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# The Messenger

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of  
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga

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is  
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of Saratoga

## Coming Events

December 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzaW03Umx4UT09> (1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month: Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6)

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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](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com)) or call (408-499-4866) Pastor Derek to confirm.

**\*\*\*Celebration of Life\*– Dec 12 (Pg. 14)**

**\*\*\*Christmas Eve Outdoor Service\*– Dec 24 (Pg. 14)**

God's River of Life is accessible by Zoom here-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83250020639>

**"Covid Coach"– A useful App for self-care and mental health- Pg. 20**

\*\*\*Pl sign up for Altar Guild\*\*\*

Shelter Meals Schedule: Sign up to cook or serve

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## *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 can also access weekly services directly on YouTube by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPyeEHJ9h9cmNxPpnL-m-vw> You are also invited to join us for a time of live online fellowship in our post-service Zoom gathering, which begins around 9:30. Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81019722507?pwd=bC85VXMxZ0ViSWZpaFlxWmsvRoU4UT09> Meeting ID: 810 1972 2507; Passcode: 760944

**Sunday School for Children/Youth Sunday School for Children/Youth** is held each Sunday beginning at 10:30 via Zoom. Please contact Mitzie, Alyssa or Nola for more information.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** (10:00 – 11:30) is LIVE via Zoom. All are welcome. Click here to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83250020639>

**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://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNlQTo9>

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** also continues to meet virtually LIVE via Zoom at 8:00 AM the first Saturday of each month. You cook your own breakfast, but enjoy the best company of your brothers in Christ. There's room for you at the table. Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYlM1MFZHVUxNNoxzaW03Umx4UT09>

**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 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.

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given a command in this dream. And it is within his power to be obedient to it or to reject it outright. Of course, we're not surprised that Joseph, being a righteous man, follows through with what had been asked of him: He does call the name of the One born to Mary *Jesus*. And so, His name would match His mission: *salvation* is His name, and that is what He will accomplish.

God is intent on bringing good into the world. After completing His creative work, He deemed it all *very good*. And when sin entered the picture and tarnished His creation, God would again bring about His good, setting out to redeem all that had gone wrong and to heal all that had been broken. This is the nature of God, the character of God, and God will not stop until all of His good intentions have been completed.

We can hold on to the hope that God is still at work in our lives and in our world today, and that God will indeed fulfill His good purposes. As we move forward into the days of vaccination in the fight against COVID-19, God's work is being done. The killer virus will itself be put to rest, and God will bring about restoration. These days of deep darkness will give way to God's own brilliant light.

In the meantime, we do not sit by passively; rather, we commit ourselves to stand firm in our faith and to hold fast to our convictions. Neither virus nor government has closed our churches or quenched our spirits. The doors of God's Church have never been closed and will never be close. For indeed, Jesus promised that the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it. But, in fact, what we have seen in these days is an amazing opening of God's Church, as we have expanded our ministry beyond our church walls into an online space. Members who have moved away can still be with us, as we worship together as holy community. And geographical proximity is no longer necessary to be part of our fellowship. God's Word is not being silenced – far from it. And we can be grateful for church innovation and for these positive changes in the midst of challenging times.

Had he been given the choice, Joseph would not have opted for his betrothed to be with child. But when that was a *fait accompli*, Joseph stepped up to do what was right.

And so: As the days unfold before us, in a mixture of joy and sorrow, of our own choosing and otherwise, let us keep the faith, holy and inviolable, and let us hold fast to the promise of our gracious heavenly Father, who continues to work all things out for the good of His beloved children.

Grateful for you, and Serving with Joy,

Pastor Derek J Engfelt

### Daniel 2:21-22

He changes times and seasons;  
he removes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what is in the darkness,  
and light dwells with him.

