



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

October 11, 2026

Pastor's Corner "One Service Sunday"

On Sunday, October 18th, we will gather at 9:30am for a "One Service Sunday," immediately followed by a Parish Meeting and a Church Picnic on the Lawn. Children's Church and the Nursery will be offered as usual during the service, and childcare for nursery through elementary aged children is available during the Parish Meeting. (Please sign up [here](#) for childcare.)

We gather for One Service Sundays several times a year to remember and live the reality that we are *one congregation with two services*. On this particular Sunday, if there is a person you don't recognize, introduce yourself! Avoid jokes about the differences between the services or not having seen the person and instead enjoy the opportunity to connect (or re-connect!) with a member of the Immanuel family.

Another reason we have One Service Sundays is to give the entire congregation the opportunity to experience different expressions of worship. Our ninety-minute 10:30am service is more celebratory – the energy level is higher, more people are present, and music plays a significant role in moving our hearts to worship. The sixty-

minute 8am service is more contemplative – the pace is slow and quiet, fewer people attend (although the number is growing!), and the liturgy alone moves us into worship. On Sunday October 18th at 9:30am, we will worship together in this more contemplative manner.

The autumn Parish Meeting and Picnic is our new way of entering into our annual stewardship campaign. We will communicate Immanuel's overarching vision along with the specific vision for 2027. We will also present a proposed budget for 2027 that articulates the provision needed to bring both to fruition. **Since the Lord is the one who gives vision – *you could say he is Pro-Vision* – we have confidence he also provides for that vision. And his primary means of provision is through his people.** We will therefore invite you to begin praying about your pledges for the 2027 budget, an important way of joining our Father in being Pro-Vision. Additionally, our newly formed Stewardship Working Group will introduce a timeline that demonstrates God's past provision and our hope for his future provision. They will close by leading us in a time of gratitude and prayer, after which we will head outside to eat together.

I strongly encourage everyone to be present for this unifying time of worship.

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 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
October 10	Ladies Coffee	9:30-11:30 IHOP
October 11	Youth Second Sunday	6:00 CR4
October 18	One Service Sunday	9:30 am
	Parish Meeting and Picnic	
October 18	Cruciform	5:00-7:00pm CR1
Nov 6-8	Men's Retreat	Cacapon Resort
Nov 15	Ingathering	Both services
Nov 22	Bishop Visit	Both Services
	Confirmation	
Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent	

How has Giving Blessed You? Immanuel Church is looking for short testimonies from people who have stepped out in faith in their giving to God and been surprised or blessed (or both) by the results. Please consider telling your story either during a Sunday service or in a video interview. If you have a story, please contact Rosemarie Fitzsimmons at rosefitz.portraitwriter@gmail.com for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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: *Bells in the Air*, first in a family adventure series for all ages, is available now just in time for the Advent / Christmas season! Place your donations of \$10 + in the basket on the book table at the hallway entrance. Every gift helps buy food for the ML King Elem. guidance counselors to place in the backpacks of children who otherwise would not have much to eat over the weekends. Other ways to 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 (Next packing is **Weds. Oct. 21st, 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 "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

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Can you imagine needing to walk through the desert? You'd be surrounded by cacti, sand, snakes, and more sand. With the heat of the sun, we'd wind up so thirsty and wondering "Are we there yet?" That's probably how the Israelites felt as they wandered around the desert, waiting to enter the Promised Land. But no matter how tired our feet get, we can focus on what's happening in our lives right now rather than just on where we're going. In this five-week series based on stories from Exodus, we'll explore how **we can choose to be thankful, love God and others, turn to God when we're lost, go to God when we need rest, and remember God's promises.**

Youth Ministry: Oct 11 is our Second Sunday gathering. Instead of our morning Bible Study, we will meet from 6-8 p.m. for games, food, and some words of wisdom. Open to all Middle School and High School students, this is an excellent event to invite friends to join you. As a reminder, there will be NO YOUTH GROUP the following Sunday, Oct. 18, due to the Parish Meeting.

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 October 11, 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. October 12 we will be discussing chapter 16, looking at Mark 13. We meet via ZOOM so 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.

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 October 12, at Mission BBQ, located at 13890 Shoppers Best Way, 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*. 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

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at House of Chou located at 12508 Dillingham Square, Woodbridge, on October 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

The Saturday Morning Men's Discussion group: will meet again on Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 AM. We are studying "Romans for Everyone" by N.T. Wright. This coming Saturday, we will be discussing Romans 1:14-17. 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 October 10, 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 October 17, 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 October 18, 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 – only 1 single room and 2 double rooms left for the Men's Retreat, Nov 6-8 at Cacapon Resort State Park in Berkeley Springs, WV. Deposit is \$100 and must be paid by Oct 6. For more information and to register use Realm or the QR code below. Don't miss out!



Contact Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net) or Nick Makrides (nickmakrides@yahoo.com) for more information.

Women's Book Club: This month's read is *Code Name Helene* by Ariel Lawson. It is a historical fiction based on the life of a woman whose name should have gone down in history. Book club will meet on October 13, at 7 PM at Kathy Westcott's house, 3708 Beaver Ford Rd Woodbridge. Please let her know if you plan to be there or not at 703-987-5206(cell) or 703-670-6641 at home. Email is ktwestcott@gmail.com. Call or text Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 with questions.

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.

Update thru August 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$424,395.94
Expenses	<u>\$332,831.78</u>
Net	\$ 91,564.16

Building

Revenue	\$148,452.21
Expenses	<u>\$ 68,190.46</u>
Net	\$ 80,261.75

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

Art in Motion: a one woman show with mixed media paintings, featuring Susie Jerome. The show is currently running through October 28, at the Montclair Community Library located at 5049 Water Way Drive, Dumfries, VA.

Manassas Choral: will perform *Let Freedom Ring!* on Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7:30 pm at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

Bill Mehr Banquet: The Cooperative Council of Ministries' (CCoM) is hosting the 9th Annual Bill Mehr Banquet at St. Matthews Lutheran Church located at 12351 All Saints Place, Woodbridge on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 6-9:00 pm. You can purchase tickets [here](#). All proceeds will benefit the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center for the Homeless and our direct aid programs.

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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.