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Immanuel Lutheran Church
of Saratoga

Coming Events

**Oct 3: 8.00 AM Men's Breakfast@ Effie's in Campbell(1st Sat of the Month:
Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6)**

Oct 17: 8:30 AM: Women's breakfast @ Effie's in Campbell

Oct 25, 10:15: One Congregational Service

Sunday services-Traditional – 9.00 AM *Contemporary Service - 10.45 AM

Online Service - <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php> (Live stream)

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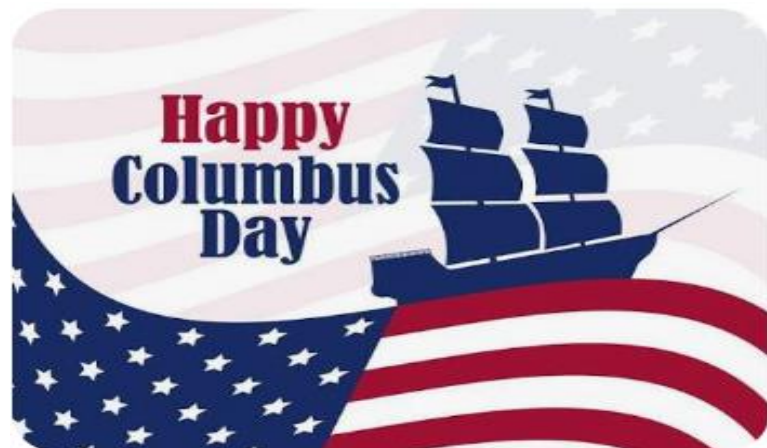
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"Volunteer to Serve on Sundays!"

Please sign up for weekly Altar Guild **

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Abram is also called to leave his *relatives*. Which means he must say goodbye. There is a measure of grief in every departure from loved ones. Goodbyes are often not easy, but time apart is necessary in order to set off on journeys of any sort that take us away from those with whom we relate on a regular basis.

Abram is also called to leave his *father's house*. He's growing up. He's on his own. While the independence he gains may give him a sigh of relief, to set out without the presence and support of parents can be a scary endeavor.

But, in the end, God promises Abram a land that will be revealed to him. A new adventure. And, of course, the place that would be new for Abram was familiar to the LORD. So for all Abram would leave behind, he would not be alone: the LORD would faithfully accompany him.

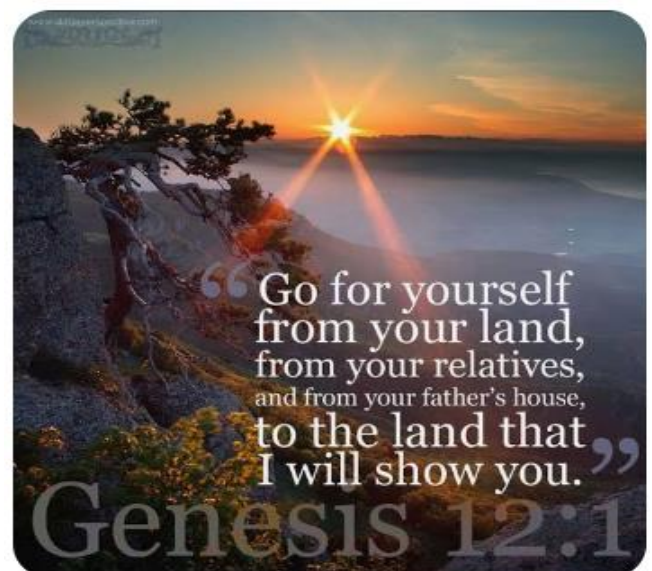
So it is in all of life's journeys – whatever distance, and for however long – you can be sure that God accompanies you. He is with you in your leaving and in your grieving. He is with you on the way. And He will be waiting for you when you arrive, with adventures a-plenty.

So keep your eyes open to the presence of God today – and for the opportunities He sets before you. You are His emissary, His ambassador, wherever you go. Shine your light, share your love, extend grace and compassionate kindness. And know that you are never alone. In all of life's journeys and in the heaven that awaits... in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Now, it's time for me to get packin'!

Serving in Your Midst with Joy,

Pastor Derek J. Engfelt



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People Helping People !

