



# "Immanuel Messenger"

The Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran  
Church, School, & E.C.C.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, Texas

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## GOD WITH US... BRINGING HIM TO OTHERS

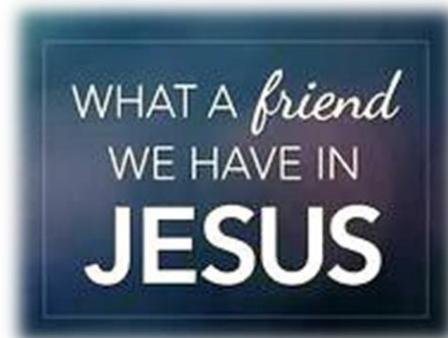
### "A, B, C . . ."

The story is told about a six year old boy who, bored one sunny afternoon on his family's farm, wandered off into nearby woods. As you might imagine the boy lost track of time and place and soon was lost. When his parents realized that he was missing they called the neighbors to see if anyone had seen the boy. The family and neighbors organized a search party and began to look into the area around the farm. As one of the searchers went into a distant part of the woods he heard someone talking. He followed the sound of the voice and soon realized that that small voice was reciting the alphabet. When the searcher realized that he had found the lost boy he asked the boy why he was reciting the alphabet. The boy replied, "Well, I knew I was in trouble, so I'd thought that I should pray. But I wasn't exactly sure what words to use, so I figured if I gave God the letters, He could put them together into the words I needed. And it worked, 'cause here you are to help me."

How much can we call learn from the faith of a child? Romans 8, 26 states "*the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us.*" How often aren't we uncertain as to what we ought to be praying? Our heavenly Father graciously invites us to bring all our joys and sorrows to Him in prayer. He promises to listen and to help. And yet we don't take advantage of His awesome gift. We stubbornly don't share our joys and gratitude with Him, or think that our problems are our own and we will be able to handle them. The hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus" says it beautifully: "Oh what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, **Everything** to God in prayer."

Yet, I know that many times we don't use the gift of prayer because, like our lost friend, we're not sure what to say or how to say it. And many times it is very difficult to know what our prayer "should" be. When your daughter has a job offer that is across the country –

do you pray she goes because you know it will be good for her career or do you pray that she stays so that she'll remain nearby for the support of family and friends? When your new riding lawn mower is stolen from the shed in your back yard – do you pray that we might forgive the thieves or that they injure themselves on the blade? When you sit at the hospital bedside of your aging, half-paralyzed, comatose mother – do you pray for healing or for God to grant her eternal rest?



We've all had these struggles. We best look to the Scripture and the example of our Savior, Jesus for the best answer. In the garden of Gethsemane, when our Lord was facing the absolute worst physical punishment, He prayed for God's will to be done. And often, if not always, that is our best prayer, "Lord, you do what you know is best and give me the wisdom and the patience to accept it." And the remarkable thing about God's answer for us – even if we disagree – is that He has our best interest at heart. He wants what is best for us and He is determined that it happen. We often see problems and struggles; God sees opportunities and blessings. What relief! What great joy!

At the end of each day, we can echo the words of the Psalmist (116, 7), "*Be at rest once more, Oh my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.*"

God bless you!  
Philip Appel  
2 Cor 5:7

# SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES & WORSHIP

Please join us at 9:15 AM at one of the following locations for Bible class.

Coffee and refreshments are available in the fellowship hall.

## Church Nursery:

A loving, staffed nursery is available in the fellowship hall for children ages three and under on Sunday mornings. Pagers for parents are available.

## Adult Class:

**Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart** - will help you find practical examples and specific suggestions about what to say or do (and what *not* to say or do) when speaking with someone who is suffering with loss, illness, and other struggles. Join leader, Pastor Tiner in the fellowship hall.

## Children's Sunday School:

Meets in the school building. Pre-K (three & four year olds) meet in Room 141. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade join together for Sunday school opening in Room 116. The children will then go to the following classrooms for Sunday school lessons:

Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Room 116
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	Room 115
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	Library
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Youth Room

**Sunday school dismisses at 10:15 AM; pick up in the school lobby.**

**Senior High Bible Class:** Meets in the upper room (upstairs in the fellowship hall).

## Youth Groups:

Please contact Carl Repp, Minister of Youth & Family Life, at the church office (542-2918) or by cell phone 512-619-9366, if you would like information on the Immanuel Youth Groups.

