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Coming Events

September 5: Men's Breakfast, normally held @ Effie's in Campbell, will be meeting this month via Zoom. Please join us at 8:00 AM by clicking here: <https://zoom.us/j/515623639> (1st Sat of the Month: Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5)

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Special Note – Page 2

NOTE: During this time of Shelter In-Place, all the dates for the scheduled newsletter events (except where specified) are only placeholders. Until further notice, we will NOT be meeting in person. If you're uncertain about whether or not something is going to happen, please email (pastord63@gmail.com) or call (408-499-4866) Pastor Derek to confirm.

Meet Our Contemporary Worship Team Leader - Page 21

God's River of Life can be accessed by Zoom here
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830>

PI sign up for Altar Guild

Shelter Meals Schedule: Sign up to cook or serve



Special Note!

During these unprecedented days of Shelter-in-Place and Social Distancing, we are (as a member of our faith community answers me whenever I ask how he's doing, even before COVID-19) "still alive!"

Immanuel Lutheran Church continues to meet virtually, as we move forward in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE DAILY for fresh servings of Daily Bread and more... It's just one click away: <https://ilcsaratoga.org/special.php>

Sunday services have been condensed to about 30 minutes and posted online by 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. You can "tune in" at the time you're used to attending services and participate in the community gathering. You are also invited to join us for a time of live online fellowship in our post-service Zoom gathering, which begins at 9:45. Click here to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/91149950073?pwd=dzByVXkyVGVsd3lFTUt4Z256K3pMZz09>

Sunday School for Children/Youth is held each Sunday beginning at 10:30. Please join Mitzie, Alyssa, Nola and the gang LIVE via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84729468831?pwd=MndEcoVMTjBzTHUoWTlra2xQdlZEZz09> Meeting ID: 847 2946 8831; Passcode: 638554

Wednesday morning Bible Study (10:00 – 11:30) is LIVE via Zoom. All are welcome. Click here to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830>

Thursday morning Bible Study (Yokefellows) also continues to meet virtually LIVE via Zoom at 6:30 AM. You have to provide your own refreshments, but you can stay in your pajamas! There's room for you at the table. Click here to join: <https://zoom.us/j/669784581>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO DO SOME GROCERY SHOPPING OR PICK UP PRESCRIPTIONS FOR YOU. WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

God is with you all in these days. Let's make the best of them, as we continue to love and care for each other and reach out with God's love to our neighbors in need.

THE MESSENGER

God is our refuge and our fortress. We can have confidence that God is with us and will be with us, come what may. God calls us to exude and instill that same confidence in others. And we join together in committing ourselves to do so, to the best of our ability. May our faith not only preserve us in these days, but encourage others who have no faith and don't know where else to turn. Be their resource, and show them where you've found your own confidence.

We are impatient for these days to conclude. We yearn to come together again as God's people, in person. But let us fully invest ourselves into the thick of things, seeking God's guidance each day, rejoicing in His goodness and doing our very best to encourage others who accompany us on the journey.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Derek J Engfelt



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.

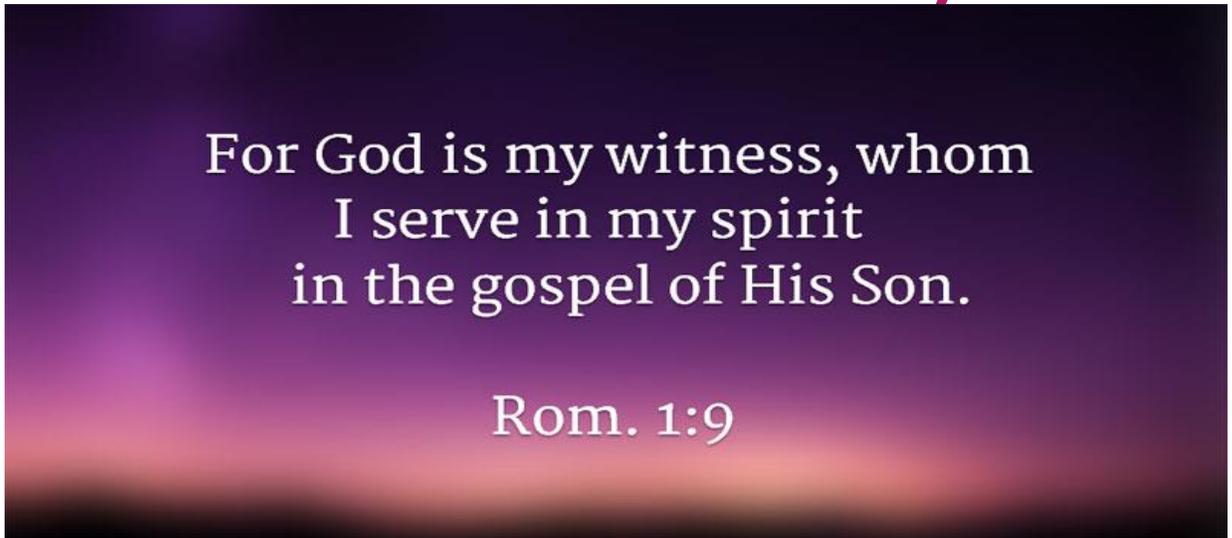
Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of "passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."