An experience by a congregation member – 1. Man on the Median – Our member was driving and about to make a left-hand turn onto Saratoga from Prospect/West Campbell Ave when he saw a man holding 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 he could really use this, then added 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 Joe's 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 to get around and look for a job. Our member mentioned the food packages and that our Church ILC has always been trying to help people. The young man said that it 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 discussed positivity and the use of all available government services. The young man took the two bags and 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



The faithful Dog



Neil loves to travel, and he was so fond of forests. Whenever he planned a holiday, he chose a place blessed by Mother Nature. To celebrate his son's second birthday, he decided to stay in the woods, nestled in the lap of a mountain. He, with his family and friends, reached the village near the woods and stayed in the cottage. The cottage stood at the edge of the dense forest, where guests could watch animals roaming nearby.

Neil's son saw a dog at the door and offered him a biscuit. The dog was happy, and soon the little boy befriended it. On the second day, the boy's birthday was celebrated grandly in the woods, surrounded by beautiful nature. The dog did not leave the boy for a minute, and they became close friends.

The next day, Neil, his wife, and others decided to go hunting in the forest and arranged a babysitter to take care of the boy for half a day.

After 3 hours, all the elders returned to the cottage, and they seemed very tired. The dog saw Neil and the others, rushed to them, and licked Neil's shoes. The cottage was open, and nobody was there. Dogs

A Faithful Dog

Neil's wife was shocked to see the blood stains in the dog's mouth, and she shouted. All of them thought that the dog had killed Neil's little boy. Everyone was shocked to see the blood-spattered mouth and started to lash the dog. The dog screamed in pain. Neil hit the dog with his gun, and it was badly wounded. Hearing the dog's screaming noise, the babysitter rushed to the entrance with Neil's son.

They were all speechless and inquired what happened to the dog and why there were blood stains in the dog's mouth.

The babysitter said that the boy was about to be attacked by a wolf that roamed around the house, but luckily the dog killed it. She showed them the dead wolf.

They felt so bad and offered first aid to the wounded dog.

Haste makes waste! Decisions made in a hurry do not help.

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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

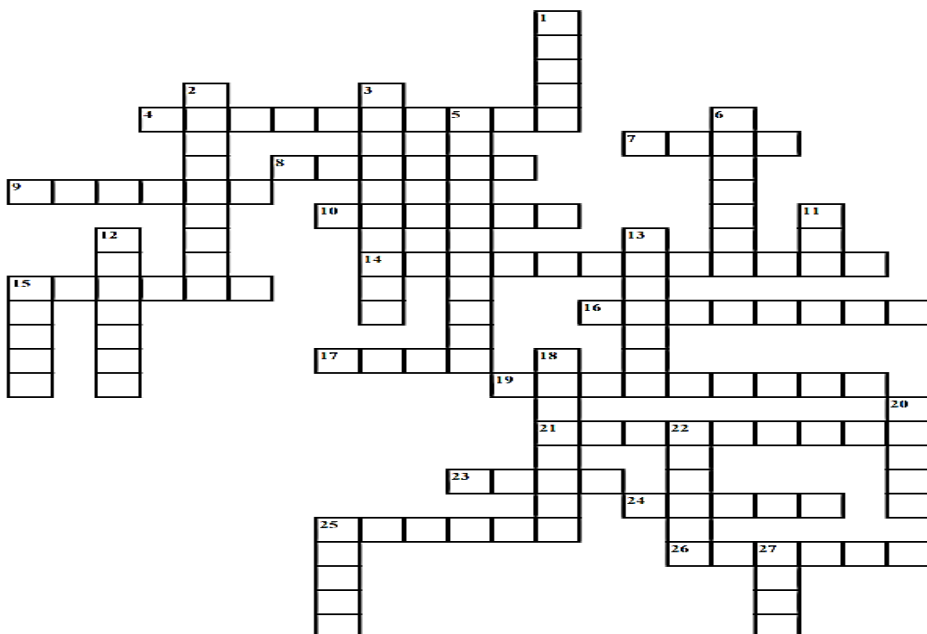
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



