



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Saratoga

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\*\*\*\*\* BUILDING PEOPLE, SERVING GOD \*\*\*\*\*

**Coming Events**

**Men's breakfast- June 1<sup>st</sup> Effie's restaurant, Campbell. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month-July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7**

**June 30: One Sunday Service (10:00 AM)**

**June 30 The Immanuel Lutheran Church Trust Fund awarding scholarships at our joint service on Sunday**

**June 30 @ 11:30, following the service, a reception for our scholarship recipients and an all church BBQ.**

**\*\*\*PI sign up for Altar Guild\*\*\***

**Shelter Meals Schedule: Sign up to cook or serve**





On May 18, **Emily Caroline Engfelt** was wed to **Colin Patrick Peirce**. This “Pastor Papa” was honored to serve in two roles: As father-of-the-bride, I got to walk Emily down the sandy aisle of Coronado State Beach in San Diego. And, when we got to the end of the aisle, I turned around and was privileged to officiate the wedding as well. What joy!

And how my heart was moved at my first look at my firstborn – now a bride! Even as I was not quite prepared for her birth (how could I be?), so I was not quite prepared for the overwhelming sense of, “My little girl! Look what she has become!” I was truly overjoyed! So grateful for the precious gift God has given me: To discover this blessed creation of God... to watch her grow into full womanhood... And then, to see her joined in marriage to a man I’m so very proud of, a man she adores, a man who is likewise overwhelmed with the blessing of God now come into his life.

And if that were not enough: In a few months, on August 10, I will walk another daughter down the aisle, as **Mary Charlotte Engfelt** will be wed to **Jesus Bautista**. And once again, my heart will be filled to overflowing with love and gratitude. What joy!

In confirmations, graduations and weddings – along with all the other important life transitions – our times are in God’s hands.

His hands are both tender and strong. His hands are protective and loving. And His hands will keep us safe and secure in His love forever.

Thanks be to God!

Overwhelmed by God’s grace and joy,

Pastor Derek Engfelt



## THE MESSENGER

# People Helping People !

**An experience by congregation member** – 1. Man on the Median – Our member was driving and was about to make a left hand turn at Saratoga and Prospect/West Campbell Ave when he saw a man with a sign asking for food or money. Our member unwind his window and showed him the People Helping People clear bag so he could see what was inside. He then told the man” Our church, ILC, made the bags to help people. The man said that he could really use this and then that he and others lived under the bridge on Prospect Ave. near Lawrence and that he was also collecting food and money for them. Our member gave him two bags and he thanked him profusely and said God Bless.

2. Young man sagging by the Store: Our member was shopping at Trader Joes and on his way out saw a young man looking very dejected with a sign asking for food. He sat next to the young man and asked him what was wrong. He answered that he had been living at the shelter and that the other day all his belongs were stolen from the shelter, including his cheap cell phone. He said he needed this in order to get around and look for a job. Our member mentioned about the food packages and that our church ILC was always trying to help people. The young man said that was very special. Before saying goodbye, our member told the young man to try to keep his spirits up and to go back to the shelter. He said he was but was trying to get some food and money to get another phone. They talked about positivity and using all the gov't services available. The young took the two bags and he thanked our member profusely.

Helping anyone even if it is just a little means so much to people who literally have nothing. God's grace.

Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of **“passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus.”**

Special Note: Midtown Family Services, an organization started by our own Ted & Doreen Geiszler, to assist disadvantaged families in the Silicon Valley, liked our PHP concept – and they'll be using our bags in the work that they do. (Go to [www.midtownfs.org](http://www.midtownfs.org) for more information about Midtown.)

***OUR Sunday  
School Kids.  
They are a  
close bonded,  
young Spiritual  
Souls! They are  
Our Future!***



For God is my witness, whom  
I serve in my spirit  
in the gospel of His Son.

Rom. 1:9

## Volunteer to Serve on Sundays

It takes many people to make Sunday mornings "happen." You're welcome to participate and be one of them! **Please note that we have a new link to sign up in 2019.** Please go to [www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer](http://www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer) or call Ann at the church office (408-867-0822).

