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The Messenger

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

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

Coming Events

February 6: Men's Breakfast, normally held @ Effies 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=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzZW03Umx4UT09> (1st Sat of the Month: Mar 6, Apr 3, May)

Special Note – Page 2

NOTE: At this time, all scheduled newsletter events will take place online (except where specified). 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.

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Ash Wednesday Feb 17, posted online service at 7 pm

Lent Gatherings Wednesday (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24), <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86783515550> Meeting ID: 867 8351 5550 One tap mobile +16699009128,,86783515550# US (San Jose) Pg. 17

God's River of Life is accessible by Zoom here- Pg. 17

<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**



Special Note!

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/UCXPyEHJ9h9cmNxPpnL-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 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! Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNIQT09>

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=VFfBYlM1MFZHVUxNNoxzaWo3Umx4UT09>

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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Much to my delight, along with the brightness of this new day I also heard the sounds of glorious honking. These did not come from Saratoga Avenue out in front of the church, but from high above on the rooftop, where our friends the geese had once again returned. They also made their way into the majestic Stone Pine, to survey the status of last year's nest and

to assess what needs to be done to prepare it for this year's roost. It appears we will again have on our Immanuel campus this special sign of hope. May it remind us all of God's faithful presence in our midst and of the new life that continues to burst forth, as God's Word is unleashed to do its work.

Please join us online each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for service offerings. You can access them, as well as all Daily Bread devotions, on our church website by clicking here: <https://ilcsaratoga.org/special.php>

You can also access services on our YouTube channel by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPyEHJ9h9cmNxPpnL-m-vw> We will post our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM on February 17. In addition, our next outdoor service is scheduled for Valentine's day,

February 14, at 10:00. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. (And if you do, please register in advance.)

It has been a long haul, to be sure. But before we know it, this pandemic will be in our rearview mirror. Continue to stay the course and remain vigilant. Wear your mask and keep your distance from others outside your household. Doing so not only protects and preserves your own health, it's important for the health of all in our community. Moreover, your actions bear witness to the love and concern of Christ in our midst.

May God have mercy on us all, bring an end to this scourge, and bless us soon with safe, face-to-face, personal interaction.

Serving with Joy,

Pastor Derek 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!

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

Rom. 1:9

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

The Bird and the Map



The sun had set down. Lahum was enjoying the chirping of the birds. He had forgotten that it was dinner time and that he would need to walk through the forest since the pathway would have been flooded with water by now. He heard a new chirping, one he had not heard. But whenever he tried to focus, the chirp would subside. He named the bird – shush.

Rain started, the boy woke up – it was not heaven, it was still earth. He had to reach his home. Pitch dark silence only to be disturbed by random howls and thunder did not help him. He knew staying on the mountain side would be dangerous. He took a quick prayer and carefully treaded back through the forest.

Sun-shine, he had made it. He wondered why his mother did not enquire about his late night arrival. He had to travel by the morning train to Janlau to hand over the old lock keys to the captain. He was not particularly interested with the journey because he has travelled to Janlau countless times and the only scenery he liked was the seemingly infinite river. Having crossed the river so many times, he was not thrilled any more.

As he observed the river, he saw a small bamboo raft flowing by. He didn't think twice and jumped in so that he can reach across and deliver the key. He underestimated the currents and was quickly drawn into the deep waters. He did not know the path taken by the river, so he was terrified. But he did know the river finally broke into tributaries near his home town. It started raining. He was both happy and afraid. He kept the key safe with him and paddled along the river enjoying the never seen forest on both sides. He paddled swiftly near rocks and slowly when the flow was smooth.

Rain stopped, he woke up and he realized, he was still safe. He looked around. The raft was resting at the shore and there is nothing but a cave. He heard the strange voice he had heard, that of shush from the cave. He quickly went in to see the bird. There it was and it was beautiful. It was sitting on top of a box. As his gaze fell on the box, the bird chirped once more and flew away. He was confused what to do. But as the future remained uncertain anyway, he decided to try opening the box with the key. And it opened. The box contained a few old maps and a few gold coins. He was elated and wanted to tell it to everybody about his discovery. Since he could not find anybody, he just thanked God and returned to the raft. He rowed aimlessly but happily. It was evening. The sun was about to set. And he was not sure whether he could reach back home.

He rowed and rowed and finally saw the night lights far away. He could see the distinct red lights. He reached home. He jumped around to tell the whole story. He gave the gold coins and safely tucked away the maps. He went to sleep thinking about the adventure

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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 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; 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

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LADIES RETREAT



Habitat for Humanity



Summer Concerts In the Park



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Christmas Buffet Decorating



Christmas Concert

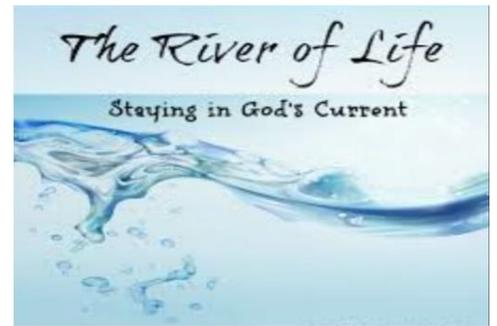
Children's Christmas Play



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/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 or 408-499-4866.



Midweek Lenten Zoom Gatherings...

On the five Wednesdays that follow Ash Wednesday (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24), we'll gather virtually via Zoom for worship, study and conversation. We'll be using a resource from Pastor Max Lucado called *Jesus – the God Who Knows Your Name*.

As Pastor Lucado reveals in this video Bible study, "Because Jesus became human, it is now possible for us to see God and hear his voice. If we want to know what matters to God, all we need to do is look in the Bible to see what matters to Jesus. If we want to know what God is doing in our world, we need only ponder the words of Jesus. By learning more about the person Jesus was and is, we come to understand more clearly the people we were created to be."

