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# The Messenger

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

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## Coming Events

March 4: 8.00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Effie's in Campbell. (1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the Month: Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, July 1)

March 18 , 8:30 AM: Women's breakfast – Venue: TBA by Cheryl

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

**\*One service on the last Sunday of each month at 10.15 am.**

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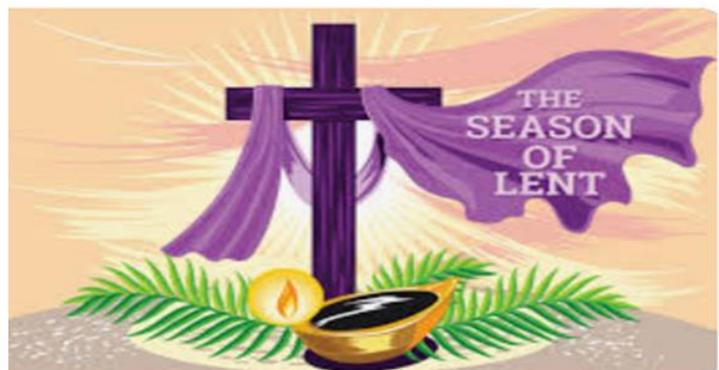
**\*Pl sign up for Altar Guild\*\*\***

**\*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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Time marches on – and God is faithful through it all.

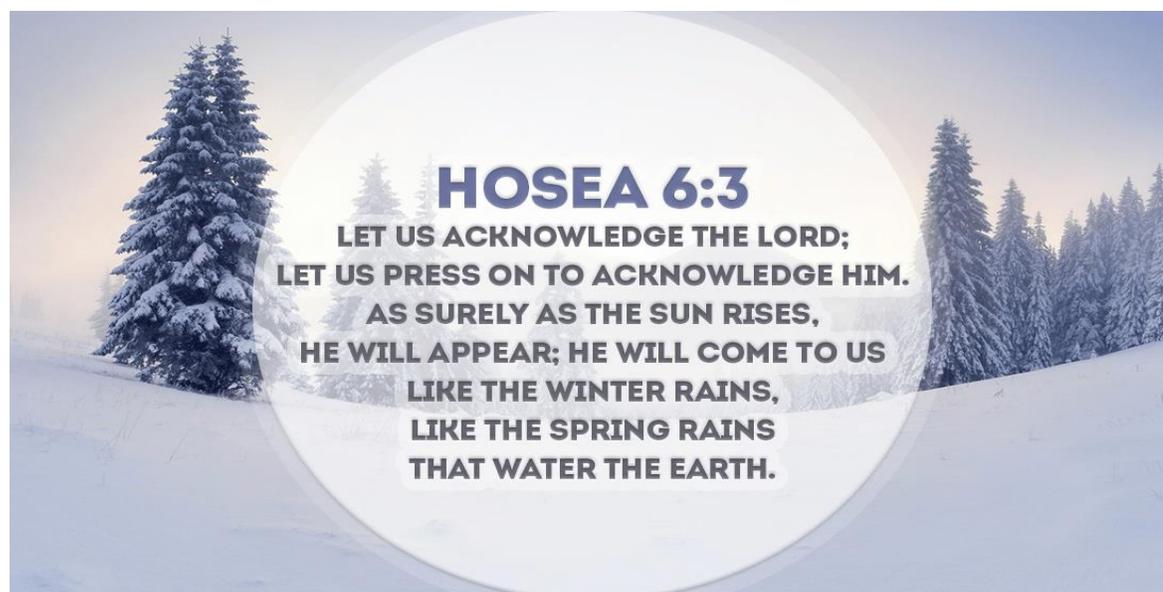
I rejoice that I can say with some assurance that the drought in California is over. Or at least we're in a much different (and better) place than we were six months ago. Additionally, the age of COVID as a pandemic is also coming to an end. The declared state of emergency has now ended in California, while May 11 is the date selected nationally to say that we are moving on. Things are certainly not business-as-usual. But we can say we have entered a new normal. We now have a greater understanding of the virus and how to live with it. We have gained a deeper appreciation of community. We have learned how to be respectful of others, whose experience is different than our own. Perhaps we may even say we are better for having gone through it. Or maybe not quite yet.