## 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.

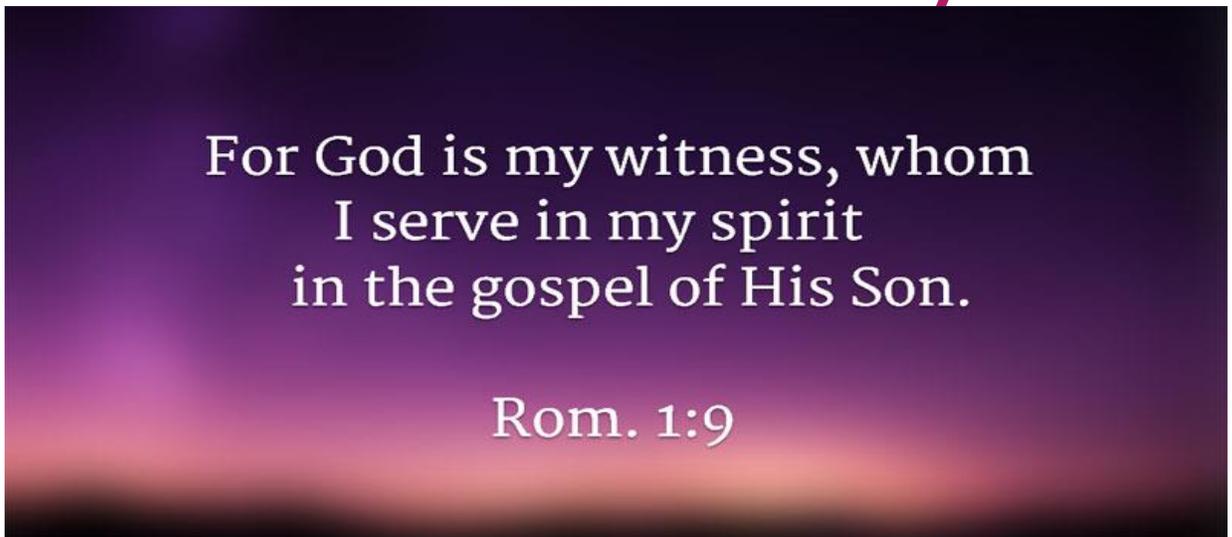
**Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of "passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."**

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



## THE MESSENGER

# 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](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



Birth of Jesus

About seven hundred years before Christ, a prophecy concerning Jesus' birth was recorded in the Old Testament. Isaiah 7:14 says:

“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and will bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel.”

The New Testament opens with the account of Jesus' birth. In the first chapter of Matthew, verse 18 tells us how the virgin birth prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 was fulfilled:

“Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.”

Note 1 on this verse in the New Testament Recovery Version speaks of the profound meaning of Mary being with child of the Holy Spirit:

“Although Christ was born of Mary (v. 16), He was a child of the Holy Spirit. The birth of Christ was directly of the Holy Spirit (v. 20). His source was the Holy Spirit and His element was divine. Through the virgin Mary He put on flesh and blood, the human nature, taking the likeness of the flesh (Rom. 8:3), the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7).”

Though Jesus was born as a child with flesh and blood, His source was the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20 tells us more about Jesus' origin:

“But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

Note 1 on this verse explains:

“God was first born into Mary through His Spirit; after the conception was completed, He, with the human nature, was born to be a God-man, possessing both divinity and humanity. This is the origin of Christ.”

These two verses, Matthew 1:18 and 20, show us that the birth of Jesus Christ was by no means the ordinary birth of an ordinary man; it was the extraordinary incarnation of God Himself. The birth of Jesus was the birth of a God-man, a wonderful Person who was both divine and human.



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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

ICL 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](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



If you would like to make an E-Donation to ILC, then either download the Givelify App on your smartphone, or go online to <http://ilcsaratoga.org/give>. Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone, tablet or PC. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.



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**<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1744019> and support ILC every time you shop.**



***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](mailto:reedcan2@gmail.com); or Clark Canham, 408-605-3955, [cfcam@pacbell.net](mailto: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 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](mailto: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

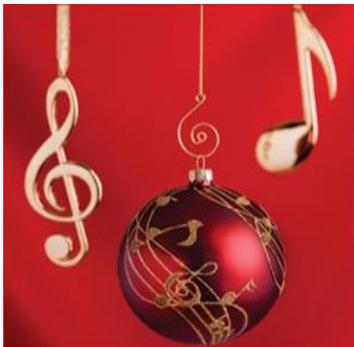


## Christmas Buffet Decorating



## Christmas Concert

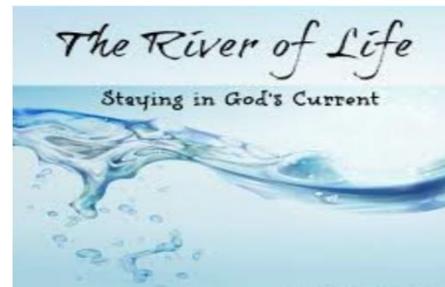
## Children's Christmas Play



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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83250020639> 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've made our way into the New Testament. For more information, call or email Pastor Derek at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com) or 408-499-4866.



## Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship

Because of COVID restrictions and our firm intention to do our best to ensure the health and safety of all, we'll be offering outdoor services this year for Christmas Eve. Because each 30-minute service will be held outdoors, we urge you to bundle up (and to pray for favorable weather). The glorious Christmas gospel will be read and a message of joy and encouragement will be shared. Bells will be ring and carols will be played, all in a beautifully adorned setting on a most holy night. Each service will conclude with candlelight, distanced procession, as we make our way into the sanctuary and approach the holy nativity, all to the worshipful tune of Silent Night.

Please join us at one of our evening services. Registration required. You can do so by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-celebration-tickets-130817959037>. Services will be held at 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

## Celebration of Light

Join the City of Saratoga and the Saratoga Ministerial Association to build community and celebrate the diversity of Saratoga with light – a symbol of hope, joy, and faith across cultures. This year's event will be held virtually at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12.

