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# The Messenger

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

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## Coming Events

**Aug 2: 8.00 AM Men's Breakfast@ Effie's in Campbell(1st Sat of the Month:  
Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1 )**

**Aug 16, 8:30 AM: Women's breakfast @ Effie's in Campbell**

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

**Aug 31, 10:15 AM: One Congregational Service**

**Inspirational Christian Story – Page 17; Bible Crossword Puzzle–Pg 8**  
**Bible Wordoku–Pg 12; Bible Coloring for Therapy–Pg 19**  
**Bible Word search puzzle–Pg 20; Bible Trivia Questions–Pg 21**

**Sign-up for Sunday Service Altar Flowers–Page 9** 🌸

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

**\*Please sign up for weekly Altar Guild \*\*\***

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

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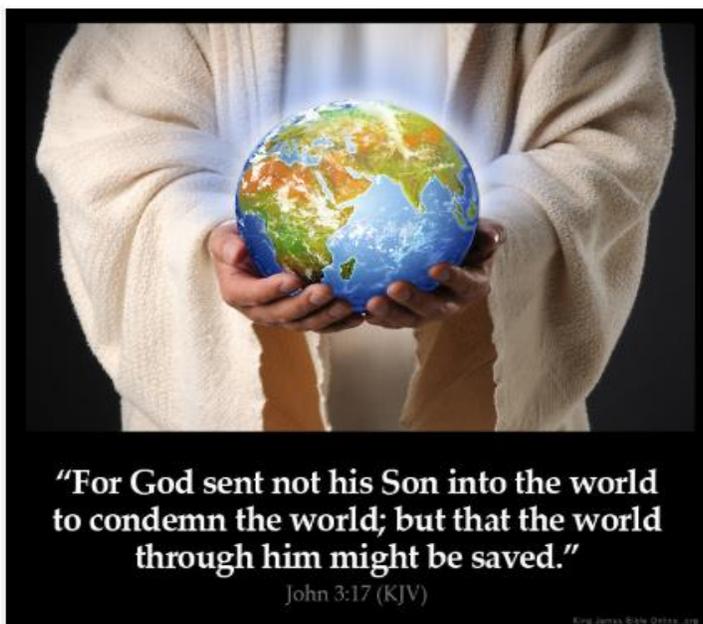
victims of the Texas floods). Communities rose up to help the victims of fires in Los Angeles. And how many rallied after the terrorist act of 9-11-01? We can see the Spirit of God at work in these communities, as they rally to the support of those who are in need.

Secondly, it is important to keep in mind that any judgment God brings is not final – which is to say that God’s intention is not to destroy us. It is penultimate; there is something beyond it. God’s heart seeks to redeem fallen creation, convert rebellious hearts, transform lives from living only for self to lives that live to serve God and others to the glory of God’s name.

Our place, then, is not to judge or to assign blame. Our work is to be quick to come to the aid of those who experience hardship – and pray that the hardship will result in eyes turned heavenward toward the One who bestows, preserves and renews life here and now. And who also graciously gifts us with life eternal in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Serving Among You With Joy,

Pastor Derek J. Engfelt



**“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”**

John 3:17 (KJV)

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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."**

