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The Messenger

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

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

Coming Events

Men's breakfast- June 6 @ Effie's restaurant, Campbell. To join via Zoom, click here: <https://zoom.us/j/515623639>

1st Sat of the Month- July 4, Aug 1st, Sept 5

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NOTE: During this time of Shelter In-Place, all the dates for the scheduled newsletter events (except where specified) are only placeholders. That is, we will NOT be meeting unless the Shelter In-Place restrictions are lifted.

If you are uncertain about whether or not something is going to happen, please email (pastord63@gmail.com) or call (408-499-4866) Pastor Derek to confirm.

God's River of Life can be accessed by Zoom here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830>

Pl sign up for Altar Guild

Shelter Meals Schedule: Sign up to cook or serve



Special Note!

During these unprecedented days of Shelter-in-Place and Social Distancing, we are (as a member of our faith community answers me whenever I ask how he's doing, even before COVID-19) "still alive!"

But until Shelter-In-Place restrictions are lifted, Immanuel Lutheran Church has "gone virtual."

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE DAILY for fresh servings of Daily Bread and more... It's just one click away: <http://ilcsaratoga.org/special.php>

Sunday services have been condensed to about 30 minutes and posted online by 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. You can "tune in" at the time you're used to attending services and participate in the community gathering. You are also invited to join us for a time of live online fellowship in our post-service Zoom gathering, which begins at 9:45. Click here to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/91149950073?pwd=dzByVXkyVGVsd3lFTUt4Z256K3pMZz09>

Wednesday morning Bible Study (10:00 – 11:30) is LIVE via Zoom. All are welcome. Click here to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830>

Thursday morning Bible Study (Yokefellows) also continues to meet virtually LIVE via Zoom at 6:30 AM. You have to provide your own refreshments, but you can stay in your pajamas! There's room for you at the table. Click here to join: <https://zoom.us/j/669784581>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO DO SOME GROCERY SHOPPING OR PICK UP PRESCRIPTIONS FOR YOU. WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

God is with you all in these days. Let's make the best of them, as we continue to love and care for each other and reach out with God's love to our neighbors in need.

We've been advised by our bishop to continue our virtual gatherings through July. Of course, nothing is set in stone in these days, but it could very well be a few more months before we open our doors to worship together at 14103. I'll continue to send out daily updates via email. (A big thank you for Jack Moorman for his faithfulness in distributing these each morning to more than 600 people.) And we'll continue to post Daily Bread each morning as well as Sunday morning services on our church website by 9:00 AM. Thank you to all our musicians for their faithful contributions – especially to Anton, Elisabeth and Lauren. And a most hearty thanks to Aart Bik, who continues his faithful work in God's Garden each day, posting Daily Bread on the website and taping, editing, uploading and posting Sunday services. These are just a few of the things that our staff and volunteers are up to in this peculiar period.

But as strange as it all is, this too is a season of God's grace. God is opening up doors that were closed to us before – or at least untried and untested. And you can be sure that God is at work in your life and that He has called and commissioned you to serve in unique ways during this time. As you care and pray for your friends and neighbors, you are a conduit of God's blessings, a channel of God's grace.

The words of the apostle are appropriate for us today: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." Press on. God is blessing your efforts. And when we come together again and look back at what we have done and what God has done in us, we will have good reason to rejoice.

Continuing to serve with joy and gratitude,

Pastor Derek J Engfelt



People Helping People !

An experience by congregation member – 1. Man on the Median – Our member was driving and was about to make a left hand turn at Saratoga and Prospect/West Campbell Ave when he saw a man with a sign asking for food or money. Our member unwind his window and showed him the People Helping People clear bag so he could see what was inside. He then told the man” Our church, ILC, made the bags to help people. The man said that he could really use this and then that he and others lived under the bridge on Prospect Ave. near Lawrence and that he was also collecting food and money for them. Our member gave him two bags and he thanked him profusely and said God Bless.

2. Young man sagging by the Store: Our member was shopping at Trader Joes and on his way out saw a young man looking very dejected with a sign asking for food. He sat next to the young man and asked him what was wrong. He answered that he had been living at the shelter and that the other day all his belongs were stolen from the shelter, including his cheap cell phone. He said he needed this in order to get around and look for a job. Our member mentioned about the food packages and that our church ILC was always trying to help people. The young man said that was very special. Before saying goodbye, our member told the young man to try to keep his spirits up and to go back to the shelter. He said he was but was trying to get some food and money to get another phone. They talked about positivity and using all the gov't services available. The young took the two bags and he thanked our member profusely.

Helping anyone even if it is just a little means so much to people who literally have nothing. God's grace.