But God has certainly accompanied us in these days. God is, indeed, ever-faithful. And perhaps you've come to have a greater trust in God. Perhaps you have gained a deeper appreciation that God has you (and us all) in His strong and gentle hands and that He will surely keep His promises never to let us go.

Each Sunday during the month of March we will follow Jesus on His journey to the cross and listen in on conversations He has with four different individuals. In a four-part sermon series called **1-on-1 with Jesus**, we will see Jesus engaging with An Inquiring Nicodemus, a Thirsty Woman, A Blind Man, and a Dead Lazarus. In each of these interactions, Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God. Don't miss a Sunday. And invite your friends and neighbors to join us, as we worship and learn together.

With Gratitude for You All,

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

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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**



## Children's Story



### 1<sup>st</sup> day at School



Olive was very excited because she would start school in the morning. To celebrate her transition to a big school, Mom had bought Olive a new lunch box that was bright red with balloons on it. Olive could not wait to go to school and use her new lunch box.

The following day, Olive was up and ready. Arriving at school, Mom and Olive met with Miss Amelia, Olive's Grade 1 teacher. The school was everything Olive had hoped for, lots of children, a reading mat, and even a sandbox outside in the playground. Olive just knew that school was going to be great fun. Mom sat with Olive briefly before leaving her with Miss. Amelia.

Olive felt the sun's warmth streaming in as her desk was close to the window. Seated next to her was a girl called Sally. Olive smiled and whispered, "Hello,!" Sally did not smile back but poked her tongue out at Olive. Olive was taken aback as her mom had told her it was rude to poke tongues at people. So, Olive tried to say hello to Sally again, but this time she offered her hands like Mom and Dad had shown her when meeting someone new. Sally pulled her hand and squeezed it so hard that Olive's eyes welled up.

Suddenly school was not fun anymore, Olive felt all alone, and her hand hurt where Sally had squeezed it. It was only her first day at school, but Olive wanted it to end. Mom had told her to ask Miss Amelia for help if there was a problem. Olive did not know what to do, although she wanted to be friends but Sally was not nice.

Miss Amelia told the class that it was lunchtime and to bring their lunch boxes out. Seeing the bright red color and the balloons on her brand-new lunch box made Olive smile, and she quickly sat under the shade of a nearby tree. Olive could not wait to play in the sandbox and quickly finished her lunch. When she returned to the sandbox, Sally was already there and told Olive, "You cannot come in here" Olive asked, "Why not?" and Sally said, "because I said so!" Other kids who were friendly earlier to her also repeated the same, as Sally influenced them to gang up against Olive. Olive was heartbroken as all the excitement and joy of being at school faded, and she felt she did not belong.

That evening, Olive's parents made her favorite dinner to celebrate her first day in Grade 1. However, Olive just played with her food. Dad asked her what was wrong, and seeing her silence, Mom said, "Olive, tell us about your first day at school, sweetheart" Olive began to talk, and when she got to the part where Sally poked her tongue out and squeezed her hand hard, tears started to fall down Olive's cheeks.

Dad hugged Olive close and said, "So, you've had a hard day at school?" Olive nodded miserably. Dad told Olive, "We will deal with this issue in two ways." First, Mom and I will come with you to school tomorrow and speak with Miss Amelia about this situation. Second, we will show you what you can do if Sally or anybody else says or does something that makes you uncomfortable. Dad and Mom spoke very seriously to Olive about anyone being horrible towards her because bullying is a sin and not right! Dad said, "Olive, when somebody does or says something you do not like, tell them firmly, "Please, stop it! I do not like what you are saying or doing," then walk away." "At times, you may meet people like Sally who misbehave or act passive-aggressive; if this should happen to you, do not keep quiet but stand up for yourself and talk to an adult or somebody you love and trust to put an end to it immediately!"