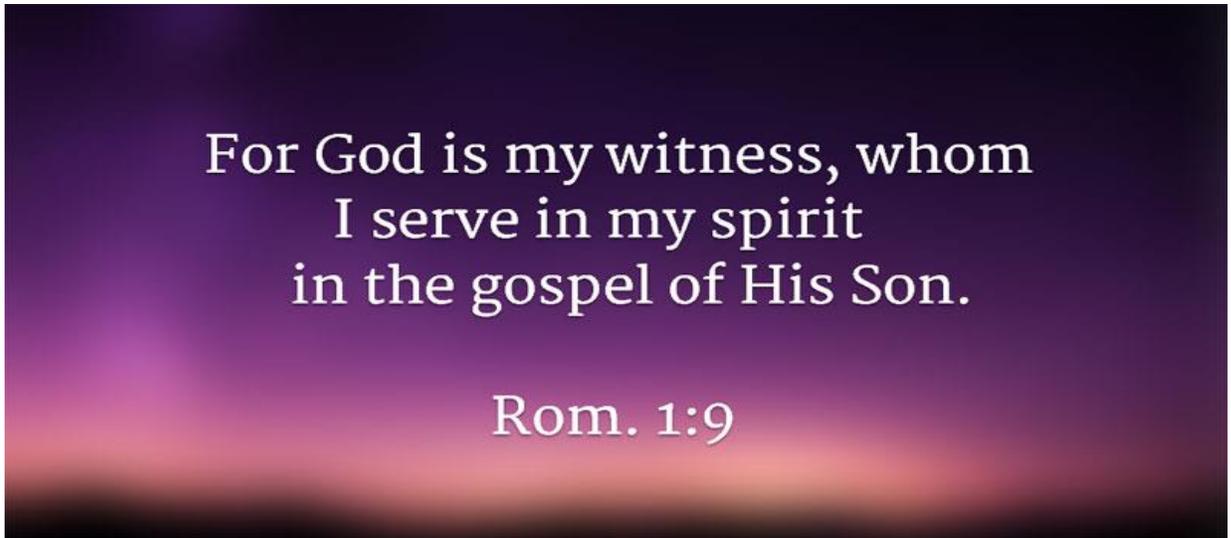
***Sunday school provides a structure for teaching God's Word. Preaching isn't enough. A systematic teaching of the Scriptures – not just preaching (Acts 5:42) needs to occur through all age levels. Children, youth, and adults need opportunities for discovery, review, and interaction as they study God's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

***Sunday School meets needs!***



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## Volunteer to Serve on Sundays



**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

If you have questions about any of these Sunday Morning Activities, please email Alyssa Morgan [alyssamccoy@comcast.net](mailto:alyssamccoy@comcast.net)



**Worship + Love + Serve**

## Children's Story



Where's the Pony?



There were once two identical twins. They were alike in every way but one. One was a hope-filled optimist who only ever saw the bright side of life. The other was a dark pessimist, who only ever saw the down side in every situation.

The parents were so worried about the extremes of optimism and pessimism in their boys they took them to the Doctor. He suggested a plan. "On their next birthday give the pessimist a shiny new bike, but give the optimist only a pile of manure."

It seemed a fairly extreme thing to do. After all the parents had always treated heir boys equally. But in this instance, they decided to try to Doctor's advice. So, when the twins' birthday came round, they gave the pessimist the most expensive, top of the range, racing bike a child has ever owned. When he saw the bike his first words were, "I'll probably crash and break my leg."

To the optimist they gave a carefully wrapped box of manure. He opened it, looked puzzled for a moment, then ran outside screaming, "You can't fool me! Where there's this much manure, there's just gotta be a pony around here somewhere!"

**Philippians 4:8:**

A Bible verse that encourages looking on the bright side is Philippians 4:8. It says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." This verse encourages focusing on positive and uplifting aspects, even amidst challenges.

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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, 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: Tom Lowdermilk)



### Women's Breakfast

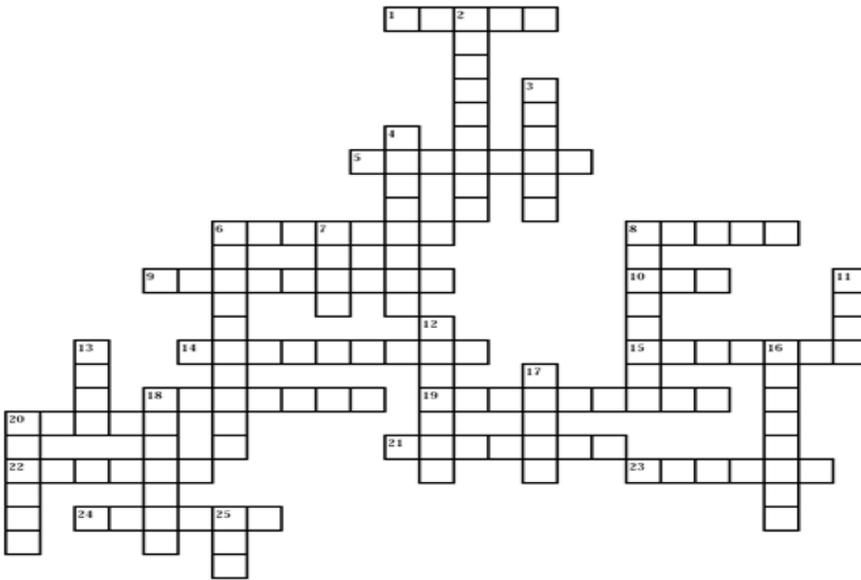
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



