The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

November 15, 2026

Warden's Word
Thanksgiving is Coming!

Dear Immanuel Family,

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and we will gather with family and friends, eat delicious food that links us to past Thanksgivings, and bow our heads with gratitude to Jesus, our Savior and Provider. I have so many wonderful memories of past Thanksgivings, and you surely do as well.

As we close our 2027 stewardship campaign this coming Sunday, you will have the opportunity to thankfully pledge to God's work at Immanuel. Bringing your pledge card to the altar, you can present your 2027 giving plan to God.

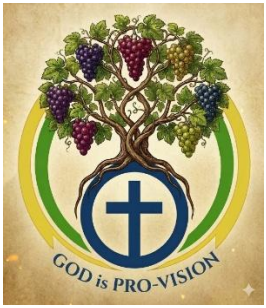
As we have talked about the Visionary Budget with you, some parishioners have asked, "What should we be giving in 2027?" This is a challenging question. That said, a wise Vestry member (not me!) has sensed that God is asking for each Immanuel household to increase its annual giving by $1,000 next year. This amount is equivalent to about $84 per month or about $19 per week. Maybe this is a stretch for you, or maybe you can increase your giving by more than this amount. Your giving decision is entirely between you and God.

As we soon enjoy our Thanksgiving feast with family and friends, please know how deeply thankful the Vestry is for each of you.

"Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing." 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Your sister in Christ,

Deb



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

Sept-Nov	Book of Judges Study	9:15am CR1
Sept-Nov	Confirmation Classes	9:15 am CR 4
Life Groups		Sign-up on Realm
Nov 14	Ladies Coffee	9:30 am IHOP
Nov 15	Pledge Sunday	Both services
	Cruciform	5:00-7:00pm CR1
Nov 17-18	Hilda Barg	Sign-up on Realm
Nov 22	Angel Tree	Narthex
Nov 22	Bishop Visit Confirmation	Both Services
Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree Tag Sundays: We are grateful to be able to support our Beville Middle School community again this year by adopting families this Christmas season. Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 22. As an individual, family, Life Group, or other group, consider selecting one (or more!) children to sponsor for gifts this holiday. Please read the sign-up instructions when you sign up so that we can be sure to match the gift to its intended recipient! Wrapped and tagged gifts will be returned by Sunday, Dec 6 for a blessing before being delivered to our families. Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with this school community who played such an important role in our church's history!

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the months of October & November we are collecting foods for Thanksgiving - canned yams, pumpkin or fruit filling, canned vegetables, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, cans or packets of gravy, chicken or turkey stock, cornbread or biscuit mix, instant potatoes and stuffing mix...you get the idea. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Hilda Barg: Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on Tuesday November 17, and Wednesday November 18. Please sign up here to prepare and deliver one or more of the items listed. Please review the "additional items" to see what items are available. All dishes should be fully prepared and ready to serve. Residents have the following food allergies; **pork**. Food should be delivered to the Hilda Barg Center between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Your ministry to this

community is greatly appreciated and your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

LIFE FIRST SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Life First, pregnancy resource center in Manassas, is collecting BABY/YOUNG CHILDREN BOOKS to give to Moms and Dads at one of the upcoming parenting classes. They will be learning about the importance of literacy, how and why to read to children, and suggestions for keeping children engaged in ready throughout their lives. You can choose any book you like and give to Paul or Cathleen Giannini and they will bring it to the center. OR you can order from Life First Book Registry and it will go directly to the center. Click here.

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.