**Biblical Principle: Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what helps build others up and may benefit those listening. Let all bitterness, wrath, mockery, anger, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Ephesians 4:29**

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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: Pastor Derek)



## Women's Breakfast

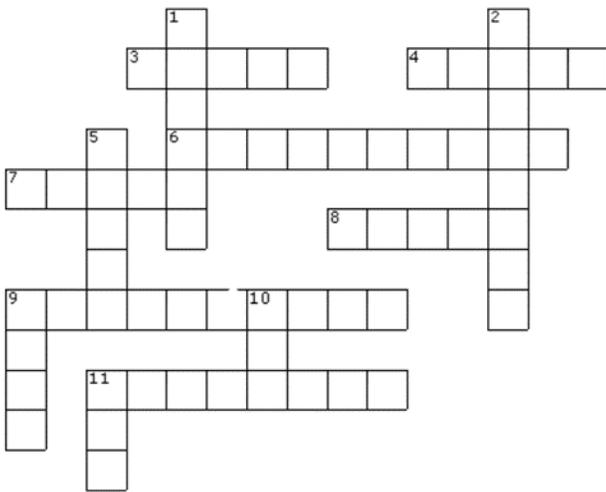
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant at 1424 Saratoga Ave, San Jose. We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



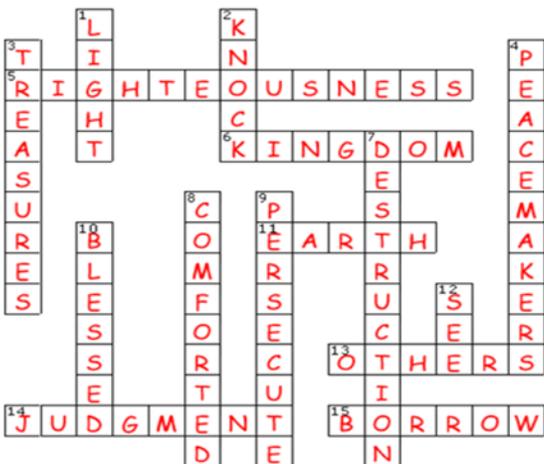
ILC ladies at the women's group meeting (photo credit: Cheryl Moorman)



**Crossword Puzzle: Famous Quotes II**



**February Puzzle Answers**



**ACROSS**

- 3 For where your treasure is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also
- 4 Do not throw your pearls before \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 They will beat their swords into \_\_\_\_\_ and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall
- 8 A land flowing with milk and \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Then you will know the truth,

and the truth will \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, \_\_\_\_\_ toward men

**DOWN**

- 1 Am I my brother's \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 Ask, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden
- 9 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 You cannot serve both \_\_\_\_\_ and money

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Here's  
What's  
Happening!

### 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

**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!

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.

## Serve by Shopping: March 5

You're invited again this month to join in on the fun and **serve by shopping!** We're looking for a few friends of our faith community (and those outside it, as well) to give one hour of their time on Mar. 5 to purchase food for those in need (and to be reimbursed for your expenses). This has been made possible by a grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. For more information, contact Lee Wheeler at [misterlee50@aol.com](mailto:misterlee50@aol.com).

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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

Interfaith Service

Thanksgiving Tree Decorating

Christmas Buffet &



Christmas Concert

Children's Christmas Play



## Worship Offerings

We offer three worship experiences – traditional, contemporary and livestream. <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php>. Please check website for each week's Livestream start time.

### Last Sunday, One Service

At our ILC Leadership Retreat last month, we decided to offer one congregational service on the last Sunday of each month, beginning at 10:15. At this service, we combine elements of traditional and contemporary worship, coming together as one church community. Please mark your calendars. We will also announce the change in schedule each Sunday prior, and you will also see it listed in the daily email.

### Wednesday Bible Study Offering

Join us Wednesday mornings in at 10:00 AM as we continue our study on *Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told*. All are welcome. In this 12-week class, we will study the greatest of Jesus' parables – and discuss how they relate to our lives. From the Study Guide we will be using, "The parables of Jesus sneak up on us, catch us off guard and topple our easy assumptions. When the familiar takes an unexpected twist, we find our secret thoughts exposed to the healing light of Jesus."

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://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. We are continuing our study on the *Gospel according to John*. If you're unable to join us in person, you can participate from the comfort of your own home by clicking here: [Thurs. Study](#)

### Diving Deeper: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

All are welcome to attend a Wednesday evening one-hour gathering, at which we will read and study the Scriptures that will be read in church the following Sunday. Not only will this event prepare you for a more meaningful experience on Sunday, it will also give you a chance to provide sermon input. And, of course, it's always meaningful to share in fellowship with others around the Word. Can't join us in person? Participate from the comfort of your home by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353776510>

**Note: We will NOT be meeting on March 8.**

### 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/>

On Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. Thousands of people have been killed and thousands more have been injured. Thousands of buildings have collapsed and infrastructure damaged. Mere hours after the earthquakes hit, *Luther Disaster Response*, a ministry of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, went to work with partner organizations to begin distributing emergency supplies, including medicines, bedding and other relief items. A comprehensive response will be coordinated as the full extent of the impact becomes clearer.