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



### Crossword Puzzle: The Woman at the Well



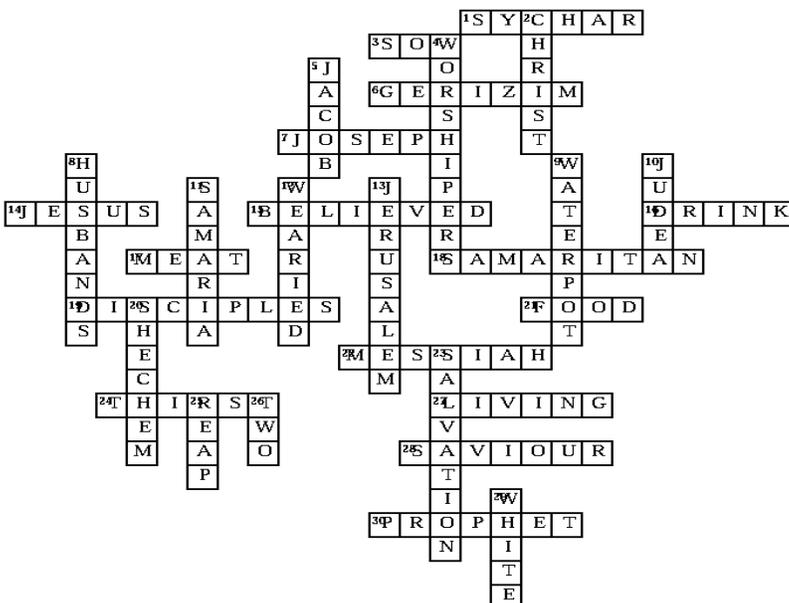
### Across

- 1 Said, "I am He."
- 5 Mountain where the Samaritans worshiped.
- 6 Why Jesus sat down at the well.
- 8 Ripe or ready to be harvested
- 9 Where the Jews worshiped.
- 10 Number of days Jesus spent in Samaria.
- 14 They left Jesus at the well alone.
- 15 What the woman thought Jesus to be.
- 18 Where Jacob bought a possession.
- 19 Race descended from intermarriage of Jews and Assyrians.
- 20 Where Jesus had been baptizing and making disciples.
- 21 Christ is this to the whole world.
- 22 Samaritan city near Jacob's well.
- 23 Kind of water Jesus possessed.
- 24 What those who drink living water never have again.

### Down

- 2 This is "of the Jews".
- 3 Greek equivalent of "Messiah"
- 4 What the men of Samaria did because they heard Jesus.
- 6 God is seeking true ones.
- 7 Gather in the crops
- 8 What the Samaritan woman left at the well.
- 11 "My \_\_\_\_\_ is to do the will of Him that sent me."
- 12 Means "the Anointed One".
- 13 What the disciples went to buy.
- 16 The Samaritan woman had five of these.
- 17 Dug the well near Sychar.
- 18 Region of Palestine between Judea and Galilee.
- 20 Jacob's son buried near Sychar.
- 25 scatter seed

### July Answers



\*To view the on numbers the crossword puzzle, please use the '-' minus and '+' plus sign on top of the pdf page to enlarge this page.

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## ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FOOD CART - Please consider adding a package or two of food** to 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. Please consider making a contribution the old fashioned way, by cash or check, or electronically, via Givelify, PayPal. or Zeffy.



**Each Sunday, we adorn our altar in the sanctuary with flowers.** If you would like to purchase flowers in honor of a special birthday or anniversary, please email our Office Administrator, Sheila Wallace at [office.ilc.saratoga@gmail.com](mailto:office.ilc.saratoga@gmail.com) or Pastor Derek at [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com)

Also are available for sign-up in honor or memory of someone for:

Easter Lily plants for Easter 

and Poinsettia plants for Christmas! 

\*These flowers adorn the sanctuary for these special services!

# Memories at ILC

## EASTER



## LADIES RETREAT



## Habitat for Humanity



Summer Concerts  
In the Park

Thanksgiving  
Interfaith Service

Tree Decorating



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.

