



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

May 10, 2026

## Pastor's Corner "Friendship with Jesus"

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. – Jesus (John 15:12-14)*

Most of us know the above words quite well. We recognize how close they are to the second great commandment that we recite each week at Immanuel: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* And we know, of course, that the "love" of which Jesus speaks is much more than a warm feeling—it is self-sacrificing action to bring about what is best for another person, what is truly life-giving for another even when it costs you your own life. (If you want a detailed teaching, pull Clancy McQuigg aside after church and say, "So what does *agape* really mean?" Seriously. Do it. He's the red-bearded, denim-shorts-wearing former Marine greeting you in the Narthex.)

What does this kind of love look like on a day-to-day level? Here are a few examples within the Immanuel family from recent weeks:

- I bumped into one of our men in the parking lot outside Gold's Gym. He was on his way in to join some other guys for a workout, after which they were going to Starbuck's together. They've been doing this for years, keeping tabs on each other and encouraging each other. I noticed one of the men standing in the doorway keeping a watchful eye, ensuring his friends made it safely across the parking lot into the gym.
- One of the women in our church checks in regularly with another member, ensuring she has rides to appointments, help with tech issues, and opportunities for connection.
- On Friday I received a text from a parishioner telling me the Lord nudged him in his devotional times to get more involved with church. He asked me for ideas as to ways he could serve.
- Several members of our church take turns each week bringing Holy Communion to those who are in the hospital, or in a rehab center, or who are at home.
- I just received an email from Kevin, with a photo of our beloved Pastor Sallie, sharing how he had delivered to her your notes of encouragement and care.
- During Spring Break Immanuel's youth spent one of their vacation mornings weeding and cleaning

up the landscaping and parking lot surrounding our building.

- The way Cheryl Timmons, Gary Motsek, and all of you came together to continue the worship of our God even with my unexpected sickness! (I'm recovering steadily and look forward to being with you on Sunday.)

These may seem like small deeds, but they are significant in the eyes of Jesus. So significant, in fact, that he gestures toward each of these people and says, "That's one of my friends."

Be on the lookout for simple, immediate ways to love someone. It will cost you something – time, energy, money, patience – but the reward is more life for you and for others.

And friendship with Jesus.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Travis +

## 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](http://iachurch.org/worship) for more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 10&11	Meals for Hilda Barg	off-site
May 17	New Members Class	12-1:30 pm Nave
	Nursery provided (please register)	
	Cruciform	5-7 pm Nave
May 20	Life Group Leaders Training	
		7-8:30 pm CR4
	Nursery provided (please register)	
May 24	One Service Sunday/Picnic	9:30-12:30 pm
May 31	Prayer Team Interest Meeting	
		9:15-10 am CR4, 12-12:45 pm Nav

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Members Class:** Are you new to Immanuel? Are you interested in becoming a member of Immanuel and learning about what it means to say “yes” to Anglicanism? Do you want to know more about Immanuel mission and programs? Do you want to volunteer and not sure how or what the options are? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, join us May 17, after the 10:30 service (about 12:15) for a light lunch and one-hour information session. Nursery and childcare will be provided but require a RSVP in Realm or call the church at (703) 340-3120 or send an email to Tyra Harpster, Director of Parish Administration at [office@iachurch.org](mailto:office@iachurch.org).

**Meals for the Hilda Barg Center:** Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on May 10th & 11th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the menu items by [clicking here](#) or by visiting our website. Your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus for those in need.

**Mission Trips:** Pray for Catherine Annand as she prepares for her trip to Africa in May and for Kevin Robertson who is currently in Indonesia.

**BP4 KIDS (Backpacks for Kids)** This ministry provides weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children in cooperation with school guidance counselors at ML King Elementary. Thank you for all your generous help. You make a difference in the lives of children! To be informed

about our next packing event and/or for more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tony. [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com)



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**The Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of May we are collecting canned tomato products (diced, crushed, sauces and paste). The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**Immanuel Kids:** Can you remember the last time you got lost in a really good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure—following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore the amazing and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God. In this 5-week series, kids will discover the true story of how **Jesus is always with us, God helps us be righteous, God hears us when we pray, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and God helps us share the good news.**

**Youth Group:** Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Group each week. We will not have Second Sunday on May 10th due to Mother's Day but 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](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).

**Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:** The men meet each Sunday night. The third Sunday of the month is Cruciform. The next meeting will be on May 24. They will begin an 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 7 pm 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](mailto:MikeHarpster@comcast.net) or [ScottSFinney@verizon.net](mailto:ScottSFinney@verizon.net).

**Cruciform:** Join us May 17, from 5-7 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. Tom Harkness will be our guest speaker.

**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 May 11, 2026 at Not Your Average Joe's located at 15101 Potomac Town Place, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 May 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to [Teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net).

**Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:**

**May 9:** Men's Bible Discussion Group will meet at 08:00AM in Room #1 to discuss Chapter 5 in Wiersbe's Commentary "LET THERE BE JOY", pp.77-85 and the questions on pages 86 and 87. Also read in your Bible John 16:16-33.

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 Alan Clark on 703-627-4725. Join us and bring a friend or join us via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID: 827 91399156.

**Women’s Book Club:** The next Women’s Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, May12, at the home of Monika Dew. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Monika’s address is 14315 Raddock Ct., Woodbridge. We are reading, *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at [cragchat1@gmail.com](mailto:cragchat1@gmail.com) with any questions. Let Monika know if you will be attending at 202-257-2348 or [morningdewgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:morningdewgreen@hotmail.com)  
This is the last meeting before our summer break.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men will meet May16, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

**Financial Update thru March 31, 2026**

**Operations**

Revenue	\$186,068.48
Expenses	<u>\$134,380.31</u>
Net	\$51,688.17

## **Building**

Revenue	\$57,032.00
Expenses	<u>\$26,137.08</u>
Net	\$30,894.92

Income for these months has been above average because several donors have made payment of their full annual pledge. 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@iachurch.org) or [tharpster@iachurch.org](mailto: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.