Service Opportunities include:

Altar Guild: Prepare communion elements, prepare sanctuary for worship; clean up after worship.

Audio: Make sure our sound system is in good working order and monitor sound during the service.

Coffee: Provide treats for fellowship time after service

Communion: Help distribute communion during service

Greeter: Warmly welcome people at the door and hand them a bulletin

Lector: Read lessons in church

Liturgists - Prayers: Offer Prayers of the People during the service

Liturgists - Cantor: Assistant leader in worship, chant the opening liturgy

Usher: Hand out announcement pages, take offering, light and extinguish candles

Nursery: Watch over the little ones during service

Sunday School: Teach or assist in our 10:45 Sunday school (preschool - high school)

If you have questions about any of these Sunday Morning Activities, please call the church office.



**Worship + Love + Serve**





Children's Story



## A Pound of Butter (Honesty)



There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the right amount, which he wasn't. Angry about this, he took the farmer to court.

The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure to weight the butter. The farmer replied, "Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale."

The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"

The farmer replied;

**"Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."**

### Moral of the story:

In life, you get what you give. Don't try and cheat others.



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### Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:00am in the bar, share breakfast, fellowship, and engage in a free-wheeling, bible topic discussion. We conclude by 9:30 am.

All men of the congregation – members and visitors – are welcome

ILC Men enjoying a relaxing Saturday morning breakfast (photo credit: Jack Moorman)



### Women's Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant at 998 South De Anza Boulevard, San Jose. We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



Our ILC ladies enjoying a relaxed morning visiting with each other. (photo credit: Cheryl Moorman)



**Sunday School Activities**



# THE MESSENGER



Here's  
What's  
Happening!

## ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRAYER MINISTRY -

Meets every Sunday in Fireside Room between services, 10:20-10:40AM. All welcome.  
Info/questions, contact Shelly Sarkisian, 408-921-1313.



### WEDDINGS AT ILC

Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, check out our website: [www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings](http://www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings) and follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings. Tell your friends!



**THE FOOD CART - Please consider adding a package or two of food** for the cart whenever you shop. The hunger problem seems always to be with us and all donations help. Thank you for keeping this in mind when you shop! The Community Service Committee

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***Flower Chart on Kiosk – Sign Up for Altar Flowers***

# Altar Guild

## ILC Members

If you'll recall, last fall in a communication to church members from Charley Eddy, a solicitation was made to pledge not only financially but also with your talents. We've all been blessed with unique gifts, and I'd like to encourage each of you to consider how you can help at ILC. There are many ways you can be of service each week, but I'd like to focus on Altar Guild.



Serving on the Altar Guild team is very important, and I would like to ask you to please give prayerful consideration to help as you are able. The number of us that are active in Altar Guild has dwindled and we could really use more participation to lighten the load. Training is available if you're new to the Altar Guild team or need a refresher course, and detailed instructions and photos are posted to help you.

Each week, 2-3 Altar Guild members help serve. We need 2 Altar Guild volunteers on Saturday mornings to prepare the sanctuary for worship and set up for communion, and then on Sunday do light duties for whichever service you normally attend.

I understand there's some confusion surrounding the online sign-ups for Altar Guild (see the link below). Please note that, by signing up under 9:00, it indicates you'll help with Saturday prep in addition to some light duties on Sunday (at *either* the 9:00 service or the 10:45 service). Those attending Second service are welcome (and encouraged) to assist on Saturdays.

The greatest need on an on-going basis is Saturday morning when two volunteers meet to prep for communion and set up for Sunday's service, which takes about one hour or less. You'd be partnered with an experienced Altar Guild member to help train you. To indicate you can help with this, please sign up under 9:00 Service for Altar Guild.



Again, you do NOT both need to attend First Service if you normally attend Second Service to help on Saturday...just sign up under 9:00 Altar Guild AND 10:45 Altar Guild to indicate you'll help Saturday and clean-up after second service.