## Wednesday Bible Study: Expanding Our Vision

Join us Wednesday mornings in at 10:00 AM as we take a deeper dive into the second reading appointer for the coming Sunday. The class is entitled *Expanding Our Vision*. Because Sunday's sermon is almost always centered on the gospel selection, we don't often explore the second reading in any depth. This class gives us the opportunity to do so. In addition to taking a closer look at the second reading itself, we'll also consider any connections it has to the gospel reading for that Sunday.

We meet in person in the Fireside Room. Treats are served at the conclusion of the class (11:30). If you're 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 minor prophets, now considering the witness of *Hosea*. 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=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNlQTo9>

We meet every Thursday at 6:30 AM, in person in the church Fireside Room and via livestream ([Thursday AM Bible Study](#)). (If in person, you will also be able to partake of morning refreshments – coffee & pastries.) All are welcome! For any questions, please contact Jack Moorman [jack.moorman@gmail.com](mailto:jack.moorman@gmail.com) or Pastor Derek [pastord63@gmail.com](mailto:pastord63@gmail.com).

## 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>

## 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/>

## Lions in Sight

Got Glasses? Just a reminder that we have a donation box church office to collect used prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses (prescription or non-prescription), printer/toner cartridges, hearing aids and cell phones in partnership with the Lions Club. Your donation of these unused items will help those locally who cannot afford prescription glasses; the other items are used to fund the program. If you can't drop the items in the box, please email Laura Gloner ([laura.gloner@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gloner@gmail.com)), and she'll be happy to arrange a pickup or drop-off. (Website: <https://www.lionsinsight.net/>)



## Echo, Echo...

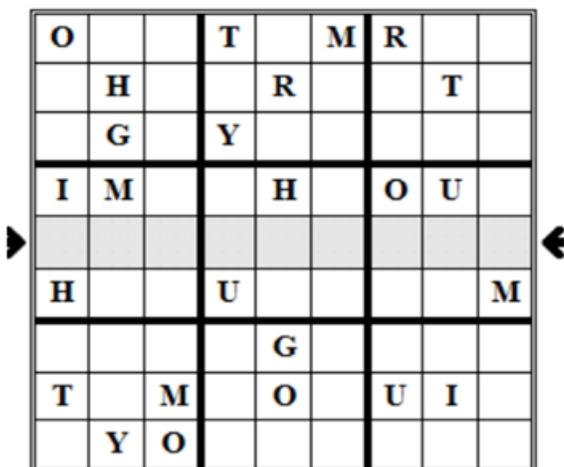
Yes, that's right, ILC supports the [Echo Shop](#) in downtown Saratoga with our time and donations! The Echo Shop is a high-end resale shop, run by our neighbors at St. Andrews Episcopal Church since 1961. It's staffed entirely by volunteers, so all of the money raised can go directly to local charities, including Santa Maria Urban Ministries, as well as houseless, women's, and children's causes. High-end items can be donated directly to the shop's red back door during business hours or by making an appointment. Our Children's Book Ministry flows through the shop, as well. Several women from ILC regularly volunteer and have a great time pricing, sorting, and stocking merchandise, while making new friends. If you have any questions about volunteering or donating, please contact Myra Sternlieb ([msmyrabeth@yahoo.com](mailto:msmyrabeth@yahoo.com)) or Margit Chapman ([margitc@aol.com](mailto:margitc@aol.com)). (website: [The Echo Shop](#))



**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.



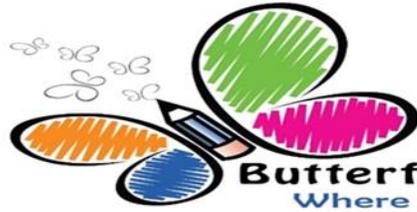
Hint
The prophetic word

The 9 letters to use :
C D E F I M N O R

### July Answer

CONFIRMED
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Did You Know ?
«We have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place.» (2 Pe. 1:19). None can despise without loss the light the Word casts on the world, this obscure place which will soon be judged.



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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 useful and informative websites!



Coronavirus Hotline for Seniors - The hotline number is **1-833-544-2374**.

