



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

September 6, 2026

## Pastor's Corner "The Father's Affirmation"

At one point in my life, I realized that my default spiritual setting was assuming our heavenly Father is disappointed in me. In my reading of Scripture and in my prayer times, I began with the assumption that Jesus wanted to show me where I was wrong and in need of change. The Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, has steadily and gently recalibrated that setting and challenged that assumption. He keeps returning me to these Holy Scriptures:

*"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when Jesus came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:9-11)*

*"You were buried with Jesus in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses..., God made alive together with him, having forgiven all our trespasses, canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2:12-13)*

*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2)*

*“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’” (Romans 8:14-15)*

In Jesus, my default spiritual setting is now confidence that my Father is well pleased with me. What waits for me in Scripture and prayer is not condemnation, but Jesus’ rescuing, renewing love, and the gift of his Spirit forming me into his likeness (Romans 8:26-29, 37-39).

As one who has been buried with Jesus in baptism, I rise with him every day to hear the Father’s first words to me: “You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.”

In Jesus, those are his words to you as well.

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 13      | Book of Judges Study | 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     |

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of September, we are collecting Pasta, Rice and Peanut Butter. 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.

**Meals for the Hilda Barg Center:** Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on September 18th & 19th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the menu items by [clicking here](#) or visiting our website. Your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus for those in need.

**Backpacks for Kids** is a mission of Immanuel at ML King Elementary School. During the school year, we prayerfully provide bags of food for guidance counselors to place in the backpacks of children who otherwise would not have much to eat over the weekends. How you can help: 1) Provide non-perishable food: Individual cartons of milk, pre-packaged meals, breakfast or trail bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, etc. 2) Help pack food once every 4-5 weeks (Weds. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel) 3) Deliver food to ML King Elementary. and most importantly, \*PRAY for students, teachers, and families to know how much the Lord Jesus loves them. POC: Pat Tony - [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com)

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

### **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:** In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how God teaches us how to lead, and learn how to follow God's lead as God leads us to safety, and to what we need.

**Youth Ministry:** Middle and high school students meet on most Sundays from 12-1:30 PM; on the second Sunday of each month, they meet from 6-8 p.m. 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 start a new study on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John entitled "Abide" by Jen Wilkin. If you have any questions, contact Mike Harpster here or Scott Finney here.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** No Bible Study September 7, Labor Day. SAVE THE DATE for our next fellowship dinner Monday, September 14, 5:30 at Ruby Tuesday. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information.\_

**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 September

7, 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.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Join this Bible study beginning **October 6<sup>th</sup>** as we embark on Melissa Spoelstra's study on *Angels: Finding Hope in God who Reigns Over Heaven and Earth*. Melissa traverses the terrain of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation to learn about angels—who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with you. There's no reason to fear or ignore what's happening in the supernatural, unseen realm—we can live with confidence that God is in control of it all. 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](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net)

**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](mailto:gary8638@gmail.com) or 703-966-2812.

**Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee:** Once a month the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The next meeting is

September 19, 2026, at 9:30 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.

**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](mailto:nickmakrides@yahoo.com)) or Bob Mann ([mannrm@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:kathleenmharding@aol.com)

## Financial Update thru July 31, 2026

### Operations

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

### Building

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| 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](mailto: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](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.

## NOTES