Backpacks 4 Kids: "Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:1. **Join us for our NEXT PACKING, Weds., November 18th, 12:30 pm** . **WHAT'S** in a bag of non-perishable food provided for the children? Individual cartons of milk, pre-packaged meals, breakfast / trail bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned veggies, and more:). **PRAY** for students, teachers, and families of ML King Elem. to know how much the Lord Jesus loves them. **POC:** Pat Tony - patbtony@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Racers, start your engines! In a race, you might need to navigate obstacles, pit stops, and tight turns in order to stay on the right track. As you're zooming through the track there's so much to think about, and it can be hard to stay focused on what's most important! In this four-week series, we'll learn some important stories from Joshua about how obstacles are no problem for God and courage comes from knowing God's words. No matter how long the race, God can use someone like you because with God there is victory! Children's Church teachers' and assistants' meeting: November 15, 12:30-1:30, in the classroom 2.

Youth Ministry: Youth Group will meet Sunday, November 15, after the 10:30 Service, in Classroom 4. Reminder that we will NOT have Youth Group on Sunday, Nov 22 (Bishop's visit) AND Nov 29 (Thanksgiving holiday weekend.) For more information, please text Rosemarie Fitzsimmons at 703-314-8348.

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 November 15, in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men are studying 1st, 2nd and 3rd John entitled "Abide" by Jen Wilkin. If you have questions, contact Mike Harpster here or Scott Finney here.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We are using N.T. Wright's study guide on Mark. November 16 we will be discussing chapter 19, looking at Mark 15:1-39 via ZOOM. You can join us in your jammies, and pets can be present as well! 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 November 16, 2026, at United Buffet located at 2942 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this Bible study as we continue our study Melissa Spoelstra's study on *Angels: Finding Hope in God who Reigns Over Heaven and Earth*. *Angels* is a call to put your hope in the God of angel armies who reigns over heaven and earth. We meet Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room 1, or you can click here to join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280. Contact Barbara Finney to pre-order your workbook ($22.00) or to ask any questions: 703-405-2651 or blynn56@verizon.net

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Los Toltecos located at 4120 Merchant Plaza, Woodbridge, on November 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP here.

The Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: The next Men's Bible Study Meeting will be on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 AM in Classroom 1. We are studying "Romans for Everyone" by N.T. Wright and we will be discussing Romans 1:28-32 Books are available for $15. We start at 8:00 am in Room 1. Coffee and donuts are provided. Laughter is free. For more information, contact David Robertson at 703-470-1620 (text is best). Join us and bring a friend or join us via ZOOM here.

Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee: Once a month on the second Saturday, the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The next meeting is November 14, 2026, at 9:30 am at IHOP on Hoadly Road. Please register here. For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet November 21, 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 November 15, 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+. Join the men in CR1 for food and then into the Nave for the program.

The Women's book club: always takes December off. Our next book club meeting will be on January 12, 2027, at 7 PM. We will meet at the home of Kathleen Harding, 3731 Russell Rd., Woodbridge. Our book for January is Cleopatra, A Life Story by Stacy Schaff. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Have a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Save the Date: The women's retreat will be held May 21-23, 2027, at a new location. Join the ladies for a fun weekend of study, fellowship and good food at Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearnsville, West Virginia. For more information contact Barbara Finney at blynn56@verizon.net or Taira Oravetz at tairaoravetz@gmail.com Registration coming soon.

Finance update thru October 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	$510,886.53
Expenses	$396,058.96
Net	$114,827.57

Building

Revenue	$227,956.21
Expenses	$ 84,389.65
Net	$143,566.56

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 church is required to have a net income at the end of the year of $80,000, to meet the Debt Service Coverage Ratio in the loan documents. Currently the net income is a little higher than that because parishioners have paid their annual pledge in advance.

The **Building Fund** pays for the monthly mortgage. The monthly loan payment is $15,420. Only the interest portion of this expense is recorded on the income statement. The [principal portion is recorded on the balance sheet. Since all income is recorded on the income statement but only interest is posted against it, it appears as though there is excess money. The church has paid $72,558.29 in principal payments. The remainder is prepaid pledges.

County Community Activities

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. 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 give the Parish Administrator the make, model and license number of the vehicle, and your departure and return dates and times. Vehicles left in the parking lot without notification are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

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