



Immanuel Lutheran Church
of Saratoga

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

Coming Events

May 7: 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=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzaxW03Umx4UT09> (1st Sat of the Month: Jun 4, July 2, Aug 6)

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May 29, 10:00 AM: One Congregational Service Sunday

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

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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**



done all she could do to instill in me all the qualities that make for a person of character and integrity. If I have fallen short, it is not due to any lack on her part. I want to do what I can to be worthy of all that she has invested in me.

When a group of women looked upon Jesus, they pronounced a blessing upon His mother. Surely, she was a mother who could be proud of her son. She knew from early on, even when Jesus was yet in her womb that "all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48).

Jesus replies to the woman in the crowd by saying, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it" (Luke 11:28). Which is to say: We make God proud when we listen to His Word and are obedient to it.

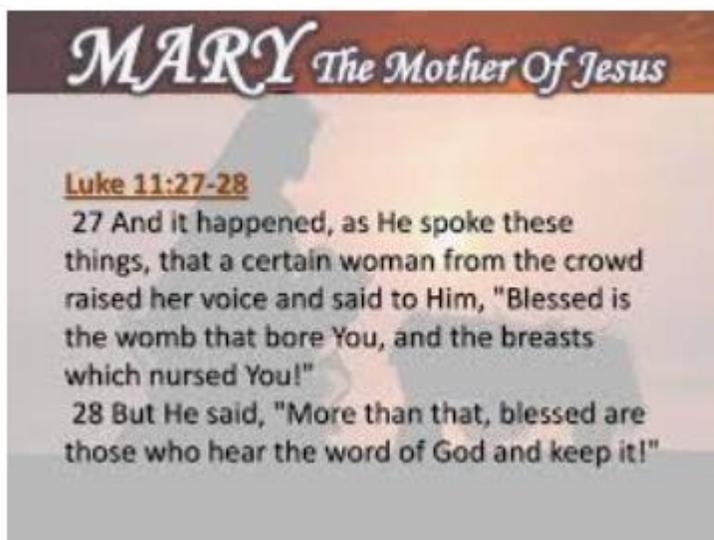
Even as we do not earn our mother's love, neither can we earn the love our gracious God pours out upon us, richly and freely. And when our eyes are opened to His unconditional love (communicated clearly to many of us through the example of our mothers), we want to do all that we can to make God proud. Even as we long to hear the pronouncement from the heavenly throne: Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

May the month of May move you to a deeper level of gratitude for your own mother and, if you have children, to a more meaningful appreciation of the blessing God has given you in them. And if you have never been a mother, hear this word of blessing from the mouth of the One borne by the most richly blessed mother of them all: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it" (Luke 8:21).

May you grow this month in your own unconditional love for others. And may you give the best that is in you, to make God proud.

Joyfully serving our Lord with you, to the glory of His name.

Pastor Derek J. Engfelt



THE MESSENGER

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!



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



Worship + Love + Serve



Children's Story



Happy Mothers on the Marsh

Lady Hippopotamus, Mrs. Crocodile, and tiny Mother Mosquito were talking animatedly about how good their children were with all the swamp inhabitants. They spoke so well of them that several passers-by wanted to see their children's good deeds. So, the next day, Hippopotamini, Croco-Dale, and Mosquito-Joe set about showing everyone how good they could be.

The little hippo decided to bring water to all the sick animals in the area who were injured or hadn't enough strength to go down to the lake to drink. The little hippo's gesture was wonderful to the other animals because that year had been very dry, and they were so far from the lake that they thought they would not survive until the next rain. For its part, the little crocodile spent the whole day watching from the shore and acting as a lifeguard, preventing many lost animals from drowning, and they were sincerely grateful and surprised to have been saved by a crocodile. Everyone congratulated Hippopotamini and Croco-Dale. But they wondered what the tiny mosquito could do that would be comparable with such wonderful deeds.

Mosquito-Joe thought he wouldn't be able to match his much bigger friends. But rather than give up, he spent the day talking to one and all, visiting friends here and there. He turned up that night with an army of animals made up of monkeys, ants, lions, elephants, snakes, buffalo, scorpions, and giraffes, to spend a whole day improving life around the lake. And so hard did they work, and in such a good spirit, that one day was enough to completely renew the place and solve most of the problems there. All the inhabitants of the marsh were delighted. He had proved himself to be so good that he could make others even better than himself.

The moral of the story is that being small does not mean you cannot do big things.

THE MESSENGER

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

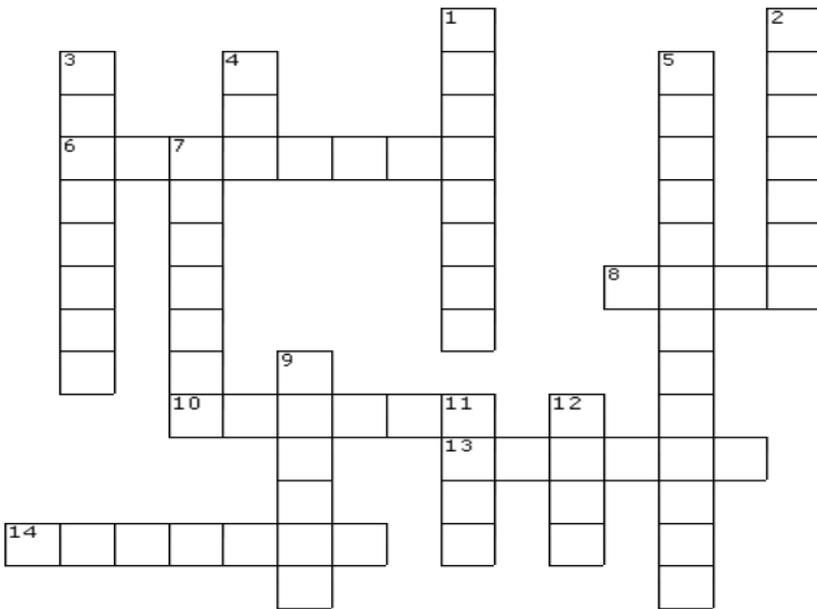
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant at 998 South De Anza Boulevard, San Jose. We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends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



