



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

## Coming Events

Nov 6: Men's Breakfast @ Effie's in Campbell. For those who cannot attend in person, you may join us via Zoom by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzZW03UmMx4UT09> (1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month: Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5)

Nov 20: Women's Breakfast

**\*\*Community Thanksgiving Service–November 25, 2021 @ 10 am online via Zoom**

Worship Status – Pg. 11  
\*Traditional – 9.00 AM \*Contemporary Service - 10.45 AM  
Online Service - <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php> (Live stream)

**New Bible Study: Integrity: Living the Truth in-person & via zoon @10 AM**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83250020639>

**\*\*Katya Grineva Piano Concert: November 14, 4:00 PM**

Vaccination and Booster shots Information, including children on Pg. 19

**"Volunteer to Serve on Sundays!"**

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

\*Pl sign up for Livestreaming/camera setup and support during Sunday service\*\*\*

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

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where we will experience a grand reunion. What joy will be ours that day! When all God's family will be together to celebrate the goodness of God. When all the longings and yearnings of our hearts will be fulfilled. When we will enjoy perfect peace, united together in God's presence.

On the first Sunday of November, we will also welcome several new members into our faith community. You're invited to join the celebration between services, at which time we will have an informal reception. Then and there you can meet our new members and introduce yourself to them.

We rejoice at the new brothers and sisters in Christ God is gathering into our community. As we welcome them, we invite them to share their stories with us, even as we begin to share our own. And so commences the blessed communion we will one day share for all eternity!

We rejoice in these new beginnings and what God is doing here in this place.

On another front, in the month of November we will also be opening our parking lot to host several houseless people in our community. We will be providing a safe place for them to park their cars overnight, as well as daily breakfast treats and a few dinners lovingly prepared. All are invited to volunteer and serve in whatever way you feel comfortable. If you have any questions about how you may be involved, feel free to contact anyone on the leadership team: Judy Onton, Stu Richardson, Aare Onton, Margit Chapman, Gay Grant, and Rick & Jan Jernberg.

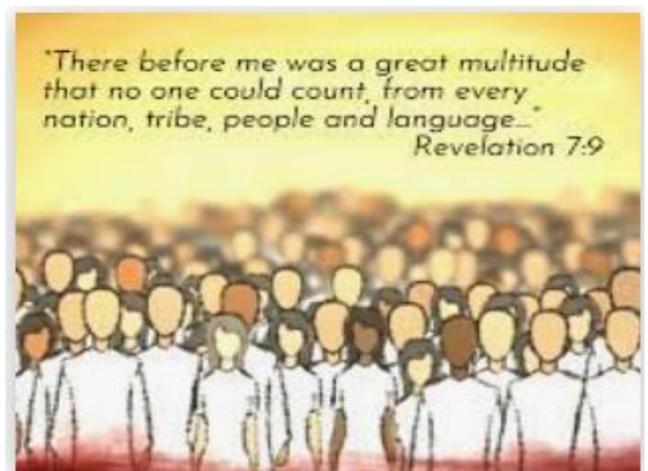
We're also grateful for the partnership we share in this ministry with Midtown Family Services and the leadership and support they are providing.

We have so much for which to be grateful in this God-blessed community we call Immanuel Lutheran Church.

I thank God every day for each one of you.

Serving with Joy,

Pastor Derek Engfelt



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### 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 rolled down 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 "passionately responding to the grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."**

*Sunday school provides a structure for teaching God's Word. Preaching isn't enough. A systematic teaching of the Scriptures – not just preaching (Acts 5:42) needs to occur through all age levels. Children, youth, and adults need opportunities for discovery, review, and interaction as they study God's principles. Sunday school meets needs!*



## Volunteer to Serve on Sundays

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

Rom. 1:9

Thank you for  
Serving!

**It takes many people to make Sunday mornings "happen." You're welcome to participate and be one of them!**

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.

**Livestream:** Control the livestream setup and camera during the service to support our "Church without Walls"

**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

### Feathers in the wind



There is a 19th-century folktale about a young fellow who went about town slandering the town's wise man: one day, he went to the wise man's home and asked for forgiveness. The wise man, realizing that this man had not internalized the gravity of his transgressions, told him that he would forgive him on one condition: that he go home, take a feather pillow from his house, cut it up, and scatter the feathers to the wind. After he had done so, he should then return to the wise man's house.

Though puzzled by this strange request, the young man was happy to be let off with so easy a penance. He quickly cut up the pillow, scattered the feathers, and returned to the house.

"Am I now forgiven?" he asked.

"Just one more thing," the wise man said. "Go now and gather up all the feathers."

"But that's impossible. The wind has already scattered them."

"Precisely," he answered. "And though you may truly wish to correct the evil you have done, it is as impossible to repair the damage done by your words as it is to recover the feathers. Your words are out there in the marketplace, spreading hate, even as we speak."

How interesting it is that we, as human beings, so quick to believe the bad that others say about someone; so accepting of the "news" contained in print and television tabloids, and so ready to assume the worst regarding another's actions, actually allow ourselves to believe that the evil "we" spread about someone won't really matter. Incredible that we can't seem to immediately and resolutely accept the fact that the gossip we speak can — and often does — significant damage to that person.

"Gossip" is like a fired bullet. Once you hear the sound, you can't take it back." That is what the man in the above story found out in a very disappointing, shameful moment of self-discovery. And it isn't just what we say about someone to others, but what we say to that person directly as well.