We'll explore several characteristics of Jesus. We'll contemplate His incarnation – that He is God with us. We'll see Him as the friend of sinners, the compassionate physician, the great teacher, a miracle worker and our victorious sacrifice.

We gather each Wednesday at 7:00 and conclude by 7:45 PM. Plan to join us, and invite someone else to attend with you. Click here to join the meeting each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86783515550>

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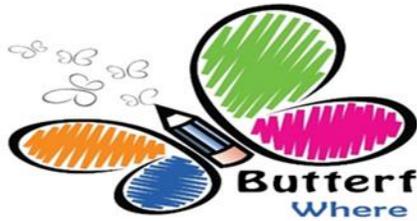
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Youth Handbell Choir

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.

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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>

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.

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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!



"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "It's a bet! Let's see what you got."

Morris reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."

"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



Worship Status

Our intention is to continue recording and posting online services. In addition, we will be gathering again outdoors twice in February, on the 14th & 28th, at 10:00 AM in the church courtyard (weather permitting). The present plan is to continue to meet outdoors every other week. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these safe, masked-and-distanced gatherings. If you plan to attend, please register your attendance in advance via Eventbrite. Link will be made available in the Daily Communique. If you're not receiving these and would like to, please contact Pastor Derek at pastord63@gmail.com or Jack Moorman at jack.moorman@gmail.com

The Hills Are Alive... with ILC Hikers!

Have you heard about our hiking group? We explore part of the wonderful nature that surrounds our neighborhoods. It's fun for the whole family, as these are "no one left behind" hikes and friends are welcome. Please plan to join us, and come with a mask (necessary when others pass on the trail).

Feb. 27: 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.

Time: 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 or calling 408-499-4866.

Vaccinations...

GOT YOUR SHOT? If you're over 75, you are now eligible to receive your vaccination shots for COVID-19. If you're having trouble making your appointment and need assistance, please let us know. We have people standing by, ready to help.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is, February 17, and with it comes the beginning of the season of Lent – forty days (not including Sundays), leading up to Easter. Our service this evening is somber, as we remember that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return." We will also share virtually in the rite of the imposition of ashes as well as in the Sacrament of our Lord, as we are reminded that His body and His blood were poured out, for us. The service will be posted online, beginning at 7:00 PM. You're invited to prepare in advance your own ashes (mixed with olive oil) and bread and wine (or grape juice) for Holy Communion, as these practices will be incorporated into the service.

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Trust Fund Scholarship Application Guidelines

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Trust Fund Scholarship Awards. Each year Immanuel Lutheran Church (ILC) awards scholarships to members of the congregation who are seeking to achieve degrees from institutions of higher learning. Membership requirements for those applying for the Shonk Scholarship at Saratoga High School do not apply.

For this coming year the following scholarships are available:

1. Shonk Memorial Scholarship, also available to a Saratoga High School Graduate
2. Joseph W. Doherty Memorial Business Scholarship
3. Amundson/Geri Memorial Scholarship
4. Lutheran School Scholarship/ILC Trust Fund Scholarship
5. Richard Johnson Memorial STEM Scholarship

Each Scholarship will be a single award. To be considered for an award, the applicant must submit a written application by Sunday, **MAY 2, 2021** to be emailed to:

anna.popovici@gmail.com

One application can be submitted for all of the scholarships if the individual qualifies for that scholarship. For the Doherty Scholarship, the student's area of study must include either Business Management, Teaching, Audio, Lutheran Theological Education or Visual Arts. For the Johnson Scholarship, the student's area of study must include STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Your applications for the scholarship must include the following:

- A written summary of ILC, school and community involvement during the past four years.
- A written summary of projected educational goals and career plans.
- Transcript of grades to indicate scholarship ability. Also indicate schools applied to and/or Letters of Acceptance.
- A written summary of financial need including expected tuition and living expenses.
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member, teacher or individual that you have had association with for a number of years. ILC staff members are not eligible.
- A listing of other scholarships applied for or received to date, and any other financial aid that you may receive.

Applications should not be voluminous and each written statement need not be longer than one typewritten page. The review committee is looking for quality and not quantity and our goal is to make the application process a pleasure and not a chore.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ILC ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, May 2, 2021, TO BE CONSIDERED**

General comments regarding the Tuition-only Scholarships and Award Process:

- A committee established by the ILC Trust Fund Board of Trustees shall administer the selection process for awards.
- The award(s) shall be presented at ILC during a service to be determined, but tentatively during the month of July.
- There are no restrictions on age, religion or race.
- Applicants should be planning on or attending a college or a technical school of higher learning.
- Due to the large number of applicants for scholarships, only one scholarship will be awarded per family.
- If the Scholarship Selection Committee determines that no applicant meets the minimum requirement for a scholarship, then no award shall be given.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee may request applicants to attend a scholarship interview with committee members.
- **If selected for an award, it is the student's responsibility to arrange for the school to provide to the ILC Trust fund proof of enrollment and an address where the funds are to be sent before payment can be made.**
- The Trust Fund Board of Trustees reserves the right to make final selection for each of the awards. The awards will be based upon the written application statements, specific and general guidelines established over the years, and each student's scholarship, financial need, and church, school and community involvement. All of these factors shall be considered in making the awards.

Please review the above information regarding our Trust Fund Scholarship Program. We look forward to all students who are eligible to submit applications by MAY 2, 2021. If the tuition funds need to be processed before the June Awards Ceremony please notify the Trust Fund Treasurer, Bill Burk.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Anna Popovici at mobile 650-854-8051 or the church office at 408-867-0822. Thank you very much.

*Matt: 1:23 – " and his name shall be called **Immanuel, which means God is with us.**"*

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