



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Saratoga

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

## Coming Events

Apr 2: 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=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzaW03Umx4UT09> (1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month: May 7, Jun 4, July 2)

**\*\*Lent April 6 @ (Page 11)**

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Worship \*Traditional – 9.00 AM \*Contemporary Service - 10.45 AM

Online Service - <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php> (Live stream)

**\*\*Layette Donations: Infant/baby items (Page 12)**

**\*\*Hygiene Kit Assembly–April 24, in between services**

**Crossword Puzzle- Easter Pg. 17**

**Vaccination and Booster shots Information, including children on Pg. 18**

**"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\*\*\*



## Pastor Derek Writes...

*By Pastor Derek Engfelt*



## **Pastor Derek Writes...**

**“He is not here; He has risen!”**

Luke 24:6

It has been two years since we celebrated Easter indoors at Immanuel. And this year – finally! – we are looking forward to celebrating the joy of the resurrection indoors, unmasked, in our decked-out sanctuary.<sup>1</sup> While every Sunday is the Lord’s Day and is thus a “mini-Easter,” it will be especially wonderful to gather for this special festive Sunday as the people of God, as we contemplate anew our Lord’s victory over the power of death.

Our Easter goose has been as tentative and erratic as the COVID pandemic – in the tree one day, and out of it the next. But we expect that she will soon be there for a

good, healthy season, and we look forward to seeing new life emerge once more from the heights of the glorious Stone Pine.

people are looking for real hope and an assurance that God has all things in His hands. Prayerfully consider those you will ask to join you to come to hear the good news of our living Lord and abiding Savior.

We have many reasons to celebrate, this Easter. Let's make the best of the opportunity we have received and rejoice with all that is in us, the good news of our resurrected Lord.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

May God bless you abundantly!

Pastor Derek J 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 belongings 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!*



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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!**

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

**Liturgist:** 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 email Alyssa McCoy [alyssamccoy@comcast.net](mailto:alyssamccoy@comcast.net)



**Worship + Love + Serve**

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## Children's Story



### Easter Story



Jesus had many enemies who wanted to be rid of him. Jesus knew that he had only a short time left. The Thursday before he died, Jesus invited the disciples to have supper with him. It was their last meal together.

"Remember Me," Jesus told them, "When you eat the bread and drink the wine. I am going to live with my Father in heaven, but I will be with you wherever you go."

On Friday, soldiers arrested Jesus and nailed Him to a cross. Jesus said to God: "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." When Jesus died, his friends placed his body in a cave and covered the cave entrance with a rock.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Jesus came back to visit his friends. He told them to teach about God's love. "Tell the people," said Jesus, "to believe in me even if they can't see me." And then Jesus went up to heaven to live with his Father.



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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)



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## 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

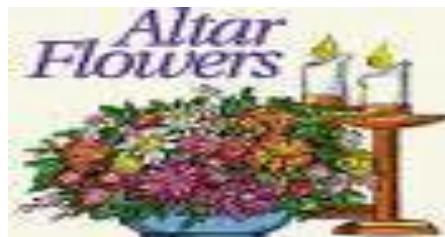
If you would like to make an E-Donation to ILC, then either download the Givelify App on your smartphone, or go online to <http://ilcsaratoga.org/give>. Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone, tablet or PC. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes 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.

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

## Memories at ILC

### 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81019722507?pwd=bC85VXMxZoViSWZpaFlxWmsvRoU4UT09>  
Meeting ID: 810 1972 2507; Passcode: 760944

### New Bible Study Offering

Join us Wednesday mornings in April at 10:00 AM as we consider the *Book of Jonah*. We'll cover one chapter each week. [Note: There will be no meeting on April 20.] All are welcome.

We meet in person in the Fireside Room. Treats are served at the conclusion of the class (11:30). If you are unable to meet with us in person, you can join via Zoom by clicking here:  
<https://uso2web.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 April we are considering the *Book of James*. If you're unable to join us in person, you can participate from the comfort of your own home by clicking here: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWI NIQT09>

**Hygiene Kit Assembly:** Come join us to assemble hygiene kits in between services on April 24.

### Lent...

During the season of Lent, we have been gathering **each Wednesday at 7:00 pm** to study the Apostle's Creed. Plan to join us for our last session in April:

**April 6:     Holy Spirit, Holy Communion, Holy Home**

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

Come join us, as we explore part of the wonderful nature that surrounds our neighborhoods.

These hikes are planned to be fun for the whole family, are we're planning to venture out on the second and fourth Saturdays of March. These will be "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends!



### **April 9: Bear Creek Redwood Preserve: 19511 Bear Creek Rd. Los Gatos (6 miles; moderate-challenging)**

**Getting There:** From Highway 85, exit onto Hwy 17 south. Proceed 5.6 miles. Exit Bear Creek Rd. Turn Left at stop sign. Go 1.1 miles. Parking lot is on the left.

