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The Messenger

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

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Coming Events

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

Nov 15, 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)

Nov 30, 10:15 AM: One Congregational Service

Thanksgiving Service – Nov 27, 2025 @10.00 am (Pg 22)

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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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Later, I wondered if it was possible that my parents might have been similarly blessed by my own arrival. Did they love me with this same dose of indescribable, divine affection? Was I thus treasured when I altered the course of their lives forever changed their future? Would they, in fact, refer to my birth as a blessing of divine disruption?

Finally, I considered: If I – an imperfect, errant, human being – can love with this kind of love... well, then... how much more might God love His own? How much more does God love me... and you? Exactly this much: He came to earth to sacrifice Himself on our behalf.

And so, I would say that in my own parenthood, I've been blessed with an "insider's eye," and that I've come to experience a glimpse of divine sacrifice: A grace-filled love that considers nothing but the blessing bestowed on the beloved. And this, truly, is what I am most pleased about in the birth of Athur Colin Peirce: His presence will bless his parents with divine insight.

I pray that as little Arthur grows in years, he will come to learn well his parents' love for him – and how he was treasured long before he took his first breath. I pray that he will come to learn how he was uniquely knit together by his loving Creator who cherishes him more than he will ever know this side of heaven. And I pray that he will come to learn how he is treasured by his Pops, who eagerly anticipates holding him in his arms for the first time.

Serving in Your Midst 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



Gino the Shepherd Boy



Once upon a time, there was a boy named Gino who was raised in a beautiful village by his grandparents. Gino's Grandparents were kind and wise, and they loved him very much. They taught him the importance of honesty and responsibility, and they showed him how to lead a fulfilling life.

One day, Gino's grandfather took him to the hills to help herd the sheep. Gino was excited to help his grandfather, and he promised to be very careful.

Gino and his grandfather herded the sheep all day long. They walked through the hills, over the valleys, and across the streams. The sheep were very well-behaved, and Gino did a good job of keeping them together.

At the end of the day, Gino and his grandfather were tired, but they were also happy. They had done a good job, and the sheep were safe.

As they were walking back to the village, Gino saw a farmer's field. The field was full of crops, and Gino knew that the sheep had damaged part of them. He remembered what his grandfather had taught him, and he knew that he had to be responsible.

Gino stopped the sheep and told his grandfather what he had seen. His grandfather was proud of Gino for being honest, and he told Gino that he would take care of the problem.

Gino's grandfather went to the farmer and told him what had happened. The farmer was understanding, and he agreed to let Gino and his grandfather work in his field to make amends.

Gino and his grandfather worked hard in the farmer's field. They weeded the crops, watered them, and protected them from pests. The farmer was very grateful for their help and paid them for their hard work. He also told them that they were welcome to come back and help him anytime.

Gino learned a valuable lesson that day. He knew it was important to be honest and responsible, even when it was difficult. He also learned that it is vital to help others and that doing so can be rewarding.

Gino grew up to be a kind and responsible man. He always remembered the lessons that his grandparents had taught him, and he lived his life by them. He was a good friend, a good neighbor, and a good son. He was also a good shepherd, and he always took good care of his sheep.

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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

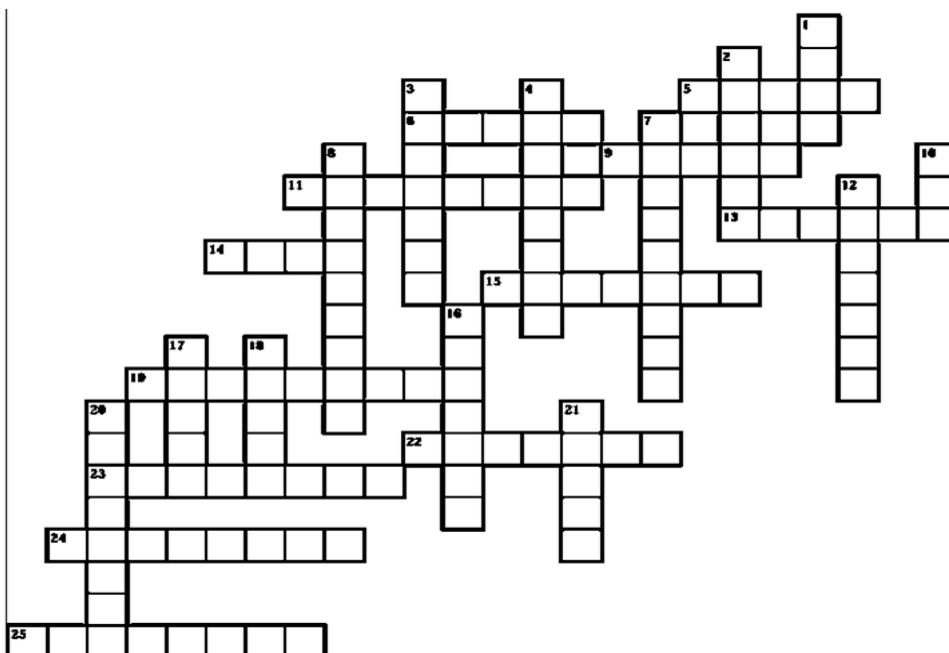
The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