**How you can help:** Please join me in making an “over and above gift” (beyond your regular commitment to ILC) to support these efforts. Simply make out a check payable to Immanuel and write [Middle East Crisis](#) in the memo portion of your check. 100% of your donation will be used to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by disasters in the region.

## Courtyard Beautification Workday: March 4, 10:00 AM

**Come One, Come All to the ILC Beautification Workday in the Courtyard:** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 4PM (or sooner, if tasks are completed)

### Tasks will include:

- Repositioning the river rock
- Window washing & sticker removal
- Raking and sweeping leaves
- Weeding
- Trimming shrubs

**Wordoku** has the same rules as regular Sudoku, but uses letters instead of numbers:

- Each of the nine rows is nine cells wide, and must contain the 9 letters used in the puzzle. So, each letter must appear once and only once in each row.
- The same is true with the nine columns. So, each letter must appear once and only once in each column.
- The third unit, the region, is a « 3 x 3 » square bordered by a thick line, and it must also contain the 9 letters used in the puzzle. So, each letter must appear once and only once in each « 3 x 3 » square.

When the grid is completed, the grey squares will reveal a nine-letter word or sentence at the center of the puzzle, between the two arrows.

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#### Hint

The error of salvation by works

#### The 9 letters to use :

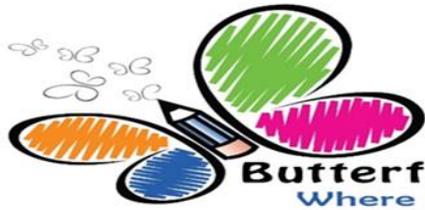
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February Answer

#### MAN'S VOICE

#### Did You Know ?

Daniel wrote, «I heard a man's voice (...) who said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.» (Dan. 8:16). Only God could have ordered the angel Gabriel to explain to Daniel the vision of the ram, the goat, and the little horn.



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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 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!



### Pancake lesson

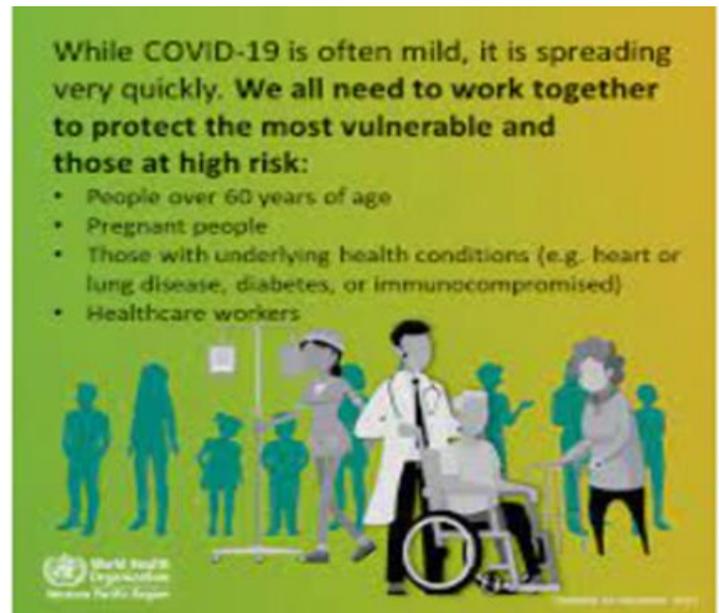
A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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**"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>

Show empathy to those still susceptible to Covid-19. Some have more than one high-risk factor making them vulnerable to the Covid-19 viruses and new sub-variants. Feeling more isolated and unable to partake in most human interactions, these people can do with a smile, a compassionate glance, or a kind nod that gives comfort, support, and encouragement!

God Bless and Stay Safe!  
Vaskie Turner



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

This year will repeat some of our best hikes and have new opportunities to explore, as well.

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These are “no one left behind” hikes and fun for the whole family. Invite your friends!

**Mar. 25: Guadalupe Reservoir: 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 Castellero School). Street parking only.

