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The Messenger

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

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Coming Events

**Oct 4: 8.00 AM Men's Breakfast@ Effie's in Campbell(1st Sat of the Month:
Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3)**

Oct 18, 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)

Oct 26, 10:15 AM: One Congregational Service

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"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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The gospel, as Luther came to discover it, was the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. Salvation came from God's initiative alone, apart from works, received through faith (which, Luther would say, was itself a gift of the Holy Spirit, working through the proclaimed promise of God). Luther was a priest in the (Roman Catholic) Church, which, at the time, was convoluting the teaching of the gospel. When Luther's eyes were opened to the freedom of the gospel, he was moved to bring to the attention of others what he was convinced were abuses to the teaching of the gospel. He wrote about the freedom of the Christian (and yet the obligation of the Christian to be a servant of all).

In 1517 in Wittenberg, Germany, Luther intended to raise points of debate in the seminary, and when his intention was discovered by bishops – and by the Pope himself – he was called to account for his writings – and asked to recant (to apologize for his errors and “take back” his words and works. He would not. Famously, in 1521, at a church conference (called a diet) in the city of Worms, before the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, Luther declared when called upon to recant: “Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me.” Luther was then excommunicated and deemed a heretic. It was never Luther's intention to leave the Church; he loved the church. However, in his commitment to preserve the gospel from error, he protested the abuses taking place within the Church he so loved. Thus, the designation of the *Protestant* movement.

Those who were in agreement with Luther, energized by his insight and followed his teachings, were deemed “Lutherans.” It was, at first, a derogatory term. Later, the designation came to be a title used with pride. Christ alone. Grace alone. The Word (of God) alone. Faith alone. There were some of the major teaching points of the reformer whose name we have taken to describe our “brand.”

There is another key verse in Scripture that well states the central conviction of Luther: salvation by grace through faith. Paul writes to the Galatians (2:16):

“... nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified,”

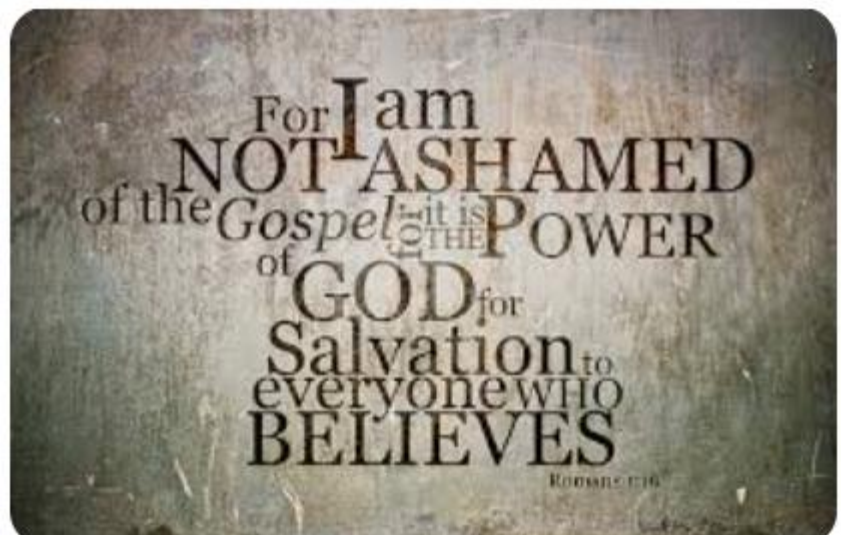
As if to stress the importance of this teaching, the apostle states the same thing three times, hammering the truth home.

As Lutheran Christians, we follow Christ. And we are grateful for the insights of Luther, as much as they led us to follow Jesus.

On Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate the freedom of the gospel and express gratitude for our Lutheran heritage. It is customary to dress in red (representing the fire of the Holy Spirit, the power behind the reformation).

Serving with gratitude and joy,

Pastor Derek J Engfelt



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People Helping People !

