



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Saratoga

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**Coming Events**

**April 3: Men's Breakfast**, normally held @ Effies in Campbell, meets this month via Zoom. Please join us at 8:00 AM by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzZW03Umh4UT09> (1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month:, May 1, Jun 5, July 3 )

**Holy Week: Registration information is on Pg 14**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 7.00 pm, with communion**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday – 7.00 pm**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday (9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Outdoor Services)**

**Vaccination Support – Pg 23**

**God's River of Life is accessible by Zoom here- Pg. 14**

**"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



# THE MESSENGER

## *Special Note*

**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 are posted online** by 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. You can “tune in” at the time to watch the service via LiveStream. 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 10:00.

Click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81019722507?pwd=bC85VXMxZ0ViSWZpaFlxWmsvRoU4UT09>

Meeting ID: 810 1972 2507; Passcode: 760944

**Sunday School for Children** is held each Sunday beginning at 10:30 via Zoom. Please contact Mitzie 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=VFIBYlM1MFZHVUxNNoxzaW03Umx4UT09>

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### **From our webmaster/videographer, Aart Bik:**

Dear brothers and sisters, beginning April 11, we will begin offering weekly in-person services again! This also means we will stop pre-recording the Sunday services as the Pastor, the musical team, and I look back to a very special year together adapting to the sheltering-in-place time. However, the good news is that the on-line ministry will continue! Starting April 11, we will begin livestreaming our Sunday services directly to YouTube for those that can't attend in-person. If you want to watch real-time, the easiest way is to go to the new ILC livestream webpage (<https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php>) where you will find the next scheduled livestream. A few minutes before the service, simply click "play" and you will see a countdown timer and the video will play as soon as our livestream starts. Alternatively, you can go directly to the ILC YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPyEHJ9h9cmNxPpnL-m-vw/live>) and play from there. Please make sure to subscribe to the ILC channel to get notified about new videos and livestreams (and reaching 100 subscribers will give our channel some extra perks back in return). During the service, there will also be a live chat feature so you can converse with others in real-time about the service. If you missed the real-time livestream, no worries, the recording will remain available on our channel afterwards (but slightly less polished than you have gotten used to in the past year). If you have any questions on the livestream or need help connecting, please reach out to me directly ([aartbik@gmail.com](mailto:aartbik@gmail.com)). Also, please be patient while we adapt to this new way of broadcasting. Configuring all parameters of our new IP camera for optimal viewing will take a learning curve. Looking forward to seeing you online!



## THE MESSENGER

What we see in Jesus – our rescue from sin and our release from its clutches – so we feel unfolding before us in our world today: We'll soon be set free to move about, travel freely, and engage with one another in more human interactions.

And in our congregational life, we're moving forward and progressing into exciting ministry and mission. A new video camera has been purchased and installed and will we soon LiveStream our morning service, that others may join us in our worship. This is nothing less than the blessed communion of saints, unseparated by distance, coming together to lift our voices in praise as one, and to join hands in our labor of love for our Lord. Our Church without Walls is coming to fruition!

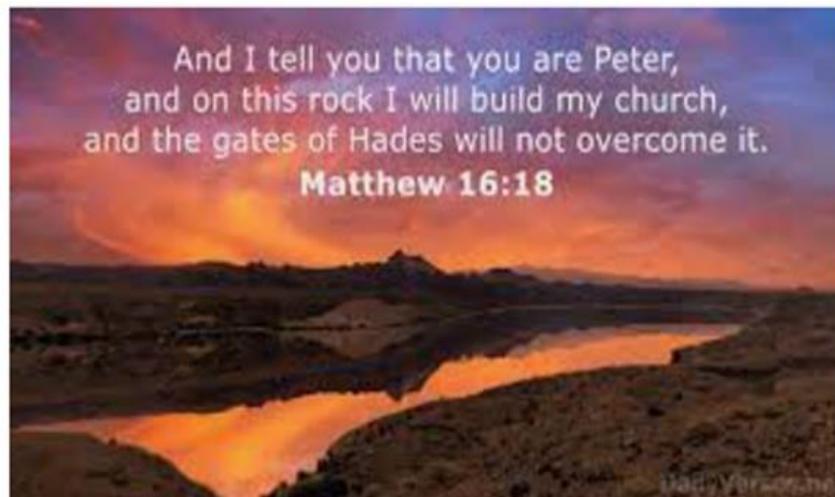
Jesus promised to build His Church – and we can have confidence that He will continue to do just that. What a privilege it is to participate in His mission. Not even the gates of hell will be able to hinder the work of God's people, as we courageously move forward together, to love our neighbor and to attend to those in need.