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



Crossword Puzzle: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand



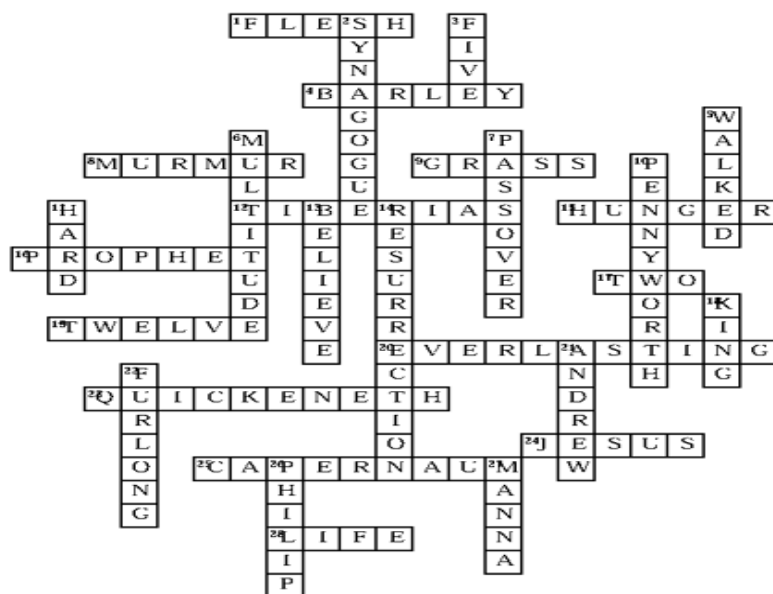
Across

- 4 To make alive.
- 7 Difficult to understand and accept.
- 8 What those who eat the Bread of Heaven never do?
- 9 The disciple Jesus asked to feed the multitude.
- 10 Number of baskets of scraps.
- 14 What the Lord will do in the last day.
- 15 Grain out of which bread is made.
- 16 Another name for the Sea of Galilee.
- 17 What some wanted to make Jesus after seeing this miracle.
- 19 Where Jesus went afterward.
- 21 Where Jesus taught in Capernaum.
- 23 Number of loaves found.
- 24 There was much of this where Jesus did the miracle.
- 25 To complain or grumble.
- 26 Jesus did this on the sea.

Down

- 1 What men must eat to have eternal life.
- 2 Thousands of people.
- 3 It would take more than 200 of these to feed the people.
- 5 "Labor for that meat which endureth unto _____ life."
- 6 Who the people believed Jesus to be (John 6:14).
- 11 Number of fish found.
- 12 A unit of measuring length.
- 13 The work of God.
- 15 What men must drink to have eternal life.
- 18 A feast of the Jews.
- 20 The true bread from heaven.
- 22 This disciple found a boy with food.
- 25 What Israel ate in the wilderness?
- 27 What the Bread of Heaven gives.

September Answers



***To view the numbers on 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 Livelily 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 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!



Wonderful 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: Parable of the Sower

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

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've just begun a class on "King David: The Man, The Model, the Myth" - what the Jews thought of him and how that influenced their expectations of the Messiah (the Son of David). 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

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



Echo, Echo...

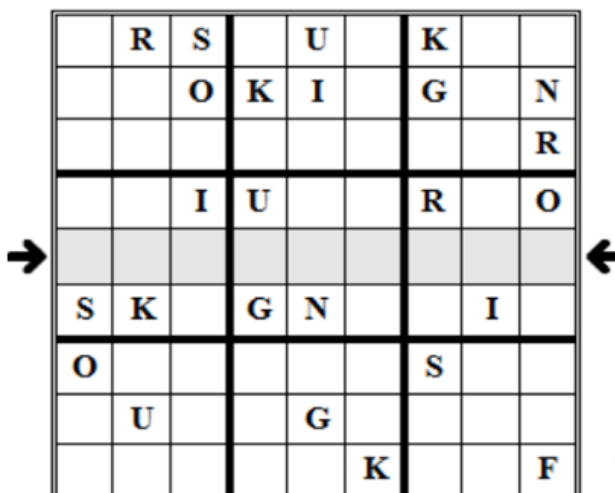
Yes, that's right, ILC supports the [Echo Shop](#) in downtown Saratoga with our time and donations! The Echo Shop is a high- end resale shop, run by our neighbors at St. Andrews Episcopal Church since 1961. It's staffed entirely by volunteers, so all of the money raised can go directly to local charities,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

Before the return of Jesus Christ

The 9 letters to use :

F G I K N O R S U

September Answer

DEVIL'S WAY

Did You Know ?

«Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, broad is the way that leads to destruction.» (Matt. 7:13). The devil's way is to avoid conviction, repentance, confession and forsaking of sin. Let's choose God's way (Deut.30:19).



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Weddings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga



Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, or check out our website: www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings. Follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings. Share with family and friends of this beautiful and charming sanctuary to hold their matrimony.



Many couples have joined hands in their lives at a quaint church and its tranquil surroundings



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Coronavirus Hotline for Seniors: **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>

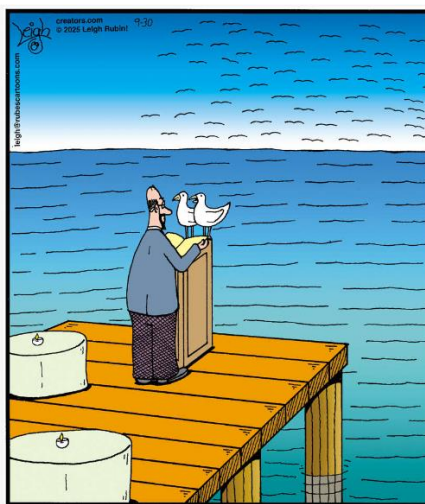
COVID-19 on CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of California hotline for services & help for older Californians: **1-833-544-2374**.

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



"Effective? ... Definitely, but it lacks the country charm of his traditional wake-up call."



"Table for two? ... There must be some mistake ... I made a reservation for two hundred."



"I'D LIKE THE FILET, BUT CAN I GET IT ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED ON THE FLOOR?"

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>

Be empathetic to those still susceptible to COVID-19. Some have multiple high-risk factors, making them vulnerable to COVID-19 and new subvariants. 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-Glass of Water or Vessel of the Heart

A powerful Christian analogy addressing this concept is the story of the **Glass of Water** or the **Vessel of the Heart**. It teaches that you cannot let the world's influences dictate your actions, because a vessel is ultimately defined by what it pours out.

The Story: The Vessel and the Two Liquids

A spiritual teacher gathered his students and placed a clean glass on a table, filling it to the brim with pure, sparkling water.

"This vessel represents the human heart," the teacher explained. "Currently, it is full of goodness, truth, and love."

The teacher then picked up a vial of bitter poison. He told the first student: "Listen to the words of a wise, godly person, and do their deeds." As the student spoke words of truth and acted with love, the teacher poured fresh, clean water into the glass. The excess water spilled over the sides, but the inside remained pure.

Then the teacher turned to a second student and said: "Now, listen to the deceptive words of an evil person, and their deeds." As this student repeated malicious gossip, hatred, and folly, the teacher poured drops of poison and muddy water into the same glass.

The students watched in horror as the poison mingled with the water, clouding the liquid and completely contaminating the glass.

"Teacher," the students cried out, "the vessel now holds both water and poison! By taking in both good and evil, the vessel has become ruined."

The teacher smiled gently and emptied the contaminated glass, cleaning it out completely.

"A human heart is not a passive holding tank meant to absorb every influence it encounters. It is a vessel. If you try to carry both the wisdom of God and the poison of the world, your life will reflect the corruption. You cannot serve as a vessel of honor if you allow evil deeds to define what you contain."

The Lesson: The Heart's True Purpose

In the Christian faith, this story points to several biblical truths regarding influence and your spiritual life:



- **What goes in comes out:** Jesus taught that a person's words and actions directly reflect what fills their heart. You cannot embrace evil deeds and expect your life to yield good fruit.
- **You cannot mix truth and deceit:** The Bible warns against being double-minded or strengthening the hands of evildoers by partaking in their ways. You are called to be separate and holy, guarding your mind against allowing the world to mold your character.
- **Be an empty vessel for God:** Instead of collecting all the influences around you, the goal is to empty your heart of sinful desires so God can fill it. The Apostle Paul writes about being an "honorable vessel" by cleansing yourself from wickedness, making you useful for noble works.

Becoming Honorable: 2 Timothy 2:21 explains that if a person cleanses or purges themselves from dishonorable influences (such as false teachings, empty chatter, and evil behavior), they become a vessel for honorable use.

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. We're planning to venture out on the second and Saturday of September. This will be a "no one left behind" hike. Invite your friends!