### Join the event virtually using Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82070372881?pwd=dWtpUFUrNDI0YWtmZ3dCS0xSUXI5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 7037 2881

Passcode: 863964

Dial in by location:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)



## Car problems? Don't want to leave your home?

Contact Jim & Vaskie Turner who have had a good experience with a company that provides pickup service from your home during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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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



## 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](http://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>

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](mailto:pubhealthreferral@dao.sccgov.org) or call 408-792-2300 to leave a voicemail.

For more info, please go to the following websites.

1. <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
2. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>
3. <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>
4. <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

\*\*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 – This website helps 😊 <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/> Here is a preview!

**Gift!** 🎸

**T**hanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."

The End!

**"Covid Coach" for self-care and mental health:** App found in Google Play in Android phone, and Apple Store in iPhone or iPad <https://mobile.va.gov/app/covid-coach>

We are all in this together!

God Bless and Stay Safe!

Vaskie Turner



# Jesse Tree Giving

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR 8 - 12 YEAR-OLDS

Because of the age differences between 8 and 12-year-olds, items listed below try to cover the age span. Gifts should be in the \$10.00 to \$25.00 range & NOT WRAPPED.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR EITHER BOYS OR GIRLS:

Games:

Miscellaneous:

- |                   |                         |                              |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| “Battleships”     | Books                   | Electronic Games-Age approp. |
| “Sorry”           | Art Supplies:           | Sweatshirts (NO Red Or Blue) |
| “Monopoly”        | Colored Markets &       | Music CD's                   |
| “Boggle”          | Drawing Pad             | Computer Games               |
| “Chinese Checkers | Charcoal Pens           | Watches                      |
| “Stra-tego”       | Art Set w. Watercolors/ | Ear Buds (Target)            |
| “Yahtzee”         | Oils/Pastels            | P.J.'s                       |
| “Thin Ice”        | Walkman Radios          | Back Packs (NO Red or Blue)  |
|                   | Jigsaw Puzzles          | Gift Cards                   |

BOYS:

- Hot Wheels
- Nerf Toys
- Lego Kits
- Balls: Basketballs/Soccer
- Red Playground Balls
- Indoor Basketball Hoop
- Baseball Mitts & Bats
- LED Flashlights
- Star Wars stuff
- Harry Potter Stuff
- Transformers
- Tee-Shirts – Sports Motifs)
- Science Kits
- Skate Board Accessories
- Bicycle Accessories
- “Ultra Storage Rocket Set”
- “Off Bits Vehicles”
- Tickets of Mineature Golf
- Science Explorer Kits
- Mini Robotic Items
- Mechanized Toys, Cars, etc.
- Your Choice

GIRLS:

- Barbie Dolls
- Shopkins
- LOL Dolls
- Lewelry Kits – Age Appropriate
- Cosmetic Sets – Age Approp.
- Coloring Books – Age. Approp.
- Manicure Sets
- Nail Polish Kits
- Sweater- Size 8 to Jr. No Red/B
- Super Soft Blankets
- Gloves
- Nice Tee Shirts
- Hair Decorations
- Stuffed Animals
- Craft Supplies
- Scrapbooks
- “Crystral Grow Hedgehog”
- “Lil Glee ???
- “Ardor Bite Furry”

Suggested Stores: Target, Michael's, Kohls, Walmart

1. Do not wrap gifts, but place age tag on it. Parents will wrap.
2. If you include a Gift Certificate, Please note on package so Committee can list it.
3. If you would like to include a Christmas card with a personal note, this would be welcome.

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE & 40 KIDS!!!



Stuff animals for this year’s Jesse Tree Giving!

## 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.

This is fun for the whole family, and we're planning to venture out on the first and fourth Saturdays of October. These will be "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends! And please come with a mask (necessary when others pass on the trail).

**December 12: Villa Montalvo Lookout Point:** An out-and-back moderate hike with just one (extended) hill. Approximately 5 miles.

**Getting There:** From the church, head southwest on Saratoga Ave. toward Big Basin for 0.5 miles. Turn left on Los Gatos – Saratoga Rd. In 0.4 miles, turn right on Montalvo Rd. Park as soon as it is safe to do so, on Montalvo Rd.

**December 26: Santa Teresa Park: Moderate Hike of 5.2 miles.**

**Getting There:** From the church, make your way to Hwy 85 SOUTH. Exit Almaden Expressway. Head south and continue on Almaden Expressway for about 5 miles (until it T's at Harry Road). Turn LEFT. Proceed about a 1/3 mile and park on your right. Camden Ave. will be on your left. Trail head is on the south side of the road.

**Time: For each of these hikes, plan to arrive by 8:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 9:00 and plan to return to our cars by 11:00.**

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.

# THE MESSENGER

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### Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service 10:45 a.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 our Contemporary Worship Team. 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

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