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday School meets needs!



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Volunteer to Serve on Sundays



Thank you for
Serving!

For God is my witness, whom
I serve in my spirit
in the gospel of His Son.

Rom. 1:9

It takes many people to make Sunday mornings "happen". You're welcome to participate and be one of them!

Service Opportunities include:

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

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

Livestream: Control the livestream setup and camera during the service to support our "Church without Walls"

Coffee: Provide treats for fellowship time after service

Communion: Help distribute communion during service

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

Lector: Read lessons in church

Liturgist: Assistant leader in worship, chant the opening liturgy

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



If you have questions about any of these Sunday Morning Activities, please email Alyssa Morgan alyssamccoy@comcast.net



Worship + Love + Serve

Children's Story



Nursery Rhymes



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky, twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.



I'm a Little Tea Pot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout
Here's my handle (*place hand on hip*)
Here's my spout (*stick your other arm out straight*)
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout
Just tip me over and pour me out (*lean over with your spout arm*)



London Bridge is Falling Down (Short Version)

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
London Bridge is falling down,
My fair lady.

Build it up with wood and clay,
Wood and clay, wood and clay,
Build it up with wood and clay,
My fair lady.

Wood and clay will wash away,
Wash away, wash away,
Wood and clay will wash away,
My fair lady.

Build it up with iron and steel,
Iron and steel, iron and steel,
Build it up with iron and steel,
My fair lady.

Iron and steel will bend and bow,
Bend and bow, bend and bow,
Iron and steel will bend and bow,
My fair lady.

Build it up with silver and gold,
Silver and gold, silver and gold,
Build it up with silver and gold,
My fair lady.



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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

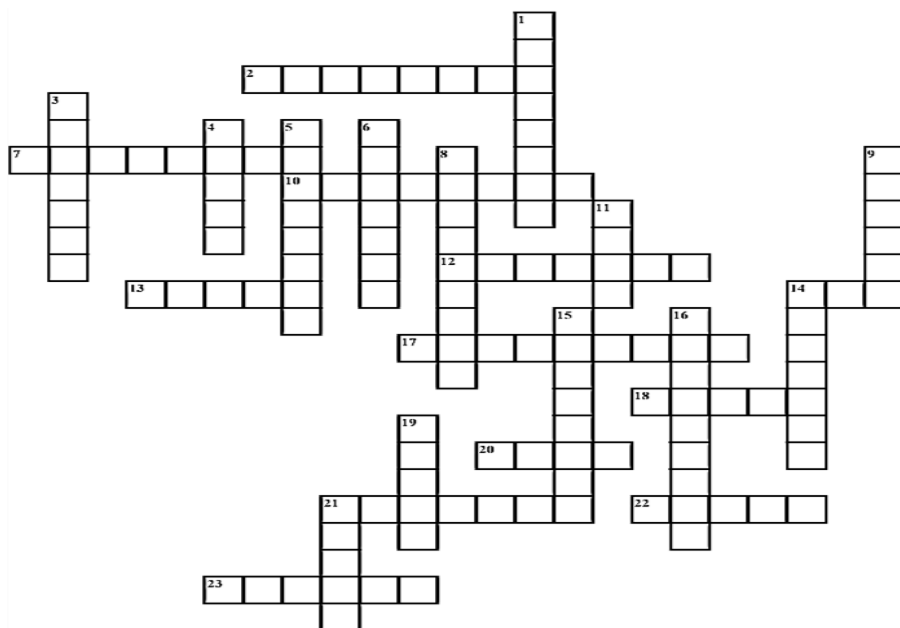
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