October 10: Steven's Creek Reservoir

From the valley floor, we'll meander above and around the lake, then alongside. If time affords, we will make our way up a bit for some nice view. This will be an out-and-back hike, relatively easily, of approximately 4 miles.

Getting There: From the church, turn left, heading northeast on Saratoga Ave. toward Herriman Ave. In ¼ mile, turn left. Process 1 mile, then turn right on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. In ¼ mile, turn left on Verda Vista Lane. In ¼ mile, keep right at Sarahills Dr. and continue 1 mile to Pierce Rd. Turn left. In ½ mile, turn right on Mt. Eden Rd. Proceed 2-½ miles to stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Turn left onto Steven's Canyon Rd. and immediately enter Canyon Picnic Area parking lot at Zinfandel Trailhead. Or Google here: 37°16'46.5"N 122°04'23.8"W

Plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group, hit the road at 8:00 and return to our cars by 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.) Hike up (with a ride back down) is also an option.

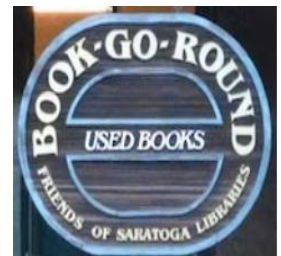
Plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 8:00 and plan to return to our cars by 11:30.

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 a number of children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, VHS, audiobooks, sheet music, and records – all at good rates. Additionally, there is comfortable seating where visitors can 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, supports unhoused individuals, and provides school-age tutoring. 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!**

VALLEY OF DRY BONES WORD SEARCH

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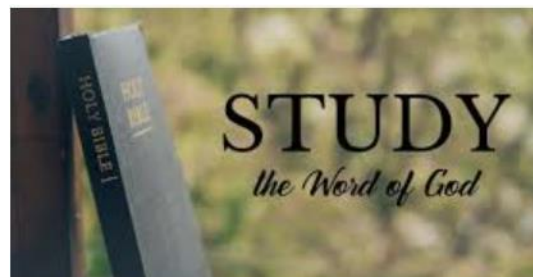
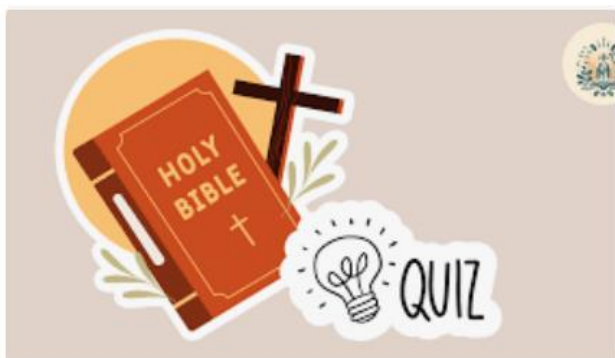
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September Answers

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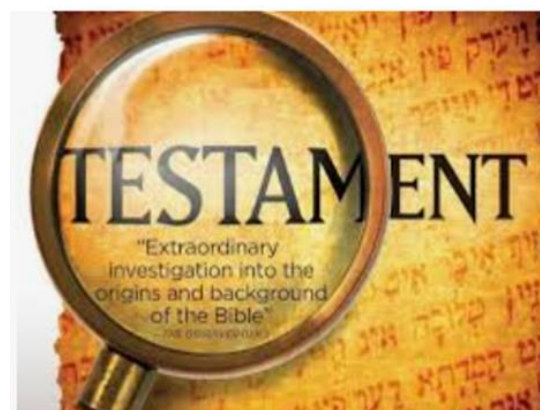
Bible Trivia Questions: Bible Character



1. Which person watched as baby Moses floated among the reeds along the Nile riverbank?
2. Jesus brought this person back to life after lying dead in a cave for four days.
3. Who is the oldest person recorded in the Bible?
4. Who in the first family of Genesis killed his brother because of jealousy?
5. What type of shelter was Jesus born in?
6. What city did Jesus grow up in?
7. Who was the first recorded person to be taken straight to heaven without dying first?
8. Who was crucified alongside Jesus?
9. Who baptized Jesus?
10. What former Egyptian prince led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt?