**Time: 8:00 AM.** 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 the parking lot right around 10:00.

Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. In case of bad 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.

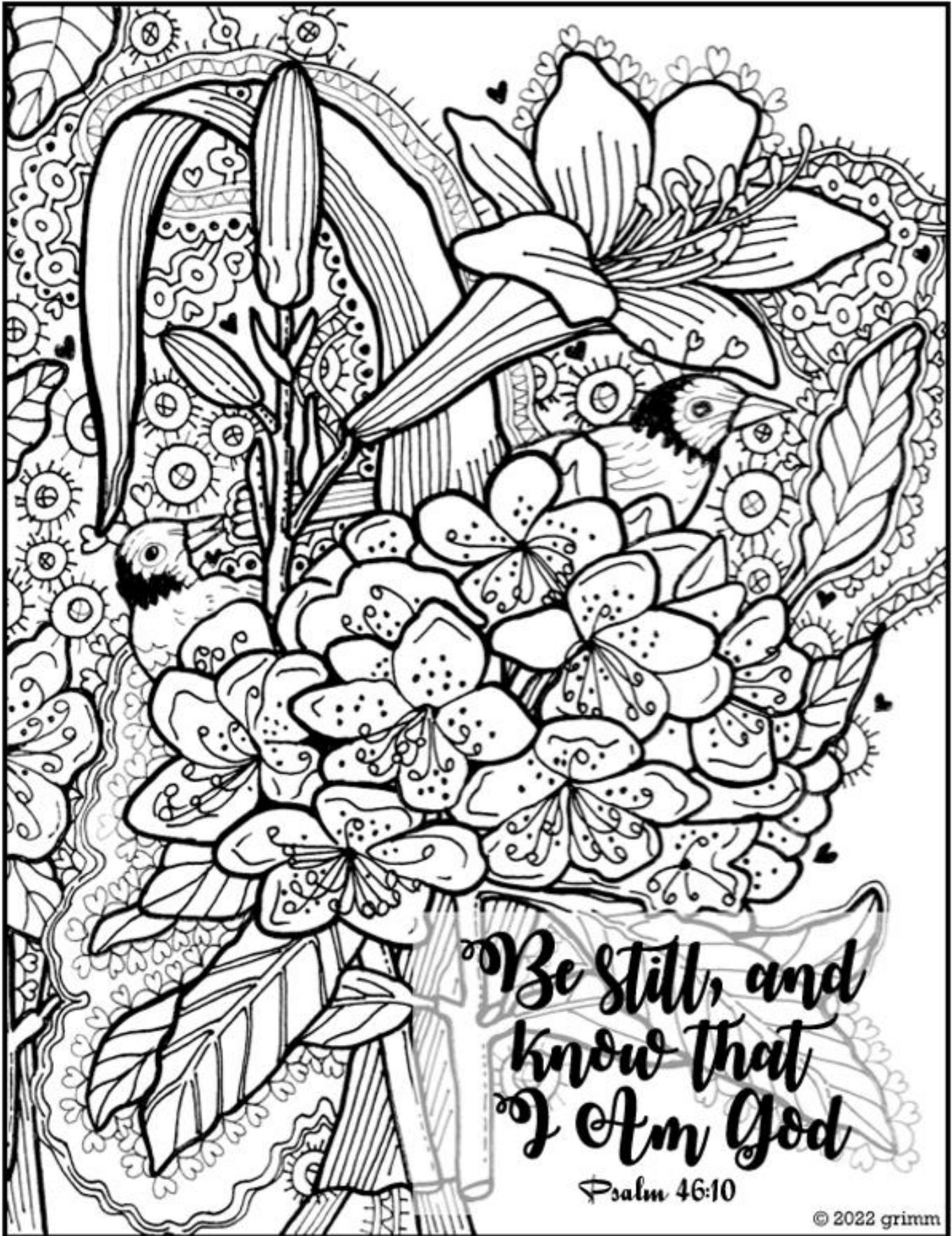
## Livestream Training

Are you a reasonably tech savvy person who is interested in helping out with our livestream? Are you interested in being trained to run the Sunday morning livestream? This training (led by Aart Bik, who has been running our livestream operation since its inception) is expected to run for 1 to 2 hours and will take place on a Saturday morning (date TBD based on responses) in the sanctuary. Aart will go over the camera setup, connections, and livestreaming basics, from scheduling the next service on YouTube, to starting a livestream, controlling the cameras, and overall making sure that our Church without Walls runs smoothly. If interested, please let Pastor Derek know ([pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com) or at 408-499-4866). Based on the responses received, a Saturday will be selected for training.