We've all been told that "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never harm me." We also know that is totally untrue. While a body will typically recover from a physical injury, the harm caused by direct insults can sometimes last a lifetime and tear the self-esteem right out of a person.

On the other hand, kind, encouraging words can build a person's self-esteem, help him or her to grow, and give them the impetus they need to do great, significant things with their lives. The choice regarding how we speak about or to someone is ours. It's called "free will."

Author: Bob Burg <https://www.burg.com>

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### Men's Breakfast



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

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

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



### Women's Breakfast

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



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



## Sunday School Activities





## ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.



### **SHOP AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM**

**Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1744019> and support ILC every time you shop.**



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

## 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)

### Worship Offerings

We will continue to have three offerings – traditional, contemporary and livestream. <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php>. Please check website for each week's Livestream start time.

If you cannot join us in person, you're invited to join us for a time of live online fellowship in a pre- or post-service Zoom gathering, which begins at 10:00. Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81019722507?pwd=bC85VXMxZoViSWZpaFlxWmsvRoU4UT09> Meeting ID: 810 1972 2507; Passcode: 760944

### New Bible Study Offering: Integrity: Living the Truth

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM as we consider the subject of *Integrity: Living the Truth*. This 10-week study will cover keeping commitments, cultivating endurance, trusting God, imitating Jesus, and several other topics. All are welcome.

This study is a JOINT venture – in person and via Zoom.

For those who like to meet in person, we meet in the Fireside Room Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Refreshments are served at the end of class.

Those who would prefer, due to distance or convenience, to join us via Zoom, can do so by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83250020639>

If you would like to participate or for more information regarding the material we are using, please contact Pastor Derek at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com)

### Thursday Morning Study

**Thursday morning Bible study** (Yokefellows) continues to meet each Thursday morning at 6:30 AM in the church Fireside Room. Refreshments are served. In November being our study on the Book of Philippians. If you're unable to join us in person, you can participate from the comfort of your own home by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNlQlQ0T09>

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

### **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.

**Nov. 13:**

**Quicksilver County Park: McAbee Rd. Entrance (17501 McAbee Rd., San Jose, CA 95120)  
Hike is 5.5 miles, with some hills.**

**Getting There:** Heading south on Highway 85, exit Almaden Expressway. Head south and continue on Almaden Expressway for about 1.2 miles. Turn RIGHT on McAbee Rd. Continue for 1.7 miles (just past Castillero School). Street parking only.

**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](mailto:pastorderek@ilcsaratoga.org) or calling 408-499-4866.

### **Memorial Service for Robert (Bob) Kittleson: Saturday, November 6, 11:00 AM**

You are invited to a **memorial service for Bob Kittleson on Saturday, November 6, at 11:00 AM** with reception following. We'll remember Bob's life and celebrate his faithful presence and service in our midst. We'll be consoled in our sharing and find comfort and healing in God's holy Word. We continue to trust in the care of our faithful and gracious God, who claimed Bob as His own in holy baptism and whose salvation He brought about in the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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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/>

\*\* 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!

### The Test!



**T**wo men, Robert and James, applied for an engineering position. Both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the department manager.

Upon completion of the exam both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Robert and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give James the job."

Robert replied, "Why? We both correctly answered nine questions. I believe I should get this job, especially since I've grown up in this town and James just moved here."

The manager said, "We made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

"How could one incorrect answer be better than the other?," asked Robert.

"Simple," said the manager. "James put down on question #5, 'I don't know', and you put down, 'Neither do I.'"

**"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



**Piano Concert: November 14, 4:00 PM**

We are pleased to welcome to our Immanuel Lutheran Church sanctuary internationally known romantic pianist Katya Grineva. Katya has performed throughout the United States and around the world. She is the only female solo pianist who has played New York City's Carnegie Hall for 19 seasons (and is preparing for her 20th season this December). Katya is well known to Bay Area audiences and has played at many local venues, including Davies Symphony Hall, Montalvo Arts Center, the Foothill Club, Palo Alto Women's Club, and the Rotary Club of San Jose.

Born in Moscow, she studied piano at the Moscow Music School, and then at the School of Music at the Moscow Conservatory, where she studied with Professor Pavel Messner.

Katya has acquired a reputation as a pianist of exceptional romantic/poetic expression. Commentators agree that Katya achieves her impact at the piano more through subtlety rather than by force. Above all, she values the beauty of tone. She stresses a suppleness and a natural approach to the keyboard.

She has released nine CDs, the latest one being a 2 CD set of all Chopin Nocturnes.

More information about Katya Grineva can be found at: <http://katyagrineva.com>

Sign up to attend by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/piano-concert-by-katya-grineva-tickets-201346481747>

Suggested donation at the door is \$25 per person. Brief reception will follow performance.

## Vaccinations...

**GOT YOUR SHOT?** If you're over 12, 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](https://www.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.

### CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots -October 21, 2021

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#)
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

For the nearly 15 million people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. [CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

[COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens | CDC](#)

FDA authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children ages 5 through 11.

## 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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## Come Worship With Us!



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

### Traditional Service 9:00 a.m.

**Come hear our wonderful choir, bell choir, and organist.**

Communion is served each Sunday as part of the liturgy.

**Visitors are always welcome!**

### Contemporary Service 10:45 a.m.

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 every Sunday.

## About the Messenger

Please submit articles by the **15th** of the month, typed (preferably 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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