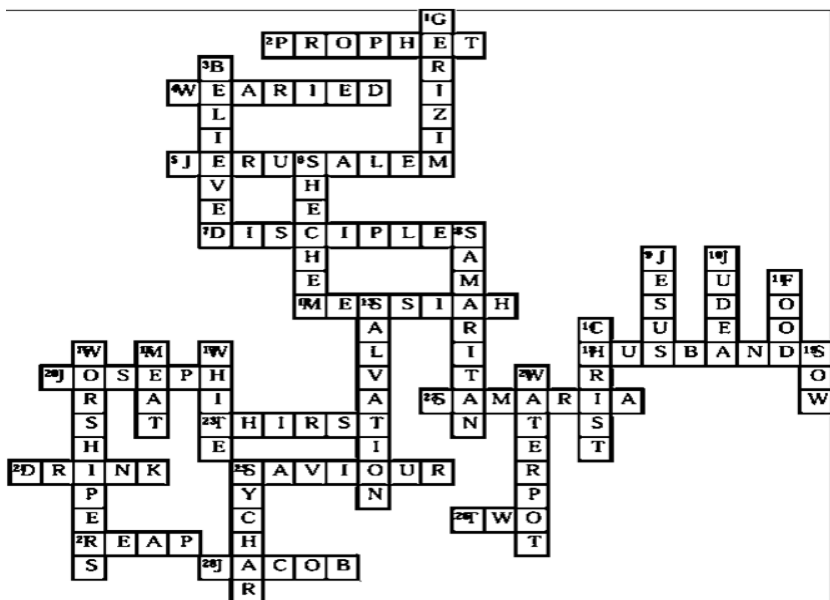
ILC ladies at the women's group meeting (photo credit: Cheryl Moorman)



Crossword Puzzle: The Noble Man



September Answers



Across

- 2 Feast at which Jews had seen Jesus work miracles (cf. Jn. 2:23)
- 7 A Jew who served Herod the King (cf. Lk. 8:3; Ax. 13:1)
- 10 Why the nobleman left Jesus in Cana
- 12 Hour in which the boy was healed (What time of day is this?)
- 13 "And himself believed and his _____ house."
- 14 Address of the nobleman to Jesus (in KJV).
- 17 When the boy was healed
- 18 Affliction of the nobleman's son
- 20 Proof that the nobleman believed (Jn. 4:50)
- 21 A miracle
- 22 Province in which Jerusalem was located
- 23 "Thy son _____."

Down

- 1 What Jesus did in Jerusalem at Passover
- 3 This man is without honor in his own country
- 4 To get better
- 5 The reason why Jesus worked miracles (cf. Mk. 9:24; Jn. 20:30-31)
- 6 Province in which Cana is found
- 8 City where Temple of the Jews located
- 9 To esteem
- 11 Where Jesus worked His second miracle in Galilee
- 14 Where Jesus had been before returning to Galilee
- 15 Met the nobleman with good news
- 16 City where the nobleman lived
- 19 "Except ye see _____ and wonders, ye will not believe."
- 21 What Jesus turned to wine

*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.

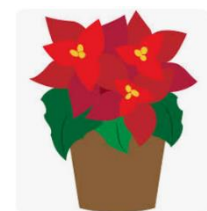


ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or Pastor Derek at 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 ParkThanksgiving
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

NOTE: There was no class on October 1.

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 *Amos*. 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 or Pastor Derek 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>

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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), and she'll be happy to arrange a pickup or drop-off. (Website: <https://www.lionsinsight.net/>)



Echo, Echo...

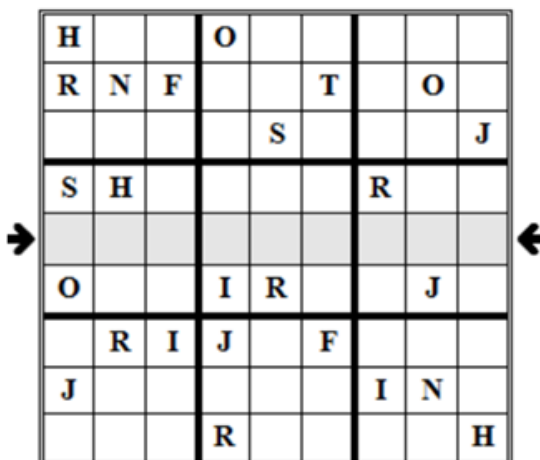
Yes, that's right, ILC supports the [Echo Shop](#) in downtown Saratoga with our time and donations! The Echo Shop is a high-end resale shop, run by our neighbors at St. Andrews Episcopal Church since 1961. It's staffed entirely by volunteers, so all of the money raised can go directly to local charities, 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) or Margit Chapman (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
Eternal life in Jesus Christ