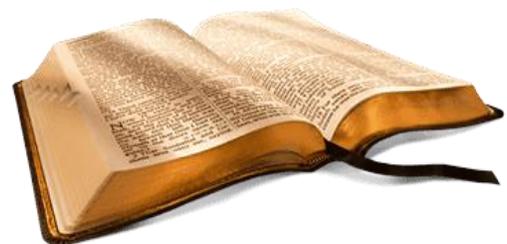
**Junior High (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades)** – Will resume meeting on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 5:15 PM in the youth room. (ILS students are welcome in the youth room at 3:10 PM.) This time may be used to complete homework, read, rest, or just hangout until Jr. High Youth begins.

**Senior High** – Meets each Wednesday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the youth room. The Sr. High will resume their regular time on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 PM, with a meal.



## Other Bible Study Opportunities

- **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS** – A new class is beginning on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know has questions about adult confirmation, becoming a member of Immanuel, or The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, please contact the church office at (979) 542-2918 or stop by the Visitors' Table at the entrance.
- **LIFELIGHT MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** This class resumes on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and will meet weekly at 10:00 AM in the small meeting room. The last three sessions of the LifeLight Exodus Part 2 study are remaining, then the group will decide on the next topic and starting date.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** – This group **also resumes** meeting on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30 AM in the small meeting room of the fellowship hall) to continue studying the "Wild at Heart" series by John Eldredge. Breakfast is provided; and men of all ages are welcome!
- **KEEPING THE FAITH: A High School Confirmation Journey** - This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the youth room. If you are or have a high school student interested in confirmation classes, please contact Carl Repp at the church office or [carlrepp@gmail.com](mailto:carlrepp@gmail.com).
- **WEDNESDAY NURSING HOME BIBLE STUDIES** - 9:30 AM – Giddings Residence & Rehabilitation Center; 10:15 AM – Oakland Manor Nursing Center.



## Senior Singles for Jesus

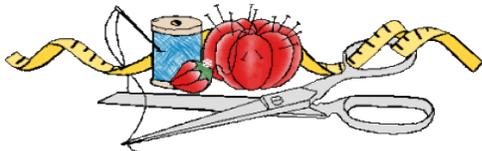


ILC Senior Singles for Jesus had an enjoyable evening together in July at Sealand in LaGrange with good food and fellowship.

In August, we will have a regular meeting at 3:00 PM on the second Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel. We will visit, play games, and have a potluck meal at about 4:45 PM followed by a devotion and a short meeting. We want to invite any single persons to come check us out, even if you can only come occasionally. We do not have age limits but currently our members are 50+.

If anyone needs a ride or would like more information, please call  
Virginia McKamie at 979-716-1090.

### **Lutheran World Relief Quilt-A-Thon Tuesday, August 15, 2015 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Immanuel's Fellowship Hall**



We continue to have LWR Quilt-a-thons on the third Tuesdays of each month, with the next one on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will not be quilting in June. Please continue to make 60" x 80" quilt tops to be brought to be tacked. No sewing experience is required. Come when you can or bring a sack lunch and stay the entire time.

You may also donate funds to purchase supplies and pay for shipping by making a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and indicate for LWR Quilts.



**GriefShare** will begin a new 14-week series on August 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet weekly every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Immanuel Lutheran School library. This is a biblical, Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one; and the topics listed below will be covered during the months of August and September:

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Is this Normal?</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>Challenges of Grief</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>The Journey of Grief – Pt 1</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>The Journey of Grief – Pt 2</b>
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Grief &amp; Your Relationships</b>
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>Why?</b>
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>Sept. 28</b>	<b>Guilt and Anger</b>

You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Please call Kathy Bartels at (512) 461-5442 if you have questions or want more information.



### **Immanuel Dorcas Circle LWML Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.**

All ladies are invited to join the next Dorcas meeting to hear about the Mission Projects that were adopted at the National LWML Convention last month. These projects are funded by the \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017-2019 Biennium from our "**Mite Box**" contributions!

Our project for August is collecting school supplies for those in need. Please bring all school supplies that have been collect to the meeting or drop them off at the church office by August 11<sup>th</sup>.