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



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Volunteer to Serve on Sundays



Thank you for
Serving!

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 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

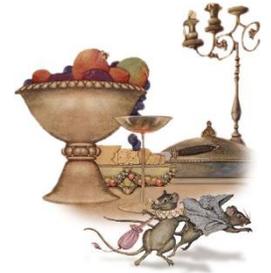


Children's Story



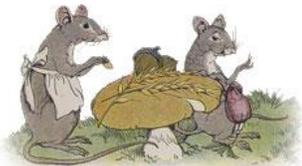
Town and Country Mouse

A Town Mouse once visited a relative who lived in the country. For lunch the Country Mouse served wheat stalks, roots, and acorns, with a dash of cold water for drink. The Town Mouse ate very sparingly, nibbling a little of this and a little of that, and by her manner making it very plain that she ate the simple food only to be polite.



After the meal the friends had a long talk, or rather the Town Mouse talked about her life in the city while the Country Mouse listened. They then went to bed in a cozy nest in the hedgerow and slept in quiet and comfort until morning. In her sleep the Country Mouse dreamed she was a Town Mouse with all the luxuries and delights of city life that her friend had described for her. So the next day when the Town Mouse asked the Country Mouse to go home with her to the city, she gladly said yes.

When they reached the mansion in which the Town Mouse lived, they found on the table in the dining room the leavings of a very fine banquet. There were sweetmeats and jellies, pastries, delicious cheeses, indeed, the most tempting foods that a Mouse can imagine. But just as the Country Mouse was about to nibble a dainty bit of pastry, she heard a Cat mew loudly and scratch at the door. In great fear the Mice scurried to a hiding place, where they lay quite still for a long time, hardly daring to breathe. When at last they ventured back to the feast, the door opened suddenly and in came the servants to clear the table, followed by the House Dog.



The Country Mouse stopped in the Town Mouse's den only long enough to pick up her carpet bag and umbrella.

"You may have luxuries and dainties that I have not," she said as she hurried away, "but I prefer my plain food and simple life in the country with the peace and security that go with it."

Poverty with security is better than plenty in the midst of fear and uncertainty

Confirmation



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is for youth in grades 6-8. We study the Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Classes are taught by Pastor Derek & Youth Ministry Leader Alyssa McCoy, held on Sundays at 11:30 AM and are presently offering via Zoom. To join, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83283425052>

Date	Unit	Topic	Who Attends?
Sep. 13	41	Holy Week: Into Jerusalem, the Upper Room	Youth
Sep. 20	42	Confession & Forgiveness	Youth
Sep. 27	Service Project		



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





ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 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

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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 reedcan2@gmail.com; or Clark Canham, 408-605-3955, cfcam@pacbell.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 on an as needed basis. If you have a concern, comment or suggestion, please contact Pastor, Clark or Carol."

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

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 1st to 5th grade, two volunteers to instruct the kids with Bible stories, crafts and games.

Volunteers are also needed to teach the 6th through 8th 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: Church council is bicameral, functioning as two teams: Council A and Council B. Council A, led by Congregational President Nathan Sarkisian, addresses administrative components, including church finances, facilities and staff. Council B, led by Pastor Derek, addresses the ministry and mission of the Church, including worship, membership, education, service (within the church and beyond its walls), evangelism and outreach, and website and social media. Each council component meets bimonthly, sometimes jointly.