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



Crossword Puzzle: The Twenty-third Psalm



ACROSS

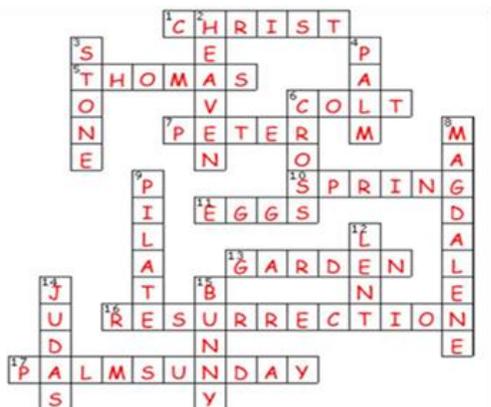
- 6 The Lord is my ___
- 8 I will ___ no evil for you are with me
- 10 Even though I walk through the valley of the ___ of death
- 13 You ___ my head with oil
- 14 Your rod and your staff, they ___ me

- 5 He guides me in paths of ___ for his name's sake
- 7 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my ___
- 9 He leads me beside quiet ___
- 11 I shall not ___
- 12 He restores my ___

DOWN

- 1 Surely ___ and mercy will follow me all the days of my life
- 2 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ___
- 3 He makes me lie down in green ___
- 4 My ___ overflows.

Last month's Crossword puzzle Answers





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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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

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)

****May 29, 10:00 AM: One Congregational Service Sunday**

Please plan to join us on May 29 for one congregational service beginning at 10:00 AM. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Bible Study Offering

Join us Wednesday mornings in May at 10:00 AM as we consider the Book of Philippians. We'll cover one chapter each week. [Note: There will be no meeting on May 11 or May 18.] All are welcome.

We meeting 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://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

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 May 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNIQT09>

Enter the Bible

Luther Seminary has created a powerful, free resource to break down each book of Scripture to give you an in-depth overview of its background and context, its author and setting, the issues and themes you can find in it, and so much more.

Click here to get access now: <https://enterthebible.org/free-account-registration/>

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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, as we're planning to venture out on the second and fourth Saturdays of May. These will be "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends!

May 14: Mt. Umunhum Ascent. Bald Mountain Parking Lot. A moderate hike of 8.5 miles, with 1245 feet of elevation gain.



Getting There:

Exit Highway 85 at Camden Avenue. (From Southbound 85 turn left on Camden Avenue. From northbound 85 turn left on Branham Avenue, then left on Camden Avenue.) Travel on Camden Avenue about 1.6 miles. Travel on Hicks Road about 6.3 miles. At the stop sign (at the top of the road and the junction of Mt. Umunhum Rd., turn right. Continue uphill 1.7 miles. Parking lot is on the left.

Time: 8:00 AM. This hike will take about 3.5 hours. (If you would like to hike half, meet at 10:00 AM at the top parking lot, hike down, and we will transport you back up.)

May 28: Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. 550 Palm Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037. An easy hike. 4.25 miles. 674 elevation gain.

Getting There:

From Highway 101 south, take Bailey Avenue west. Go .7 miles.

- Turn left on Santa Teresa Boulevard. Continue 2 miles.
- Turn right on Palm Avenue. Continue .7 miles.
- The preserve is at the end of Palm Avenue.

Time: 8:00 AM

Plan to arrive for each hike 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 12:00 (on the 14th) and 10:00 (on the 28th).

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 or calling 408-499-4866.

Lion's Club Donations Update

We've Got Glasses! Thank you for your contributions! With the congregation's help and our outreach, so far this year we've collected 60 pairs of glasses (prescription and sunglasses), 30 cell phones, and 153 printer cartridges. We take hearing aids, too. That's 60+ people that we've assisted with their sight! We can do even more, so please drop these items off in the Lion's Club box in the Church Office (Fridays 12-4), after Sunday services, or contact Laura Gloner to arrange a pickup: laura.gloner@gmail.com



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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. 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.

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 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!



The Slacker

A company, feeling it was time for a shake-up, hires a new CEO. This new boss is determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he thinks this is his chance to show everyone he means business!

The CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "And how much money do you make a week?"

Undaunted, the young fellow looks at him and replies, "I make \$200.00 a week. Why?"

The CEO then hands the guy \$200 in cash and screams, "Here's a week's pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, "He's the pizza delivery guy."

"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

Sanctuary and Church Decorations by Congregation Members

Psalm Sunday



Photo Credit: Judy Anton

Easter



Photo Credit: Judy Anton

Men's Breakfast Meeting at Effie's



Photo credit: Jack Moorman

Layette Donations



Photo credit: Catherine Fulde

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 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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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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