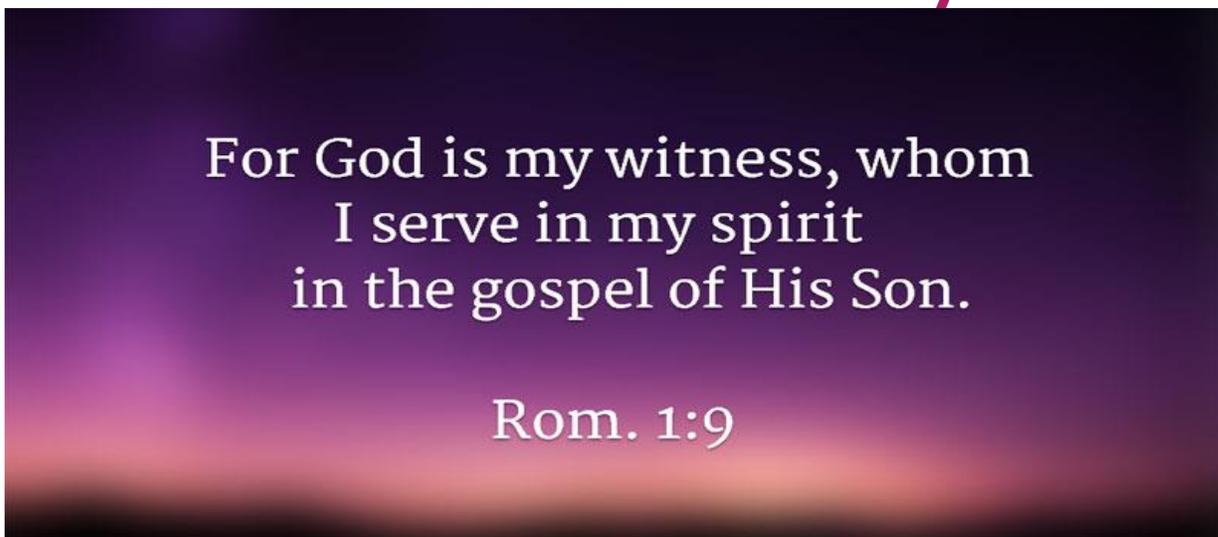
Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of "passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."

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



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Volunteer to Serve on Sundays



Thank you for
Serving!

It takes many people to make Sunday mornings “happen.” You’re welcome to participate and be one of them! **Please note that we have a new link to sign up in 2019.** Please go to www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer or call Ann at the church office (408-867-0822).

Service Opportunities include:

Altar Guild: Prepare communion elements, prepare sanctuary for worship; clean up after worship.

Audio: Make sure our sound system is in good working order and monitor sound during the service.

Coffee: Provide treats for fellowship time after service

Communion: Help distribute communion during service

Greeter: Warmly welcome people at the door and hand them a bulletin

Lector: Read lessons in church

Liturgists – Prayers: Offer Prayers of the People during the service

Liturgists – Cantor: Assistant leader in worship, chant the opening liturgy

Usher: Hand out announcement pages, take offering, light and extinguish candles

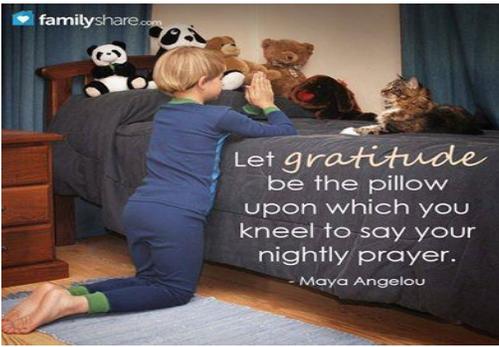
Nursery: Watch over the little ones during service

Sunday School: Teach or assist in our 10:45 Sunday school (preschool – high school)

If you have questions about any of these Sunday Morning Activities, please call the church office.



Worship + Love + Serve



Children's Story



Who will be in Heaven?



"Mother, who will be in heaven?" Scott asked one bright sunny day as he watched her weed the garden.

Mother looked up from her weeding. "Who will be in heaven?" Mother repeated the question. "Hmmm, let's see." Scott knew this meant she was thinking what to tell him.

"You know, I believe this garden has the answer for you," Mother told him after awhile. "Let's look at it." She pointed to the plants she had been weeding.

"What plants are these?" she asked. "Carrots," Scott answered. He knew because he had eaten them.

"And these?" she asked, pointing to a different row. "Onions."

"And these?" Mother asked again. "Corn," Scott answered quickly.