Call **2-1-1** in 150 languages. 24/7

Text **211211** to receive texts on updates

<https://www.kcra.com/article/gov-newsom-coronavirus-update-march-31/31983378>

Emotional Listening Support Contact 24/7 Helpline: **1-800-932-4616** (Toll Free)

[Warm Line - Mental Health Association of San Francisco \(mentalhealthsf.org\)](http://www.mentalhealthsf.org)

<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**.

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 website. 1. <https://covid19.ca.gov/>



Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?", the others ask.

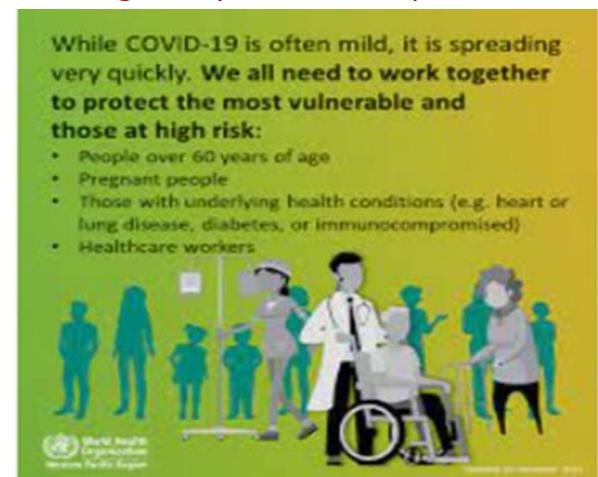
"I work for 7 Up!"

**Covid Coach" for self-care and mental health:** App found in Google Play on Android phones and Apple Store on iPhone or iPad

<https://mobile.va.gov/app/covid-coach>

Show empathy to those still susceptible to Covid-19. Some have multiple high-risk factors, 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



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## Inspirational Christian Article – Tax Assessor

A tax assessor came one day to a poor man to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay.

“What property do you possess?” asked the assessor.

“ I am a very wealthy man,” replied the man.

“ List your possessions, please,” the assessor instructed.

“ First, I have everlasting life (John 3:16).

“ Second, I have a mansion in heaven (John 14:2).

“ Third, I have peace that passeth understanding (Philippians 4:7).

“ Fourth, I have joy unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8).

“ Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth (1 Corinthians 13:8).

“ Sixth, I have a faithful precious wife (Proverbs 31:10).

“ Seventh, I have healthy, happy obedient children (Exodus 20:12).

“ Eighth, I have true, loyal friends (Proverbs 18:24).

“ Ninth, I have songs in the night (Psalms 42:8).

“ Tenth, I have a crown of life (James 1:12).”

The tax assessor closed his book, and said,

“ Truly you are a very rich man, but your wealth is not subject to taxation.”

**Philippians 4:19: .**

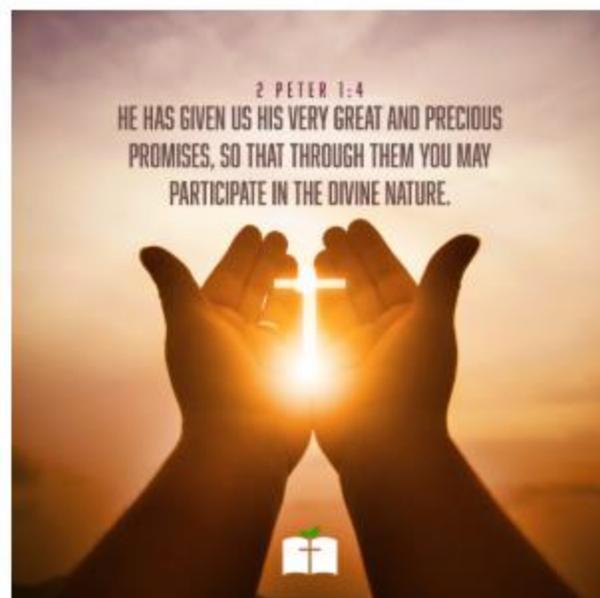
**"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."**

**Hebrews 13:5:**

**"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**

**AMEN!**

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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. These will be "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends!