**Time:** 8:00 AM

### **April 23: Long Ridge Loop: 20455 Skyline Blvd., La Honda (4.3 miles; easy)**

#### **Getting There:**

From the church, head to the hills on Saratoga Ave (straight onto Big Basin Rd.). Go another 7.3 miles (to the top). Turn right on Skyline. Proceed 3.3 miles. Grizzly Flat parking lot is on the right.

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**For each of these hikes, plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 8:00 and plan to return to our cars by 10:30.**

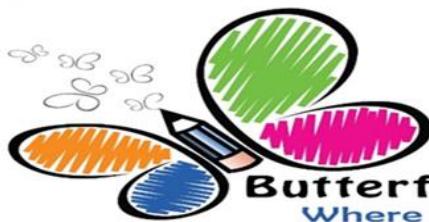
Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. Bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable and sturdy shoes/boots. You can RSVP by emailing me at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com) or calling 408-499-4866.

## Layette Donations

**From Catherine Fulde (on behalf of the Community Services Committee)**

We are continuing to collect layette items for Gloria Dei's Layette Ministry. This ministry provides infant clothing, diapers, etc. to poor women who cannot afford to clothe their babies. Please bag your donations with a list of its contents and your name. Place them in the Baby Box in the Narthex.

**Community Support:** Thank you for your continued donations of clothes (placed in bags), food and children's books. The collection bins are located alongside the church office parking lot, and you can drop items (non-perishables) in the bins at any time. Your generosity is appreciated!



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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-BB1YLZ5?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.

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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 makes it possible for other patients to receive their vital prescriptions on time!

Just for laughs – This website helps 😊 <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/> Here is a preview!



## TURN IT OFF AND ON AGAIN

**Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer.**

—William Petersen

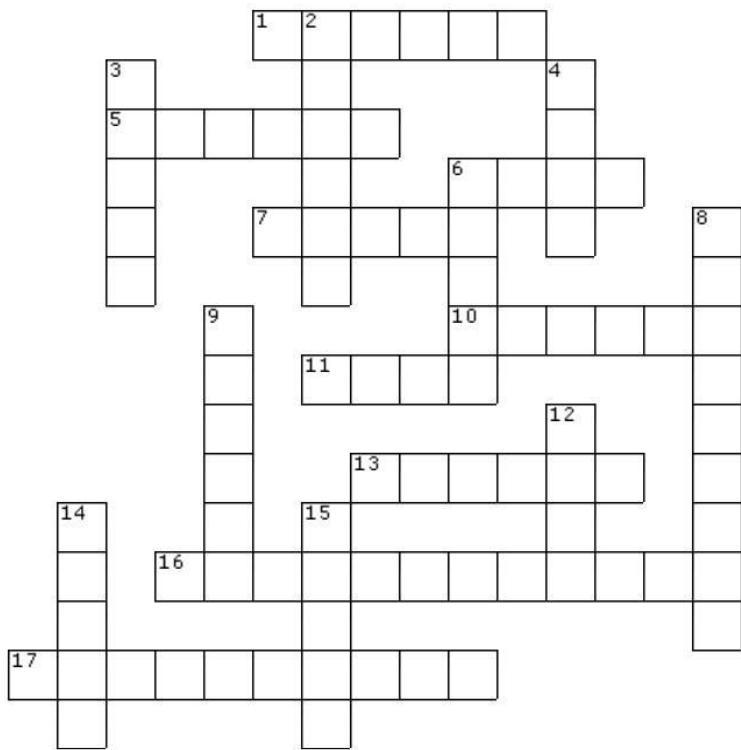
**"Covid Coach" for self-care and mental health:** App found in Google Play in Android phone, and Apple Store in iPhone or iPad <https://mobile.va.gov/app/covid-coach>

We are all in this together!



God Bless and Stay Safe!  
Vaskie Turner

## Crossword Puzzle: Easter



### ACROSS

- 1 Jesus
- 5 Doubting \_\_
- 6 Jesus rode a \_\_ into Jerusalem
- 7 Disciple who denied knowing Jesus
- 10 Easter season
- 11 Colored Easter
- 13 \_\_ of Gethsemane
- 16 Easter celebrates the \_\_ of Jesus
- 17 Sunday before Easter
- 2 After 40 days, Jesus ascended to \_\_
- 3 An angel rolled away the \_\_ covering the tomb
- 4 People greeted

Jesus with \_\_ branches

6 where Jesus died

8 Mary \_\_ discovered Jesus had risen

9 \_\_ sentenced Jesus to die

12 Season before Easter

14 \_\_ betrayed Jesus

15 Easter animal?

## 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](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.

### CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Info – March 2022

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

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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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[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 our office.

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