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



Crossword Puzzle: The Noble Man



October Answers



Across

- 5 "Except ye see _____ and wonders, ye will not believe."
- 6 To get better
- 9 What Jesus turned to wine
- 11 Why the nobleman left Jesus in Cana
- 13 To esteem
- 14 Proof that the nobleman believed (Jn. 4:50)
- 15 Hour in which the boy was healed (What time of day is this?)
- 19 City where Temple of the Jews located
- 22 This man is without honor in his own country
- 23 Met the nobleman with good news
- 24 A Jew who served Herod the King (cf. Lk. 8:3; Ax. 13:1)
- 25 What Jesus did in Jerusalem at Passover

Down

- 1 Where Jesus worked His second miracle in Galilee
- 2 "Thy son _____."
- 3 Province in which Cana is found
- 4 The reason why Jesus worked miracles (cf. Mk. 9:24; Jn. 20:30-31)
- 7 City where the nobleman lived
- 8 When the boy was healed
- 10 Address of the nobleman to Jesus (in KJV).
- 12 A miracle
- 16 Where Jesus had been before returning to Galilee
- 17 Affliction of the nobleman's son
- 18 Province in which Jerusalem was located
- 20 Feast at which Jews had seen Jesus work miracles (cf. Jn. 2:23)
- 21 "And himself believed and his _____ house."

*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.

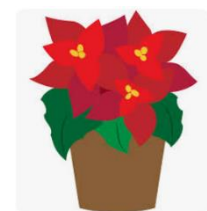


ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 appoiner 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 are continuing our study on the minor prophets, now considering the witness of *Obadiah, Jonah & Micah*. 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>

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...

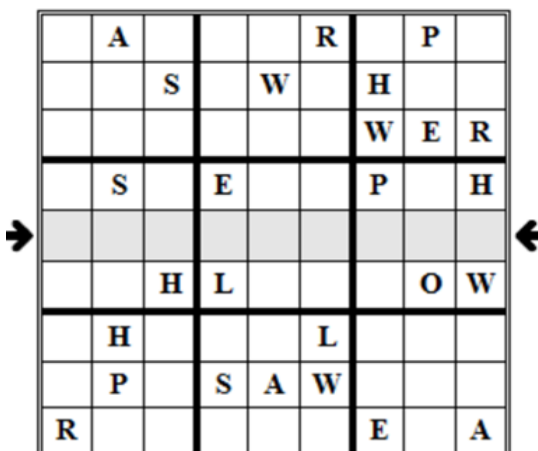
Yes, that's right, ILC supports the [Echo Shop](#) in downtown Saratoga with our time and donations! The Echo Shop is a high-end resale shop, run by our neighbors at St. Andrews Episcopal Church since 1961. It's staffed entirely by volunteers, so all of the money raised can go directly to local charities,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

The end of all wars

The 9 letters to use :

A E H L O P R S W

October Answer

FIRST JOHN

Did You Know ?

The main theme of the first epistle of John is stated in the following verse, «These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.» (1 John 5:13). Great news!



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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: 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.

<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/>



The historians had gathered for a party in Cairo after they had discovered a new mummy. The discovered mummy, on display at the party hall, suddenly woke up. Seeing the historians alarmed, the mummy said that he just wanted to listen to some music.