"Why do carrots grow in one place, onions in another, and corn over there?" Mother asked.

Scott grinned. He thought that everyone should know the answer to that question. "Because that's what was planted," Scott said.

"True," Mother told him. "And this is the thing you should remember. Like seeds, people die and are buried in the ground. If they belong to Jesus when they die, they will belong to Him when they are raised from the dead. God has said this is so. So, the people who go to heaven will be the ones who love Jesus here on earth; who follow and live by his teaching."

Just as the old seed dies in the ground, our bodies will disappear and we will get new bodies for heaven. We will be with Jesus forever if we loved and served Him when we lived on earth.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. (Matthew 7:21)

Dear Jesus, we thank You because You are the Resurrection and Life. We know no one will come to the Father but by You. Help us to love You always so that when You come to get us, we will be ready to go to heaven. In Thy dear name, Amen.

Happy Moments with God, Margaret Anderson, ©1962, 141, 142.

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



WEDDINGS AT ILC

Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, check out our website: www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings and follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings. Tell your friends!

THE FOOD CART - Please consider adding a package or two of food for the cart whenever you shop. The hunger problem seems always to be with us and all donations help. Thank you for keeping this in mind when you shop! The Community Service Committee



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Flower Chart on Kiosk – Sign Up for Altar Flowers

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Building & Grounds: Feel like swinging a hammer, turning a wrench, repairing a sprinkler line, or laying down a coat of fresh paint? Help maintain the appearance of our campus and sanctuary.

Contact: Ken Campbell 408-691-5694; Reed Canerday reedcan2@gmail.com; or Clark Canham, 408-605-3955, cfcam@pacbell.net

Magnification Team: Meets monthly to discuss the worship service plans; reviewing and discussing pastor's thoughts and plans for liturgy, special services, prayer services, frequency of communion, Advent services, choir music plans, etc. and addressing any of his concerns. We also discuss volunteer signups for liturgists, lectors, communion assistants, ushers, etc. This is a way to be engaged in a very important aspect of our church. "The team meets on an as needed basis. If you have a concern, comment or suggestion, please contact Pastor, Clark or Carol."

Contact: Clark Canham 408-605-3955, Carol Flint 408-781-3168, or Pastor Derek.

Mission Team: We communicate using infrequent formal meetings, supplemented by email/conversations. Our aim: spread the Jesus story to the unchurched (Evangelism). Efforts needed: urge & train our members to become disciples, follow up on names on the prayer list, and participate in Pastor's neighborhood walks, and support ILC website upgrades. Currently working with the Magnification Team to make ILC a truly welcoming congregation. Mission team also recognizes and celebrates the evangelism efforts of other Lutherans (e.g., overseas missionaries).

Maturity – promotes the education of children and adults at ILC. Volunteers are needed to assist educating youth during the second service Sunday School hour. In preschool, fun activities with the 3-5 year-olds; in elementary, from 1st to 5th grade, two volunteers to instruct the kids with Bible stories, crafts and games.

Volunteers are also needed to teach the 6th through 8th graders in a rotating schedule with the Youth Ministry Leader, Alyssa McCoy. Meetings are minimal. Bible study materials for the elementary grades are distributed via email. Contact Mitzie Eddy 408-656-7025 or mitzeddy@gmail.com

Church Council: Church council is bicameral, functioning as two teams: Council A and Council B. Council A, led by Congregational President Nathan Sarkisian, addresses administrative components, including church finances, facilities and staff. Council B, led by Pastor Derek, addresses the ministry and mission of the Church, including worship, membership, education, service (within the church and beyond its walls), evangelism and outreach, and website and social media. Each council component meets bimonthly, sometimes jointly.

Contact: Nathan Sarkisian 408-591-4976 or Pastor Derek

ILC Annual Events

EASTER

LADIES RETREAT



Habitat for Humanity



Summer Concerts In the Park



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Christmas Buffet Decorating



Christmas Concert

Children's Christmas Play



On The Horizon... (mark your calendars)

God's River of Life...

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Pastor Derek teaches a Bible Study **each Wednesday morning** at church, from 10:00 – 11:30. All are welcome to attend. We are currently meeting virtually, using Zoom. If you would like to participate, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618161830> We're presently aboard God's Ship *Grace* cruising down God's River of Life. We're stopping at several ports of call, where we set up camp, take a look around, and come to better know our God, ourselves and each other. We've been considering the kings of Israel, and the prophets are coming. Join us as we continue cruising down God's River of Life. For more information, call or email Pastor Derek at pastord63@gmail.com or 408-499-4866.