## *New Church Pictorial Directory*

We need you to make our directory complete. To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our new directory!

### **A new directory:**

- **Preserves this special time in the life of our church**
- **Becomes a lasting record of our current membership**
- **Helps connect faces with names**

Immanuel has partnered with Lifetouch for this important project. You can sign up for photography online at our church website, [www.immanuelgiddings.net](http://www.immanuelgiddings.net) or at the church office.

### **Photography Dates:**

- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **September 6<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with no cost. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. All portraits will be back in time for the holidays.

**Each family photographed receives a FREE 8x10 portrait and pictorial directory**



*We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory and would love to see 100% participation!*

*Thank you! Pastor Tiner & Pastor Chris*

# SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

GALATIANS 5:13

The Christian Care Ministry of Immanuel Needs people to donate time for small repair jobs for shut-ins and senior citizens. Please contact Kathy Bartels (512) 461-5442 if you are able to help.

Will you please consider the Christian Care Ministry when giving memorials and honorariums for loved ones? Thank you!



**Annual Back-To-School Giveaway** - Immanuel is collecting donations of school supplies and monetary donations in partnership with First Assembly of God, and the Giddings Ministerial Alliance for a Back-to-School Giveaway scheduled for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Supplies and donations may be dropped off in the box in the church entrance or to Immanuel's church office by Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Carl Repp (Minister of Youth & Family Life) at 979-542-2918 or 512-619-9366 for more information or with questions.



Simply go to our website and Click on the link Online Giving Link!

- ~Weekly Tithes
- ~Donations
- ~Special Accounts
- ~Recurring Payment Option

## QUILT DRAWING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

All Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran World Relief Quilting "Piecemakers" Quilting Group, Giddings

Hand-pieced/machine quilted (98"X98")

Donation \$5 each or 5 for \$20

To buy your tickets stop by the fellowship hall between services on Sundays throughout August or contact Annette Menzel. All proceeds will benefit the LWR quilting supplies and shipping of quilts to those in need.



### The "Postage Stamp" Quilt

Will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings throughout August. It is made from tiny one inch squares hand-pieced together, machine quilted at Gerline's Quilt Shoppe, and completed by Marilyn Schmidt. Come by to hear the story and get the opportunity to own it by contributing to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Fund to help purchase batting and backing, and pay shipping for LWR quilts made here at Immanuel on the third Tuesdays of each month.

### Immanuel Church Nursery Update

Nursery Worker/Workers are needed to staff our church nursery. This is a paid position from 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Sunday mornings. It can be shared by several people with a schedule. Please call the church office (979)542-2918 if you or someone you know is interested in working in the nursery. The church services are live-streamed in the nursery and parents are given pagers to be contacted if needed.

# Nursery

## The Immanuel Food Pantry Needs

We assist many households and homeless families throughout the year. With your donations our shelves stay stocked and our church works as the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. We are currently in need of the following items listed below. You may donate enough to make one of the following packages or individual items and gallon Ziploc Bags are also accepted. Thank you!

### **A residential care packages includes:**

- Two boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 2 lb. bag of pinto beans
- 1 lb. bag of spaghetti
- 1 lb. bag of instant potato flakes
- 2 lb. bag of white rice
- Three cans of meat (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.)
- Two cans of vegetables
- Two cans of fruit
- One regular size jar of creamy peanut butter
- One 24 oz. can or jar of tomato sauce
- One carton of non-refrigerated milk

### **A care package for the homeless includes:**

- 2 pop-top cans of meat (tuna, chicken, spam, Vienna sausages, ham spread, etc.)
- Two cracker products (snack pack sandwich crackers any flavor)
- Two fruit snack packs in juice (not syrup)
- A granola bar (any flavor)
- A small bottle of water

*Donations may be dropped off at the church office or in the box located in the church kitchen.*



**We are in need of an individual who can help with our food pantry. This involves a minimum of two to three days a year to simply:**

- Wipe clean the shelves with bleach water and
- remove any outdated items then sort food by category and restock following food drives.

*Please contact Michelle at the church office if you are able to help with the food pantry project. Thank you!*



# JUNIOR HIGH

# youth group

SCHEDULE

## YOUTH BIBLE Study

Join us in the upper room of the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM for Bible class.