Contact: Nathan Sarkisian 408-591-4976 or 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

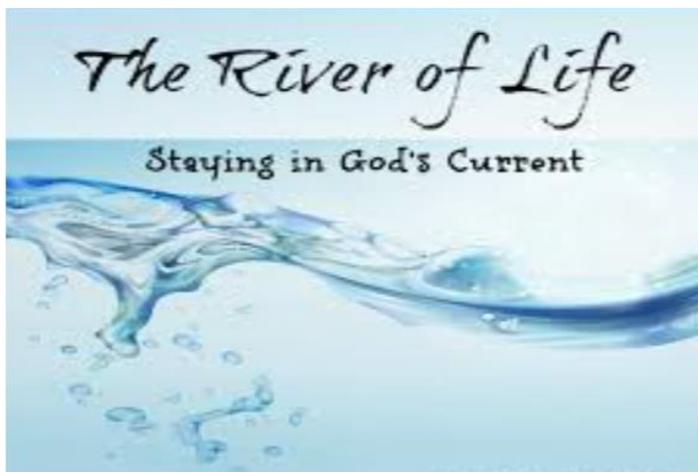


On The Horizon... (mark your calendars)

God's River of Life...

Pastor Derek teaches a Bible Study **each Wednesday morning** from 10:00 – 11:30. All are welcome to attend. We're currently meeting virtually, using Zoom. If you'd like to participate, click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830> We're presently aboard God's Ship *Grace* cruising down God's River of Life. 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. We're just entering into the New Testament, so it's the perfect time to hop on board. For more information, call or email Pastor Derek at pastord63@gmail.com or 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 1st 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 2nd 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.

Carol Flint
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 408-781-3168

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 408-857-8519

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. 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



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Coronavirus: I have put together hotline numbers and some websites that are useful and informative!

Coronavirus Hotline for Seniors - The hotline number is **1-833-544-2374**.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/gov-newsom-coronavirus-update-march-31/31983378>

Call **2-1-1** in 150 languages. 24/7

Text **211211** to receive texts on updates.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/news/Pages/covid-19-call-211.aspx>

Emotional Listening Support Contact 24/7 Helpline: **1-800-932-4616** (Toll Free)

<http://www.contacthelpline.org/emotional-listening-support>

Santa Clara County (SSC) Update on Coronavirus – www.sccphd.org/coronavirus.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

Covid-19 on CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of California hotline to deliver services & help for older Californians - **1-833-544-2374**.

CDC's corona virus household check list.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>

Pack your own groceries: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/spendingandborrowing/during-coronavirus-pandemic-youll-have-to-pack-your-own-groceries-if-you-have-a-reusable-bag/ar-BB11YLZ5?ocid=ientp>

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Data on social distancing scorecard in states and counties -

<https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard>

County of Santa Clara COVID-19 Data Dashboard -

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/dashboard.aspx>

Anyone interested in reporting a possible violation - Can email

pubhealthreferral@dao.sccgov.org or call 408-792-2300 to leave a voicemail.

**There may be a surge in mail-order prescriptions due to the shelter-in-place. Receiving the orders may take a little longer than usual. It may be helpful to place your critical medicine mail-orders, preferably a week ahead to avoid last-minute requests. Again, not hoarding implies that all other patients will receive their vital prescriptions on time!

Just for laughs – Let's all giggle and laugh for nothing at 10 am, 3 pm and 8 pm each day! And this website helps 😊 <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/> Here is a preview!

Laws of Computing



1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you'd least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human...to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, its downright natural.
7. He who laughs last, probably has a back-up.
8. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
9. A complex system that doesn't work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want it to do.