Attached here is the 2019 [www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer](http://www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer) It's easy! There are many opportunities each Sunday for you to share your talents. If you need assistance signing up, please contact Ann Wallace, our church administrator (408-867-0822).

For questions, or to arrange to be trained for Altar Guild, please contact Cheryl Sheehan at 408-768-3022. Please give consideration to being on the Altar Guild team. We can really use your help...plus, it's a fun opportunity to make new friends and visit with your partner on Saturday mornings while you're serving ILC!

Blessings to all of you!

Cheryl Sheehan  
408-768-3022



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**Building & Grounds:** Feel like swinging a hammer, turning a wrench, repairing a sprinkler line, or laying down a coat of fresh paint? Help maintain the appearance of our campus and sanctuary.

Contact: Ken Campbell 408-691-5694; Reed Canerday canerclan@sbcglobal.net

**Magnification Team:** Meets monthly to discuss the worship service plans; reviewing and discussing pastor's thoughts and plans for liturgy, special services, prayer services, frequency of communion, Advent services, choir music plans, etc. and addressing any of his concerns. We also discuss volunteer signups for liturgists, lectors, communion assistants, ushers, etc. This is a way to be engaged in a very important aspect of our church. The team meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for about an hour at 6pm.

Contact: Clark Canham 408-605-3955 or Carol Flint 408-781-3168.

**Mission Team:** We communicate using infrequent formal meetings, supplemented by email/conversations. Our aim: spread the Jesus story to the unchurched (Evangelism). Efforts needed: urge & train our members to become disciples, follow up on names on the prayer list, and participate in Pastor's neighborhood walks, and support ILC website upgrades. Currently working with the Magnification Team to make ILC a truly welcoming congregation. Mission team also recognizes and celebrates the evangelism efforts of other Lutherans (e.g., overseas missionaries).

**Maturity** – promotes the education of children and adults at ILC. Volunteers are needed to assist educating youth during the second service Sunday School hour. In preschool, fun activities with the 3-5 year-olds; in elementary, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, two volunteers to instruct the kids with Bible stories, crafts and games.

Volunteers are also needed to teach the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in a rotating schedule with the Youth Ministry Leader, Alyssa McCoy. Meetings are minimal. Bible study materials for the elementary grades are distributed via email. Contact Mitzie Eddy 408-656-7025 or mitzeddy@gmail.com

**Church Council:** Council acts as the executive team of the congregation and approves budgets and expenditures, prioritizes facilities projects, makes and approves key personnel decisions, and sets strategic direction for ILC. Current focus areas are increasing attendance and membership, prudent financial planning, and redistributing and reducing the congregation's workload. Council meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room. All congregants are welcome at any time.

Contact: Nathan Sarkisian 408-591-4976; Pastor Derek

# ILC Annual Events

## EASTER



## LADIES RETREAT



## Habitat for Humanity



## Summer Concerts In the Park



## Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



## Christmas Buffet Decorating



## Christmas Concert Children's Christmas Play



## On The Horizon... (mark your calendars)

### God's River of Life...

Pastor Derek teaches a Bible Study **on Wednesday mornings** at church, from 10:00 – 11:30. All are welcome to attend. We're presently aboard God's Ship *Grace* cruising down God's River of Life. Our journey takes us from the river in Genesis to the river in Revelation. We're stopping at several ports of call, where we set up camp, take a look around, and come to better know our God, ourselves and each other. Your presence is welcome...

Because Pastor Derek will be in MN over the first three weeks of June, we'll pick up our meeting on Wednesday, June 26. We'll sidle up to Joseph & his brothers as they have a surprising family reunion in Egypt. We'll talk about the good and the bad in families, about alienation and reconciliation. We'll solve the problems of the world! Or at least make progress toward getting there... 😊

For more information, call or email Pastor Derek at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com) or 408-499-4866.

### Memorial Service for Paul Spitsen

Please plan to be part of our gathered faith community, as we come together at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 28, to celebrate the life of Paul Herman Spitsen, to comfort Joan and her family at this time of loss, and to celebrate Paul's Homecoming. A reception will follow in the ILC Fellowship Hall.