### August 9: Fremont Older Open Space Preserve, Parker Ranch Trail

**Getting There:** From the church, turn right toward Big Basin.

At the light (Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.), turn right. Proceed 2.4 miles, then turn left at the light on Prospect Rd. Continue 0.4 miles to first stop sign. Turn left (to stay on Prospect Rd.) Immediately after crossing the railroad tracks, look for a place to park along the road. The trailhead is on the other side of the street.

**Time: 8:00 AM**



**Aug. 23: Villa Montalvo Lookout Point:** An out-and-back, looped, moderate hike with just one (extended) hill. Approximately 5 miles.

**Getting There:** From the church, head southwest on Saratoga Ave. toward Big Basin for 0.5 miles. Turn left on Los Gatos – Saratoga Rd. In 0.4 miles, turn right on Montalvo Rd. **Park on the right-hand side of Montalvo Rd., immediately park on the right-hand side of the road, as soon as it is safe to do so.**

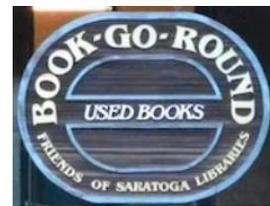
**Time: 8:00 AM**

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 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.

## Book-Go-Round

For a treat, visit Book-Go-Round (BGR) at 14410 Oak Street in Saratoga. BGR is a secondhand bookstore operated by volunteers of the Friends of the Library and the National Charity League, Inc (NCL). The store opens at 12:00 PM every day (Saturdays at 10:00 AM). BGR has supported the Saratoga Library for 50 years and is packed with a wide range of books, as inexpensive as \$.25. Newer paperbacks are usually \$1 to \$3. Also available are also a number of children's books, as well as CD's, DVD's, VHS, Audio books, sheet music and records – all at good rates. Additionally, there is a comfortable seating arrangement, where visitors may enjoy classical music while perusing.