[Visit covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov)

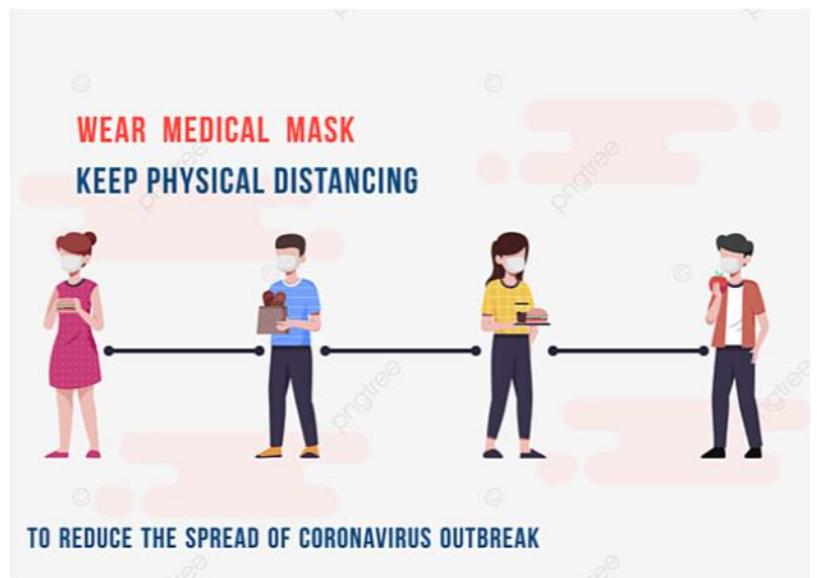
Click:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
to know what services are currently available.

We are all in this together!

God Bless and Stay Safe!

Vaskie Turner



A Word of Introduction by Anton Nel:

A man's heart plans his course, but Yahweh directs his steps. - Proverbs 16:9

This verse has become my favorite personal mantra. Would I have anticipated in December that a few months later I would be working at ILC? Could the world have predicated when thinking through our new year's resolutions, how our lives would forever be changed by COVID-19? Could I have anticipated touring the US as a music missionary for 7 months when I was 21 years old? So much that we plan for, sometimes turns out differently as God has a different plan for our lives. The unknown almost always is accompanied by fear. "Fear not!" is the most repeated command in the Bible. Even in this COVID season God wants us to hear His word of comfort, "Fear not!"



Being a musician, the psalmist David resonates with me. He puts his trust in God!

When I am afraid, I will trust in You.
 In God, whose word I praise, o
 In God I trust, I will not be afraid.
 What can mortal man do to me?

My thoughts can easily be filled up with stress. I only find peace to overcome the anxiety and fear I'm feeling when I'm "marinating" in scripture and offering prayers telling God how I am feeling. It's a daily challenge. Singing along to theologically strong worship music helps me create the language I am not always able to express. Many of those lyrics become my prayers.

I have enjoyed listening to our ILC Zoom conversations after our streaming services on Sunday & reading the daily newsletters. It speaks of a congregation that is relational and caring. Offering to take residents groceries warms my heart. My Mother turns 94 in early September and I have noticed her mental state deteriorate the past 3 months of lock down in South Africa. How I wish she was connected to a community like ILC! The past few weeks I have had conversation with a musician friend in South Africa and was saddened to hear that she never wanted to put her foot in another church as long as she lives. I was further surprised to hear that she was a worship leader for many years. She expressed that the only thing she misses was the sense of community she felt in a church. As much as I enjoy preparing music, playing piano (I feel His pleasure); I would hope that my life speaks loudest to non-Christians. Love is a universal language.

In this new season it feels as if we have an unframed picture. None of us knows the future, but I am reminded of a very old song that speaks to me about putting my trust in God, not to fear but be at peace:

Many things about tomorrow,
 I don't seem to understand
 But I know who holds tomorrow
 And I know who holds my hand
 - Music and Lyrics by Ira Stanphill (1950)

Let's continue to meditate and prepare our plans with utmost solicitude, but it rests with God whether He will carry them to completion or not, and whether, if they are to be accomplished, it be done with ease or with painful labor.

ILC Trust Fund Scholarship Recipient

The ILC trust fund board is pleased to announce that Cameron Mautino will be the recipient of the Richard Johnson STEM Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000.

Cameron is currently pursuing undergraduate classes at West Valley College. After completing his studies at West Valley, he plans to move to a four-year university to do field-specific studies and later continue his education through internship and obtaining a master's degree. His interests include the science of genes, as well as nanotechnology and neuroscience.

Please join us in congratulating Cameron on this scholarship!

Warmest regards,

The ILC Trust Fund Board

CONGRATULATIONS
CAMERON !



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Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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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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