May the Lord open our eyes to His mighty work in our midst! And may God grant us wisdom and strength as we move forward in these days to carry our His purposes in the world.

Thank you for your involvement in the work of our Lord. Thank you for reaching out to your brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for partnering with me in this mission, as together we move forward into the future God is preparing for us, to the praise of His glory!

Serving with you in joy,

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.

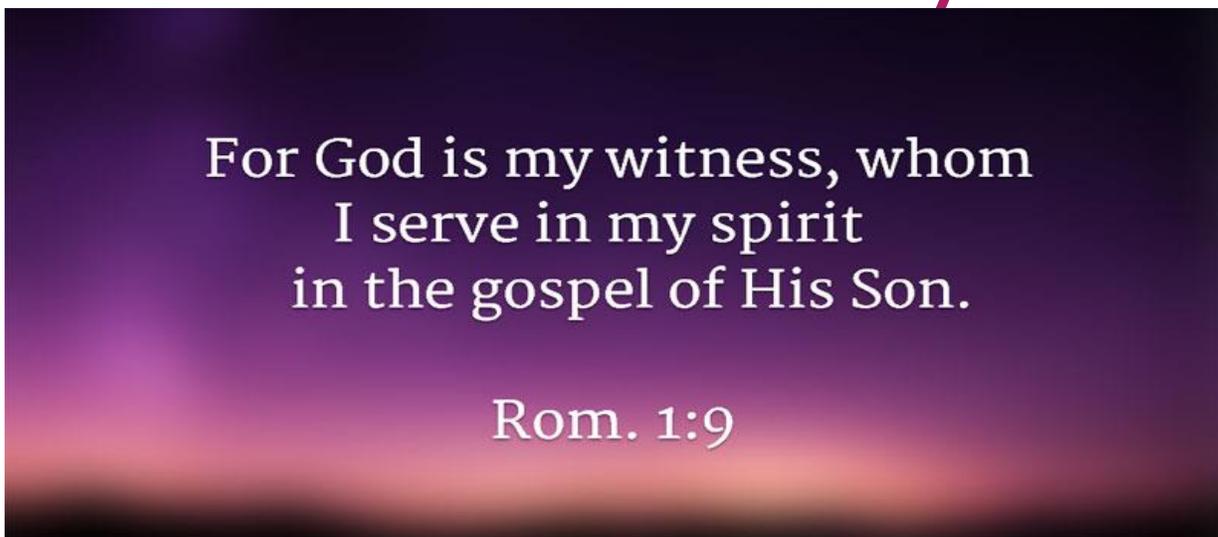
**Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of "passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."**

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



## 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

### For the very First time



**S**he sat there, pensively taking in her new surroundings. Never before had she experienced such a place. It was immense and so bright that she could barely keep her eyes open! She stood, taking in all the brand new sensations; the smells, the warmth, the tropical breeze blowing softly through her fine blonde hair. The sounds seemed to come from everywhere! What lay ahead before her was breathtakingly beautiful and never-ending. She could easily walk to it as nothing stood in her path. But it was so vast! What was this place, she thought?

After a short pause, she cautiously ventured forward to this immense view. It sparkled invitingly and seemed to move ever so slightly. Then nervously, she hesitated and pondered whether she should forge ahead or return to where she once stood. This was an adventure she wasn't sure she wanted to undertake . . . alone.

While mulling it over, something else caught her attention. It was up above, toward the light! As she squinted from the bright sunlight, she watched in amazement as shadows of creatures swooped and soared overhead with ease. She had no idea as to what they were, or what they were doing, but they appeared to be having fun!