The 9 letters to use :
F H I J N O R S T

September Answer

MANY BOILS

Did You Know ?

«Moses scattered ashes toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast.» (Ex.9:10). If lesser judgments don't work, God will send greater. Therefore let's humble ourselves under His mighty hand.



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Weddings at Immaunel 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: ILC Saratoga weddings. 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.

<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 or call 408-792-2300 to leave a voicemail.

For more info, please go to the following website. 1. <https://covid19.ca.gov/>



A climber fell off a cliff, and, as he tumbled down, he caught hold of a small branch. "Help! Is there anybody up there?" he shouted.

A majestic voice boomed through the gorge:

"I will help you, my son, but first you must have faith in me."

"Yes, yes, I trust you!", cried the man.

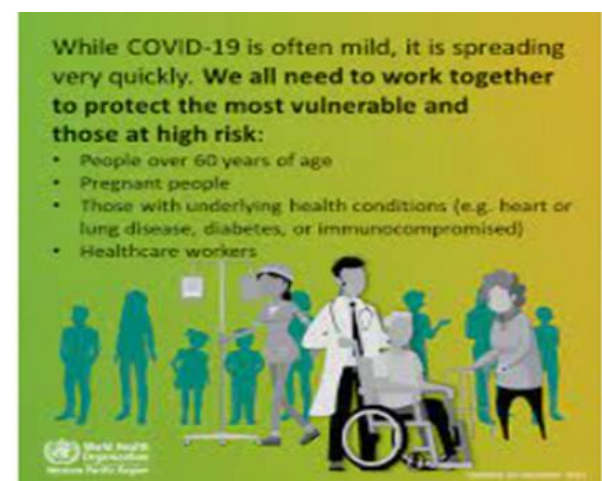
"Let go of the branch", boomed the voice.

There was a long pause, and the man shouted up again, "Is there anybody else up there?"

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



Inspirational Christian Article – The Wooden Bowl

A frail older man moved in with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The older man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor.

When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about Grandfather," the son said. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in a corner.

There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction sometimes, he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food when I grow up."

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words struck the parents so profoundly that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks.

Both realized their mistake and what must be done. That evening, the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb.

If they see us patiently provide a happy home atmosphere, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives.

A wise parent realizes that every day, it is necessary to lay the building blocks for the child's future.

Let us be wise builders and role models.

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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!

October 11: 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 Castillero 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.



October 25: Ascending Mt Umunhum. 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.

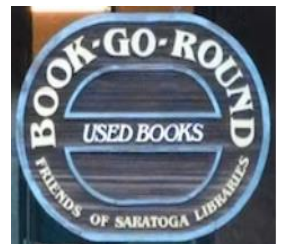
Time: 8:00 AM. The complete hike will take about 3.5 hours. (If you prefer only to hike DOWN, meet at 10:00 AM at the top parking lot, and we will transport you back up to the top.)

Plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 8:00 and plan to return to our cars by 11:30.

Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. In case of bad weather, I'll send a cancelation 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 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!