The mummy said, "Please don't play jazz because my trom-bones are in a very bad shape. Could someone please put on some wrap music?"

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 Beacon in the Storm

The docks of Oakhaven were bustling, the air thick with the smell of salt and fish. Young Liam, the lighthouse keeper's apprentice, was on his way to help his Master when he ran into a group of the village boys. Usually, they were harmless, but tonight they had a wild look in their eyes.

"Hey, Liam!" called out the leader, a boy named Finn, holding up a small, heavy sack. "We're going to teach old Manas a lesson. He reported my uncle's boat for illegal netting, so we're going to 'borrow' the wick oil from the lighthouse storeroom. The beacon won't light tonight, and he'll be in trouble."

Liam's stomach tightened. Manas was a tough man, but he was fair, and the law was the law. More importantly, the beacon was crucial. It guided the fishing boats through the treacherous, rocky channel into the harbor. Without it, ships were in grave danger. "You can't do that, Finn," Liam said, his voice trembling slightly. "People could get hurt. The fishing fleet is due back with the high tide."

A few boys in the group looked uneasy, but Finn laughed. "Oh, come on, Liam. It's just for one night—a bit of fun. Don't be a dullard. Besides, everyone in the village agrees Manas is a rat." The other boys murmured in agreement.

"It's not fun if someone gets killed," Liam retorted, finding his footing. "What you're doing is wrong." "He's scared!" another boy yelled, and the group jeered. "Look at him, the lighthouse mouse!" Finn stepped closer. "Are you with us or not, Liam? Follow the crowd, be one of us, and no one gets hurt. Say no, and we'll make sure you regret it."

Liam looked around at the faces of his peers, most of whom he had played with his entire life. The temptation to be accepted, to avoid their wrath, was strong. But the image of the treacherous rocks and the incoming ships flashed in his mind. He remembered his Master's words: "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

He took a deep breath. "I'm not following you. And I'm going to make sure that light shines tonight."

The boys were furious. They pushed him to the ground and ran off toward the storeroom, laughing and shouting insults. Shaken, Liam picked himself up and sprinted to the lighthouse.

He found the storeroom door slightly ajar. The boys had taken two cans of oil. Liam, though small for his age, had the key knowledge his Master had taught him: where the emergency reserve was hidden. He quickly retrieved it, his heart pounding. By the time he reached the top of the tower, dusk was settling in earnest. His Master was already there, preparing the main lamp. "Liam, my boy, where's the oil? The hour is late!" "The main cans were stolen, Master! But I have the reserve!" Liam explained breathlessly, pouring the precious liquid into the lamp. Just as the first ship's horn sounded in the foggy distance, the great beacon flared to life, a steady, piercing beam cutting through the gloom.

The next morning, the entire fleet had returned safely. The story of the stolen oil and the lit beacon spread quickly. The boys' actions shamed the village, and the culprits were soon identified.

Liam faced some lingering resentment from Finn and his friends. Still, he had something much more valuable: a clear conscience and the respect of the fishermen, his Master, and many others in the village who knew it took more courage to stand alone than to go along with the crowd. He realized then that following one's own moral compass is the true measure of a person, no matter how lonely that path may seem.

Moral of the Story: It is always better to stand alone and do what is right than to follow a crowd in doing wrong. True courage is the strength to follow your moral compass, even in the face of peer pressure or isolation.

Proverbs 13:20 (NIV): "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." This verse emphasizes that our associations have a profound impact on our character and destiny.

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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!

Nov. 8: Bear Creek Redwood Preserve: 19511 Bear Creek Rd. Los Gatos (6 miles; moderate-challenging)



Getting There: From Highway 85, exit onto Hwy 17 south. Proceed 5.6 miles. Exit Bear Creek Rd. Turn Left at stop sign. Go 1.1 miles. Parking lot is on the left.

Nov. 22: Mockingbird Hill Loop (4 miles; moderate, good views)

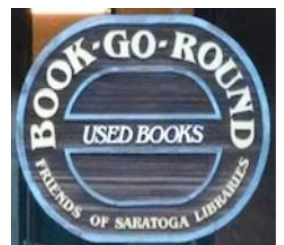
Getting There: Heading south on Highway 85, exit Almaden Expressway. Head south and continue on Almaden Expressway for about 5 miles (until it T's at Harry Road). Turn RIGHT. Go straight (through 2 stop signs – street names change from Harry to McKean to Mockingbird Hill) to top of hill (just under a mile). Park entrance is to the left. There's plenty of free parking available.

