're also looking for volunteers to help make the week a success. Sign up to attend at iachurch.org or contact mbyers@iachurch.org to volunteer or learn more.

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 Ministry: Middle and high school students are invited to our Second Sunday gathering is this Sunday, June 14 at 6:00 PM. Beginning Wednesday, June 17, we'll start our Summer Study, meeting each Wednesday from 6-7 PM, which will serve as our regular Youth Group gathering throughout the summer. Be sure to mark your calendar for our special summer event, Mini Golf and Nathan's on June 29! 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 15, 2026, at Crafty Crab located at 2706 Potomac Mills Circle,

Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: 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 6:1-29 and chapter 6 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.

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:

June 13: The IAC men will meet at 8AM in classroom #1 to discuss Chapter nine of Wiersbe's Commentary, "EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS," pages 135--146, and the questions on pp. 147 & 148. Also read in your bible , JOHN 19:17-42.

June 20: No SMMD meeting due to the Monthly Men's Breakfast.

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.

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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