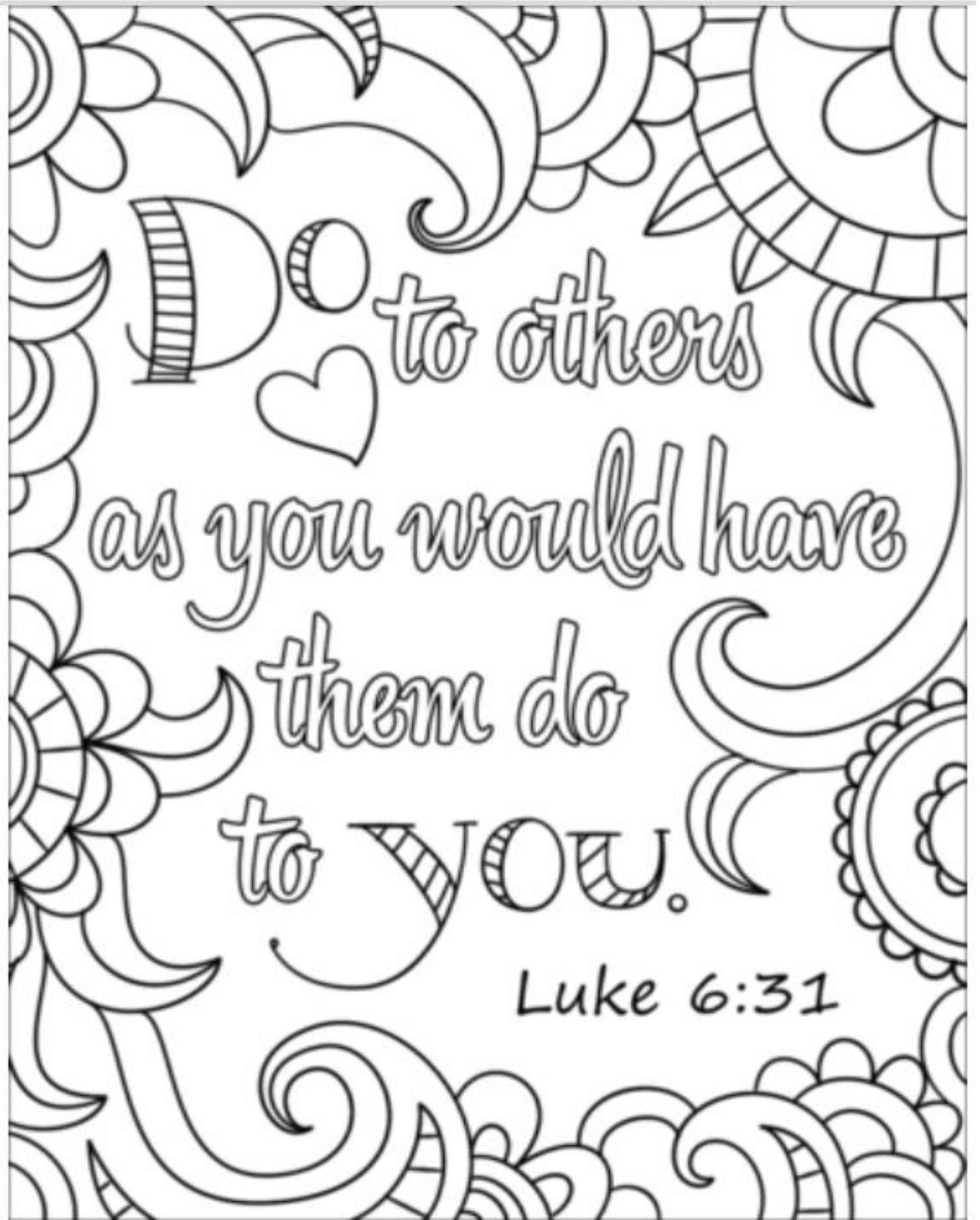


## Children's Books Ministry



You may have noticed the green bins in the parking lot and wondered: Where do the children's books go? With a recent partnership with the [Echo Resale Shop](#) in downtown Saratoga, many of the children's books will now go to [Santa Maria Urban Ministry](#) (SMUM) in San Jose. SMUM runs a food pantry, helps the unhoused, and offers school-age tutoring support. Please donate new and used books that are just waiting to be the source of new adventure for young minds...

## Bible Verse Coloring



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

**FARMING IN THE BIBLE**

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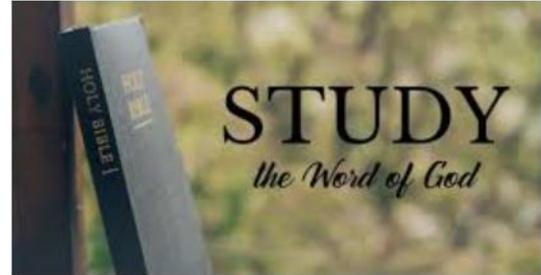
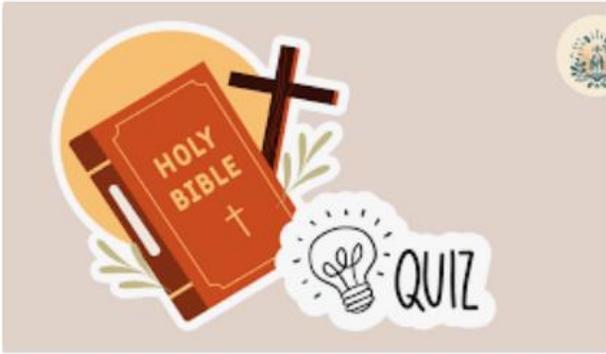
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July Answers

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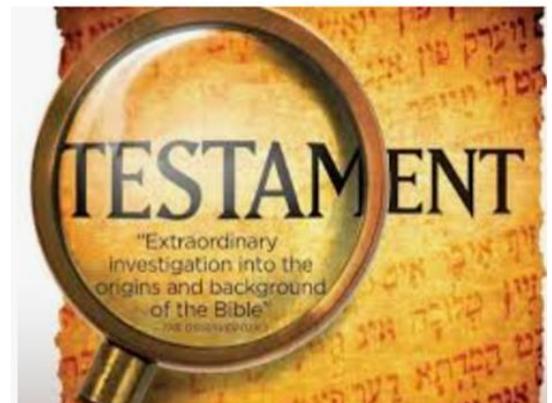
## Bible Trivia Questions: Physical Bible



1. What Bible book tells about Earth's first family?
2. This book is about the Israelites leaving Egypt
3. Which book tells about the Mark of the Beast?
4. Which Bible book has the most words?
5. Which Bible book has the fewest words?
6. What is the language of the original Old Testament?
7. What is the language of the original New Testament?
8. How many languages has the Bible been translated into?
9. How many people wrote the 66 books of the Bible?
10. Do any original copies of the Bible books exist?