Time: 8:00 AM. Plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 8:00 and plan to return to the parking lot right around 10:00.

Please RSVP so I know you'll be coming. In case of bad weather, I'll send a cancellation note to all who RSVP by 9:00 PM the evening before. Dress in layers, bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable and sturdy shoes/boots. You can RSVP by emailing me at pastord63@gmail.com 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...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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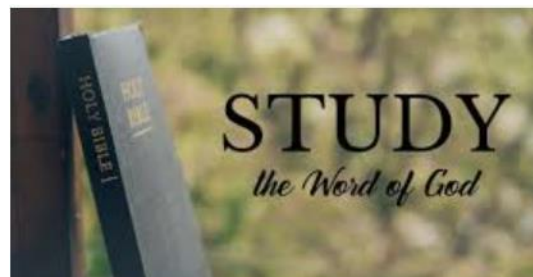
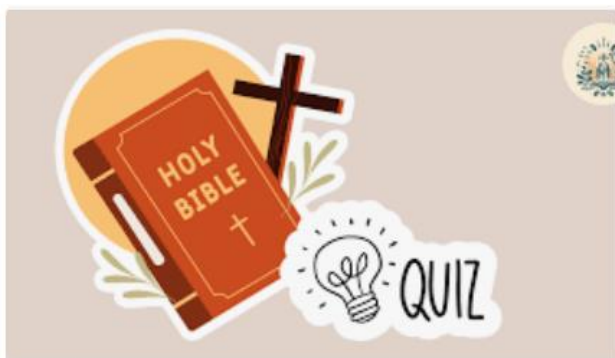
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October Answers

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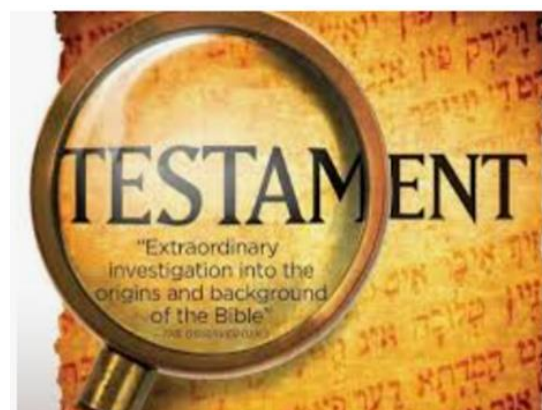
Bible Trivia Questions: Physical Bible



1. Christ comes from the Greek word "Khristos"; what does it mean?
2. Lucifer comes from the Latin word "lux ferre"; what does it mean?
3. Which book of the Bible was the last one physically written?
4. Which biblical book was the first one written?
5. How is salvation obtained?
6. Who wrote the Bible?
7. What is the Epic of Gilgamesh?
8. What is the Moabite Stone??
9. Who wrote the following statement around 77 AD? "... there was a wise man called Jesus, and his conduct was good. He was known to be virtuous. Many people among the Jews and other nations have become his disciples. Pilate sentenced him to death by crucifixion. But those who would become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive."

October Answers

1. At least thirty-five authors.
2. Moses
3. Revelation
4. Covenant
5. The Book of Revelation
6. Gospels
7. Exodus
8. New International Version
9. Pentateuch
10. Genesis





Community Thanksgiving Service

November 27, at 10:00 AM, Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Pl., Saratoga, CA 95070.

Each year, congregations in Saratoga come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of church, home and country.

If you plan to be in town, please include in your festivities a time of worship and fellowship. Join us as we gather with our neighbors to offer mutual thanksgiving to God, who has bestowed such abundant blessings on us. Worship begins on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at 10:00 AM.

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.**

[COVID-19 Vaccines](#) | [COVID-19](#) | [CDC](#) **JULY 30, 2025**

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.

Communion is served each Sunday as part of the liturgy.

Visitors are always welcome!

Contemporary Service 10:45 a.m.

Features a more contemporary worship. Sing praises to the Lord with our Contemporary Worship Team. The music is uplifting and enjoyable for all ages. What a great way to start the week? Communion is served every Sunday.

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