September Answers

1. Lot's wife
2. Joseph
3. A shepherd
4. Lions and bears
5. David
6. Judas Iscariot
7. Thirty pieces of silver
8. Committed suicide
9. Patmos
10. Peter



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Centennial Celebration

— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 —

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Odd Fellows Lodge
14414A OAK STREET
SARATOGA, CA

— COCKTAIL CASUAL ATTIRE —

*Join us for a special evening as we celebrate 100 years
of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce.*

*Share the evening with community leaders, neighbors, and supporters
of the Chamber, celebrating a century of service to the community.*

Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served as we raise a glass to this momentous occasion.

OUR COMPLIMENTS

This special centennial celebration is hosted by
the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce and is complimentary.
We would be honored by your presence as we celebrate
100 years of service to our community.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.



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BUSINESS • COMMUNITY • OPPORTUNITY • FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS

Saratoga Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 100th Anniversary October 10, 2026 6:00pm-9:00pm- Address: Odd Fellows Lodge, 14414A Oak Street, Saratoga, CA

Please join the celebration for an incredible milestone honoring 100 years of supporting local businesses, strengthening community connections, and helping make Saratoga such a special place to live, work, and visit.

This special centennial celebration is **complimentary**. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served to celebrate this momentous celebration!

Please contact Margit Chapman at margitc@aol.com for more information.

Children's Books Needed

Please donate children's books and place them in the ILC bin. They will be distributed to our partners West Valley Community Services. Contact Myra Sternlieb for more information at: mymyrbeth@yahoo.com.

Serving at Family Supportive Housing: Info on next Service

Would you like to prepare food? Serve it with a smile? Please contact Linda Jacks, leader of this important service through our faith community. You can reach Linda at 408-799-1423 or lindaloubob5@yahoo.com

Nepal Flood Relief

On August 26, a massive flood, caused by a collapsed glacier and the resulting landslide, crashed across the northern border of Nepal and left a terrible wake of destruction. More than 10,000 households have been displaced.

Will you join me in making an over-and-above gift (separate from your commitment to the ministry and mission of our Lord through Immanuel) to help in the relief efforts? Make a check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and put "Nepal" or Nepal Flood Relief" in the memo portion. 100% of donations collected for this purpose will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your generosity.

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)

Ukrainian Cultural Festival-Oct 10th @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, 11:00am-5:00pm

UNWLA Branch 107 invites you to join them on **October 10 at ILC** for a day celebrating Ukrainian culture, heritage, and community. In honor of the Day of Ukraine's Defenders, this year's festival celebrates generations of Ukrainians who have protected and preserved our country's freedom, identity, culture, and traditions.

Admission is **FREE**



HOLLY DAYS

Featuring over 80 vendors, local Artisan gifts, jewelry, holiday items, and gourmet foods!

ARTISAN FAIRE

PRESENTED BY THE  SACRED HEART SARATOGA WOMEN'S CLUB

Friday, November 6th
9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, November 7th
9 AM - 4 PM

Sacred Heart Parish
13716 Saratoga Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Visit with Santa
Saturday, November 7th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Artisan Cafe
Serving Breakfast,
Lunch, and Snacks!



boutique@sacredheartsaratoga.org

Sacred Heart Women's Club is pleased to announce our annual **Holly Days Artisan Faire**, taking place on **Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, 2026**. This treasured community tradition brings together over **80 artisan and craft vendors**, over 700 hundred shoppers, and countless volunteers for two festive days of shopping, food, and fellowship.

The Artisan Faire also features a visit from Santa on Saturday, an outstanding raffle, and delicious homemade lunches and snacks available at the Artisan Cafe. The Artisan Faire will be open from 9-6 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. [Artisan Faire – Sacred Heart Parish Saratoga](#)



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. Residents without internet access or who need additional assistance can also make appointments for County Health System

vaccine sites through the Valley Connection Call Center at (888) 334-1000. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 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.

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 – 06/26/2026.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Basics | Influenza (Flu) | CDC -09/01/2026

COVID ON THE RISE

Monitoring the concentration of COVID in wastewater helps determine how much it has spread throughout the region. Since May, the concentration has been climbing — a sign of a possible summer bump in COVID that has been regularly occurring in years past.

Concentration of COVID in wastewater in Santa Clara County



[Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | Covid | CDC - NOV, 19, 2025](#)

[Summertime COVID bump in Bay Area Aug 10, 2026](#)

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.

[Vaccine Effectiveness](#)

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

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Come hear our wonderful choir, bell choir, and organist.

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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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