## Thrivent Members Reminder

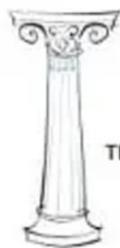
Thrivent choice designation deadline for 2022 is March 31, 2023. Please check your Thrivent account at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) to ensure that you have designated any dollars available to you.

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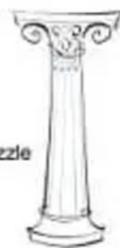
\*\*Send in and share your creations and make our Newsletter "The Messenger" vibrant!



### The Temple

(II Chronicles 3-5, NIV)

Find all the words listed below inside this puzzle related to Solomon's construction of the Temple. Then find ONE MORE item placed in the Temple that is in the puzzle but is not included in the word list below.



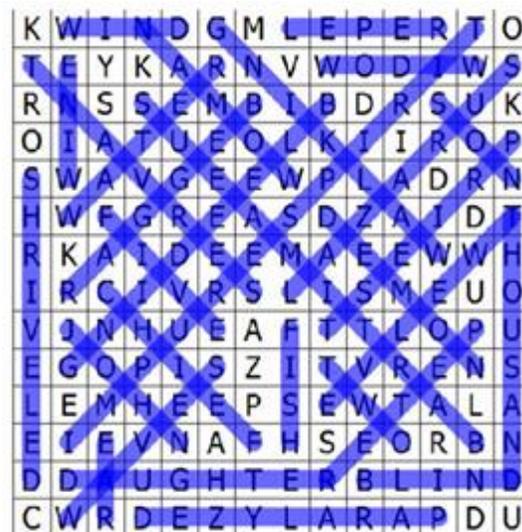
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*What important item is missing from the list?*

### February Answers



## 2023 Scholarship Applications

If you are a graduating senior or are continuing on to college and are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, you may be eligible for a Trust Fund Scholarship. Applications are now available electronically. All applications must be **fully completed and submitted** to Anna Popovici by **Sunday, May 7th** in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Thanks to generous donations and bequests from members and friends of Immanuel, the Trust Fund is able to provide the following scholarships:

- Shonk Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph W. Doherty Memorial Scholarship
- Amundson/Geri Memorial Scholarship
- Lutheran School Scholarship
- Richard Johnson Memorial STEM Scholarship

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Anna Popovici at 650-854-8051; [anna.popovici@gmail.com](mailto:anna.popovici@gmail.com) or the church office at 408-867-0822.

## Vaccinations...

**GOT YOUR SHOT?** The latest updates on vaccine eligibility and how to schedule an appointment are available on the County's website at [sccfreevax.org](https://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. [Influenza \(Flu\) - Public Health - County of Santa Clara \(sccgov.org\)](https://www.sccgov.org/public-health/influenza-flu)



## Use [CDC's COVID-19 booster tool](#) to learn if and when you can get boosters to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.

CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group.

Booster Doses of the Vaccine Are Authorized for Persons Who Meet the Guidelines Below:

**COVID-19 updated booster for children 5 and up recommended by the CDC** To better protect against [omicron variants](#), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the updated COVID-19 booster vaccine for children 5 and up. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends the updated booster vaccine at least 2 months after the 2-dose primary series or previous booster for:

**Pfizer:** People 5 and older and **Moderna:** People 6 and older

People ages **6 months through 4 years** should get all COVID-19 primary series doses.

People ages **5 years and older** should get all primary series doses, and the booster dose recommended for them by CDC, if eligible.

People ages **5 years to 11 years** are currently recommended to get the **original (monovalent) booster**.

People ages **12 years and older** are recommended to receive one **updated Pfizer or Moderna (bivalent) booster**.

\*This includes people who have received all primary series doses and people who have previously received one or more original (monovalent) boosters.

\*At this time, people aged **12 years to 17 years** can only receive the **updated Pfizer bivalent booster**.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you recover from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.

**People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have [different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines](#), including boosters.**

[COVID-19 vaccine and booster recommendations](#) may be updated as CDC continues to monitor the latest data.

# THE MESSENGER

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### 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.

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