Suddenly, she heard a voice! A familiar voice! He was calling her name! She stood motionless as a man emerged from behind her, laughing. He asked if she was having fun, and she looked at him rather puzzled. She then realized that not only was this place new and exciting, it was meant to be FUN! The man walked over, took her hand in his and said, "Come with Daddy, and we'll take a little walk."

As they strolled toward the shore, the ground beneath her felt very wet. Before she knew it, her toes were poking into what her daddy called "sand" and that the place filled with sand was called the "beach". As waves gently tickled her feet, she slowly ventured into the water holding her daddy's hand. He explained that the water was called the "ocean". She splashed gleefully in the ocean's warm waves that receded onto the beach. Yes, she thought, this is FUN!

As they walked back toward the beach, she looked up and watched as the creatures continued to circle above. He laughed again and explained to her that they were called "seagulls" and would she like to feed them before they went home. She giggled softly, and with her blue eyes beaming, she fed the creatures pieces of bread and watched as they ate every last bit. What FUN!

As she rode home, she drifted off to sleep and dreamed of this wonderful place to have FUN! A place called the "beach" that was made of "sand"; water was the "ocean", and the creatures were "seagulls". Oh, how she looked forward to visiting this FUN place again and again.

And when this little girl is all grown up and has a child of her own, her daddy will take great delight in sharing with his grandchild the story of his daughter's first visit to Dunedin Beach.



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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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***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



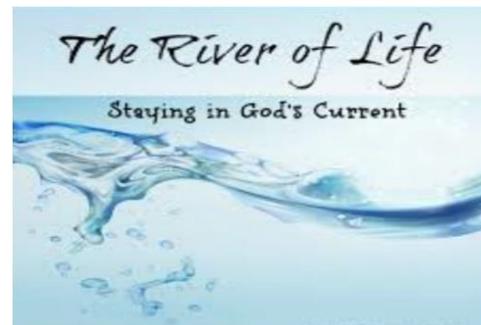
## Children's Christmas Play



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



## Holy Week

**April 1: Maundy Thursday** (7:00 PM, with communion)

This is the night of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples in the Upper Room. Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, institutes the Sacrament of Holy Communion and gives them the command to love each other as He had loved them.

**April 2: Good Friday** (7:00 PM)

This is the night to be in awe of what Jesus did for us all on the Cross of Calvary. We call it "good" because it was there that Jesus offered up His life in sacrifice for our sins.

**April 4: Easter Sunday** (9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 Outdoor Services)

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We call this day (and every Sunday) the "Lord's Day," and this is the reason Christians celebrate the Sabbath on the first day of the week.

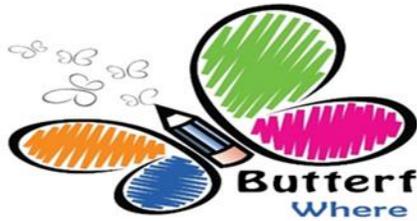
**Register to attend Easter services TODAY!** Bring your family and invite your friends!

9:00 AM Worship: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/900-am-outdoor-easter-sunday-service-tickets-148634047437>

10:00 AM Worship: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1000-am-outdoor-easter-sunday-service-tickets-148636579009>

11:00 AM Worship: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1100-am-outdoor-easter-sunday-service-tickets-148637688327>

We'll meet in the church courtyard, adequately spaced by households. We're asking everyone who would like to attend to register their planned attendance via Eventbrite. (See links at the top of this email.) All attendees should come masked. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you. The Order of Service is very much like what you've seen posted online for our Sunday services for the past twelve months, abbreviated (**to about 30 minutes**).



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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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 408-781-3168

Elisabeth Pintar  
[elisabethpintar@yahoo.com](mailto:elisabethpintar@yahoo.com)  
 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](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!

### No break for Firemen

 A fire started in the grasslands close to a farm. The county fire department rushed to the scene, but the fire was more than they could handle. Someone suggested calling the volunteer fire department. Despite some doubt that they would be of any assistance, they were called.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firefighters jumped from the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire and leaving two parts which were easily put out.