### June 30: One Sunday Service (10:00 AM)

Please plan to join us on June 30 for one congregational service beginning at 10:00 AM. We have special things planned:

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Trust Fund will be awarding scholarships at our joint service on Sunday, June 30, at 10:00.

At 11:30, following the service, we will have a reception for our scholarship recipients and an all church BBQ. More details to come!

Please plan to join us for this Sunday Summer Celebration!

## The Hills Are Alive... with ILC Hikers!

Have you heard about our hiking group? Come join us, as we explore part of the wonderful nature that surrounds our neighborhoods.

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In June, we'll head out on **another new adventure**. See details below.

These events are planned to be fun for the whole family. They are "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends!

**June 22: Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.**  
**550 Palm Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

### Getting There:

From Highway 101, take Bailey Avenue west. Go .7 miles.

Turn left on Santa Teresa Boulevard. Continue 2 miles.

Turn right on Palm Avenue. Continue .7 miles.

The preserve is at the end of Palm Avenue.

Time:

**Plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 8:00 and plan to return to our cars by 10:00.** The whole looped hike is an easy 4 miles.

Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. Bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable and sturdy shoes/boots. You can RSVP by emailing me at [pastorderek@ilcsaratoga.org](mailto:pastorderek@ilcsaratoga.org) or calling 408-499-4866.





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## Youth Handbell Choir

Hopefully you had a chance to see and hear the Youth Handbell Choir perform in church. For our 1<sup>st</sup> year we had 6-7 ringers and performed in church on 4 Sundays. Based on feedback from you youth and the congregation, our inaugural year was a success!

We are continuing with the Youth Handbell Choir this year and are hoping to grow in numbers. With more

ringers, we will have more options in the music that we can play. The Youth Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays in between 2<sup>nd</sup> service and Confirmation classes – from 11:45 to 12:30. All youth 10 years and older are welcome to join us.

Don't know much about music? Well, Handbells are a great vehicle for teaching music. Individuals can very quickly learn the technique for ringing bells compared to other instruments that require a lot of practice to master the technique. With Handbells, we can quickly demonstrate so many elements of music (melody, harmony, rhythm, dynamics, meter, ...)



Another very important reason to join the Youth Handbell Choir is for the teamwork and comradery. In a Handbell Choir, ALL are needed. The music struggles if even one part is missing. This is a place where all individuals can feel needed and be a part of a team to make music and praise God. The Handbell Choir mirrors the body of Christ. Roman 12:5 says: *"so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* In the Handbell Choir, we are all

separate ringers doing our own thing and yet we're interconnected and need each other to come together to make a joyful noise to God. It reinforces the idea that you need to work together to achieve something great. In a Handbell team, success comes by including everyone and building up the individuals that struggle.

Please contact Carol Flint or Elisabeth Pintar if you are interested in joining us

Also, Handbells are not just for kids. We could use a few more ringers in the adult Handbell Choir too. Those rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 6:00 – 7:00.

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## Weddings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga



**Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.**

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, or check out our website: [www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings](http://www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings). Follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings. Share with family and friends of this beautiful and charming sanctuary to hold their matrimony.



Many couples have joined hands to their lives at quaint church and its tranquil surroundings



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### Come Worship With Us!



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See us at:

[www.ilcsaratoga.org](http://www.ilcsaratoga.org)

**Traditional Service 9:00a.m.**  
**Come hear our wonderful choir, bell choir, and organist.**

Communion is served each Sunday as part of the liturgy.

**Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**

Feed your soul!

Visitors are always welcome!

Features a more contemporary worship. Sing praises to the Lord with the Mikey Day Band. The music is uplifting and enjoyable for all ages. What a great way to start the week? Communion is served by intinction every Sunday.

**Kids' Place-** *Infant and Preschool Care during Worship Services*

### About the Messenger

Please submit articles by the **15th** of the month, typed (preferably a text or word processing file, but paper copy is ok too), and should be approximately **150 words**. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication in our newsletter, please contact, Vaskie Turner  
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