WISDOM

D F P T S C R I P T U R E L S C V E O A
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FEAR OF THE LORD
FOLLY
GRACE
GUIDANCE
HEART

HUMILITY
INSIGHT
INSTRUCTION
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LEARNING
PATIENCE
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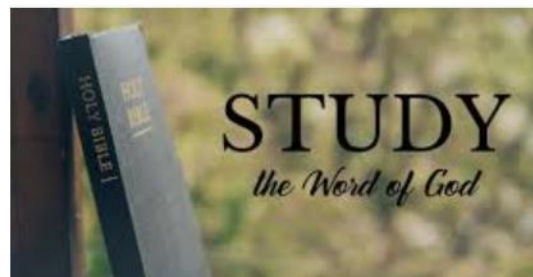
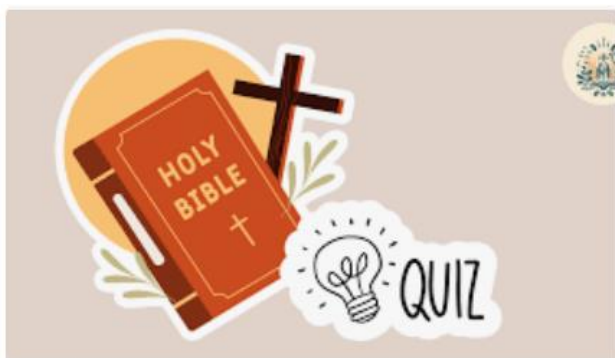
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September Answers

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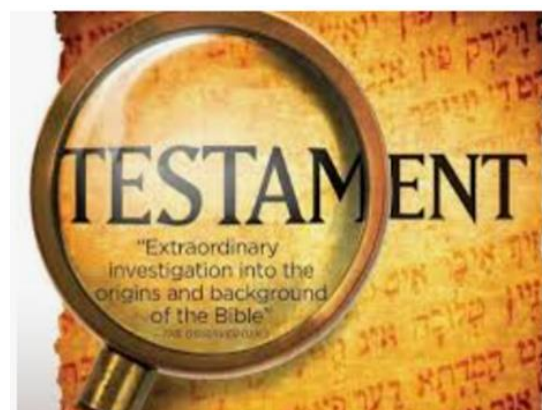
Bible Trivia Questions: Physical Bible



1. What is the book of Psalms?
2. Who wrote more books in the Old Testament than anyone else?
3. Which book contains the number 666 and the mark of the beast?
4. What is the meaning of the word testament?
5. Which book talks about "the end times"?
6. What part of the Bible talks about the ministry of Jesus?
7. Which book records the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt?
8. In the past several years, which Bible version has outsold the King James Bible?
9. Which section of the Protestant Bible is also part of the Hebrew Torah?
10. Where in the Bible does God make the rainbow a sign of a covenant?

September Answers

1. At least thirty-five authors.
2. Jesus.
3. To introduce God to the world.
4. Luke, a physician- Book of Luke.
5. Luke
6. Matthew, a tax collector.
7. Good news.
8. Pentateuch.
9. The first five books of the Jewish Bible.
10. Purpose of the subject matter (law, history, poetry, and prophets).



Spot the Difference: Paul and his friends taught about Jesus: Answers



Ukrainian National Women's League of America

The UNWLOA is hosting a centennial celebration fundraiser at the Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto, 1305 Middlefield Rd. Oct. 12, 4:00 – 7:30 PM. For tickets, go to zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/unwla-branch-107-centennial-celebration

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. 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 \(sccgov.org\)](#) **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 – 10/02/2025.**

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Resources

[Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

People who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine have lower risk of severe illness.

[Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Learn how to schedule and know what to expect at your COVID-19 appointment.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Basics](#)

Learn how COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19.

[Benefits of Getting Vaccinated](#)

Find out why you should get the COVID-19 vaccine and how it protects you from getting sick.

[Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People](#)

COVID-19 vaccine information for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

[COVID-19 Vaccination for People Who Would Like to Have a Baby](#)

Information on COVID-19 vaccines for people who would like to have a baby.

[COVID-19 Vaccination for Women Who Are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)

What you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

[COVID-19 Vaccination for Long-term Care Residents](#)

Information about COVID-19 vaccines for long-term care residents.

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Information for public health professionals and researchers on COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness.

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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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