As the farmer watched all this, he was impressed and grateful that his house and farm had been spared. He quickly got his check book and donated \$1000 to the volunteer fire department.

A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain how they planned to use the funds.

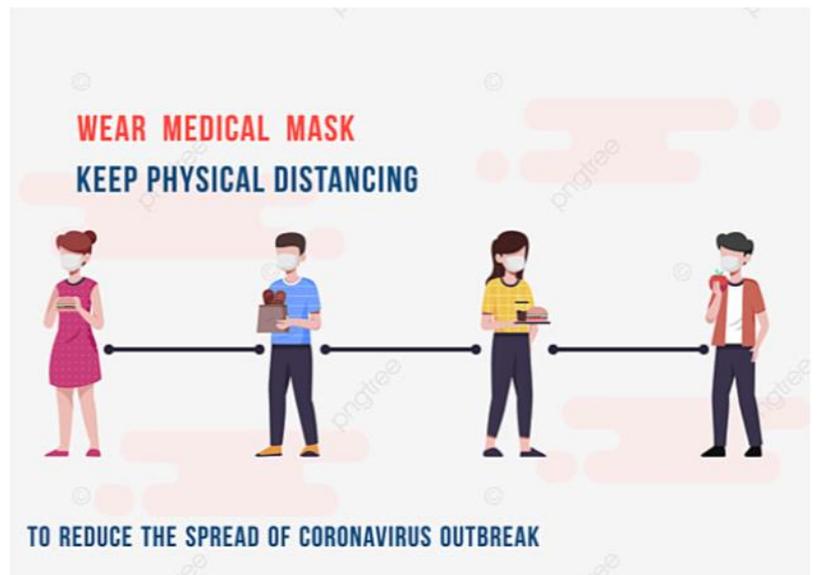
The captain replied, "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes on our fire truck fixed!"

**"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

Beginning April 11, we will begin offering three worship opportunities: Weekly **in-person services** – a 9:00 traditional service (30 minutes) that will meet **indoors** and a 10:30 contemporary service (45 minutes) that will meet **outside**. The third option is to view the service online at 9:00 AM, via LiveStream. The service will also be available for later viewing. Check our website for more information. <https://ilcsaratoga.org/special.php>

### **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).

#### **April 10: Calero County Park: Main Entrance 23205 McKean Rd., San Jose, CA 95120**

**Getting There:** Heading south on Highway 85, exit Almaden Expressway. Head south and continue on Almaden Expressway for about 5 miles (until it T's at Harry Road). Turn RIGHT. Then, in about 100 yards, turn LEFT on McKean Rd. Go 4.8 miles, and make a sharp right turn into the park. There's plenty of free parking available.

**Time:** 9:00 AM

#### **April 24: Quarry Park, 22000 Congress Springs Rd, Saratoga, CA 95070**

**Getting There:** From the church, turn right, heading southwest toward the Village of Saratoga. Saratoga Road becomes Big Basin at the light. Continue straight, through the Village of Saratoga. You will pass Hakone Gardens on your left. Entrance to the park will be on your left, about 1/2 mile down the road (1.6 miles from church). **Beware of oncoming traffic**, as you turn left to get into parking lot.

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**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.** April 10 is a loop. April 24 is out-and-back. Both have some hills, with nice views.

Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. In case of inclement weather, I'll send a cancellation note to all who RSVP by 9:00 PM the evening before. Dress in layers, bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable and sturdy shoes/boots. You can RSVP by emailing me at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com) or calling 408-499-4866.

### 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.**”*

## Vaccinations...

**GOT YOUR SHOT?** If you’re over 50, you are now eligible to receive your vaccination shots for COVID-19. The latest updates on vaccine eligibility and how to schedule an appointment are available on the County’s website at [sccfreevax.org](http://sccfreevax.org). In addition, residents without internet access or who need additional assistance can make appointments for the County Health System vaccine sites through the Valley Connection Call Center at 408-970-2000. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages. If you have trouble making your appointment and need assistance, please let Pastor Derek know. We have people standing by ready to help.

## 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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### 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

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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