### July Answers

1. The Pentateuch
2. The Bible contains the Old Testament and the New Testament
3. The Bible consists of sixty-six (66) books
4. The Old Testament of the Bible consists of thirty-nine (39) books
5. The New Testament of the Bible consists of twenty-seven (27) books
6. John Wycliffe wrote it in 1382 A.D.
7. Words of Jesus are traditionally printed in red ink.
8. "Jesus wept."
9. The Book of Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament
10. The Book of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament



## Rotating Safe Car Park (RSCP)

**Our calendar is now 46% full.** Thanks to those who've signed up!

We are headed into our 5<sup>th</sup> year of participation in Saratoga's *Rotating Safe Car Park* (RSCP) program. As such we will open our parking lot to between 10-20 guests for overnight parking/sleeping.



Judy Onton will be leading the charge again this year – and you can expect to hear from her in church on August 3, as she will present a Ministry Moment focused on the RSCP. Among other things, Judy will make it clear that the RSCP is safe, easy and fun for every volunteer. Every first-time volunteer will be paired with someone who has already volunteered. ***The gift of your time and presence is what matters most.***

Here's what's needed to make this work: Two people per day host morning hospitality and two host evening hospitality. Four people per day @ thirty days (in September) total 120 volunteer slots. Each slot requires about 90 minutes of your time. Responsibilities include checking guests in/out, monitoring snacks for hospitality time, keeping the area clean and engaging with guests (mainly listening), as appropriate. Again, every first-time volunteer will be paired with someone who has previously served.

Here's the link to Sign-Up-Genius: [Safe Car Park](#) ***Please check your calendar and sign up soon.***

### Texas Flood Relief

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



### Community Support:

Thank you for your ongoing donations of clothes (placed in bags), food and children's books. The collection bins are located alongside the church office parking lot, and donations (non-perishables) may be dropped off in the bins at any time. Your generosity is appreciated!



In the words of Jesus, "When you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40)



## 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) **CDC recommends that adults 50 years or older should talk with a healthcare provider to make sure they're up to date with pneumococcal vaccination – 10/23/2024.**

[CDC Recommends Second Dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine for People 65 Years and Older and for People Who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised – 10/23/2024](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/s1023-covid-19-vaccine.html)

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/s1023-covid-19-vaccine.html> - People 65 years and older and everyone 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

**CDC Recommends Updated COVID-19 Vaccine – 09/06/2024** <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/index.html>

CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get the updated 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine to protect against serious illness. The updated vaccine is safe and effective at protecting against COVID-19-related hospitalization and death, and it also reduces your chance of suffering the effects of Long-term COVID.

**Getting vaccinated is especially important for people at the highest risk for severe illness, including:**

- [Older adults](#)
- People who have [certain health conditions](#)
- People who have a [weakened immune system](#)
- People who are [pregnant](#)

**COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions -** <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/faq.html>

Read more about the updated vaccine and CDC's recommendation. [COVID-19 Vaccines | COVID-19 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/)  
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Use the [CDC's COVID-19 booster tool](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html) to learn if and when you can get boosters to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines. [https://www.cdc.gov/covid/?CDC\\_AAref\\_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html)

CDC recommends that everyone stay up to date with the COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group. [Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | COVID-19 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/)

**One shot gets you caught up.** Most people who haven't yet had a shot of the updated "bivalent" vaccine based on both the Wuhan and more recent omicron strains can now receive a single dose. That includes the 30% of Americans who didn't get vaccinated with the two-shot primary series of the original vaccine. Children 6 months to 5 years old who are unvaccinated or who had the original vaccine can receive multiple doses of the bivalent vaccine for kids.

**Older and vulnerable adults can get another booster.** If you are 65 or older and already had a dose of the bivalent vaccine, you can now get a second booster of that shot after at least four months. Those with compromised immunity who had a dose of the bivalent vaccine may also receive another shot after at least two months and additional doses at the discretion of their doctor.

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.](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/immunocompromised-people.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html)** [https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/immunocompromised-people.html?CDC\\_AAref\\_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/immunocompromised-people.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html)

\*\*Order your 4 free COVID-19 test kits per household now! <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

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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.

## About the Messenger

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