Memorial Service

A memorial service is scheduled to celebrate the life of Catherina "Tine" Ude as well as her heavenly homecoming in Christ Jesus our Lord. Saturday, June 27, Chapel of the Roses at Oak Hill Funeral Home & Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave. in San Jose at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Car problems? Don't want to leave your home?



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Youth Handbell Choir

Hopefully you had a chance to see and hear the Youth Handbell Choir perform in church. For our 1st year we had 6-7 ringers and performed in church on 4 Sundays. Based on feedback from you youth and the congregation, our inaugural year was a success!

We are continuing with the Youth Handbell Choir this year and are hoping to grow in numbers. With more ringers, we will have more options in the music that we can play. The Youth

Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays in between 2nd service and Confirmation classes – from 11:45 to 12:30. All youth 10 years and older are welcome to join us.

Don't know much about music? Well, Handbells are a great vehicle for teaching music. Individuals can very quickly learn the technique for ringing bells compared to other instruments that require a lot of practice to master the technique. With Handbells, we can quickly demonstrate so many elements of music (melody, harmony, rhythm, dynamics, meter, ...)



Another very important reason to join the Youth Handbell Choir is for the teamwork and comradery. In a Handbell Choir, ALL are needed. The music struggles if even one part is missing. This is a place where all individuals can feel needed and be a part of a team to make music and praise God. The Handbell Choir mirrors the body of Christ. Roman 12:5 says: *"so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* In the Handbell Choir, we are all separate ringers doing our own thing

and yet we're interconnected and need each other to come together to make a joyful noise to God. It reinforces the idea that you need to work together to achieve something great. In a Handbell team, success comes by including everyone and building up the individuals that struggle.

Please contact Carol Flint or Elisabeth Pintar if you are interested in joining us

Also, Handbells are not just for kids. We could use a few more ringers in the adult Handbell Choir too. Those rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 6:00 – 7:00.

Carol Flint
cflint8891@gmail.com
 408-781-3168

Elisabeth Pintar
elisabethpintar@yahoo.com
 408-857-8519

Weddings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga



Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, or check out our website: www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings. 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>

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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.

**There may be a surge in mail-order prescriptions due to the shelter-in-place. Receiving the orders may take a little longer than usual. It may be helpful to place your critical medicine mail-orders, preferably a week ahead to avoid last-minute requests. Again, not hoarding implies that all other patients will receive their vital prescriptions on time!

Just for laughs – Let’s all giggle and laugh for nothing at 10 am, 3 pm and 8 pm each day! And this website helps 😊 <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/> Here is a preview!



Famous Composers

Steven Spielberg was discussing his new project - an action docudrama about famous composers starring top movie stars. Sylvester Stallone, Steven Seagal, Bruce Willis, and Arnold Schwarzenegger were all present.

Spielberg strongly desired the box office 'oomph' of these superstars, so he was prepared to allow them to select whatever composers they would portray, as long as they were very famous.

"Well," started Stallone, "I've always admired Mozart. I would love to play him."

"Chopin has always been my favorite and my image would improve if people saw me playing the piano" said Willis. "I'll play him."

"I've always been partial to Strauss and his waltzes," said Segal. "I'd like to play him."

Spielberg was very pleased with these choices. "Sounds splendid." Then, looking at Schwarzenegger, he asked, "Who do you want to be, Arnold?"

So, Arnold says

"I'll be Bach."

** "I'll be back" is a catchphrase associated with Arnold Schwarzenegger, which was made famous in the 1984 science fiction film The Terminator.

We are all in this together!

God Bless and Stay Safe!
Vaskie Turner



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Communion is served each Sunday as part of the liturgy.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Feed your soul!

Visitors are always welcome!

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Kids' Place- *Infant and Preschool Care during Worship Services*

About the Messenger

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Email: vskt@att.net

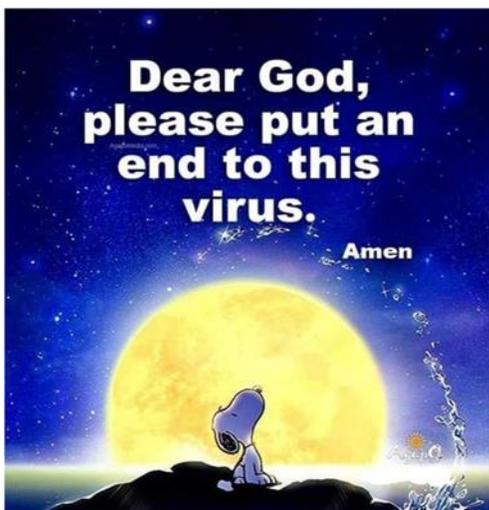
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