**Jr. high sunday morning bible class in the youth room at 9:15 AM**  
**join us for in-depth study of the christian faith and teachings of the lutheran church. hope to see you there!**

**CAN COLLECTION** - We raise about \$50 - \$60 a month from collecting cans. Thanks to all those who bring us cans every month!

### Jr. High Back to School Lock In

August 25-26



**Bowl | Race | Play**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Orientation**

Please plan to attend a meeting for parents and confirmands on **Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 PM in Immanuel's fellowship hall.**

We will review requirements for the year, hand out important information, and review upcoming dates and retreat plans.

*We have you in our prayers and look forward to seeing everyone as we begin this exciting new journey in faith! Pastor Tiner, Pastor Chris & Carl*

**COST \$45 Includes:** unlimited pizza & pasta buffet from 12:00-2:00 am, unlimited drinks & activities including: miniature golf, bumper boats, go-karts, laser tag, climbing wall and now bowling, pool table & air hockey!!! There are also hundreds of video games (Each person will receive \$5.00 game card that can be reloaded!) Batting cages are \$1 for 20 pitches.

**WEAR your tennis shoes!** Closed toed shoes are required for Slick Track Go-Karts & the rock climbing wall, comfortable, modest length shorts and tops for the ladies.

### Need help in the yard or around the house?

The youth will come and work for you!



Give Carl Repp a call:  
 Church: 979-542-2918 or Cell: 512-619-9366

**The PLAN:** Meet at Immanuel at 8:00 p.m. From here we will head to Redeemer, Austin for a time of worship and fun with other youth groups before heading to Austin's Park n Pizza Lock-In for the rest of the night. The bus will return to Immanuel around 7:00 AM.

**Pick up your registration forms from the church office and return to Carl with payment by August 15<sup>th</sup>!** This is a big event and the bus fills up quickly, so don't delay!



## CONTINUED PRAYER LIST ~ How May We Pray for You?

Immanuel's Prayer Warriors are here to pray with and for you.

Our prayer is that all of you

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).*

If you would like a monthly prayer target calendar or have comments, prayer requests or need someone to pray with you, call Lorene Hoffman at (979) 716-1430 or email the church office: [immanuel@immanuelgiddings.net](mailto:immanuel@immanuelgiddings.net)

***We have a team of Prayer Warriors waiting to pray for you!***

**Struggling with cancer:** Nikki Arnold's mother, Beth Black, David Black, Marylin Black, Kathy Joyce, Mia Roll, Allison Tangeman & Eric Christensen (friends & relatives of Josh & Gina Christensen), Sandy Carlson (Leann McClain's sister-in-law), Rudy Delgado (friend of James Medack), B.J. Doherty (friend of Randy & Julie Meachan), Ruth Faske, Mickey Garcia (Stacy Proske's mother), Charles Gault, Clarence Hamff (friend of Curtis & Janet Christiansen), Cindy Hogan (friend of Clyde & Penny Zoch), Ruth Jatzlau, Mike Joyce (grandson of Anna Joyce), Brice & Lavine Kuhlmann, Betty Michalk, Daina Mitschke; Irene Moerbe, Mary Mutschink, Hays Perry, Fred Placke (son of Ruth Placke), Arvella Polka (friend of Herbert & Dorothy Cook), Bill Quarles (brother-in-law of Tom & Connie Jones), Connie Reed (sister of Gerald Birkelbach), Larry Reue (friend of Mark Matthijetz), Stephen Reynolds (son of Ann Kipp), Marilyn Schmidt, Phyllis Simmonds (mother of Cody & Russell Urban), Karen Taylor (friend of Rebecca Byars), Ted Tonn (brother-in-law of Elaine Krause), Carol Van Dyke (friend of Mikeala Havemann), James Zoch, and Richie Zoch (cousin of Jane Hoffmann)

**Assisted Living:** Betty Pratho

**In nursing centers:** Charles Burrier, Dorothy Droemer, Marvin C. Faske, Elsie Fischer, Floris Fischer, Rubie Galipp, Evelyn Gersch, Bob Hofferek, Melvin Houston, Larry Jenke (father of Dawn Faske, Crystal Smith & Amber Hill), Kenneth Kilian, Lorine Kurio, Jo Ann Lange (mother of Patrick & Meghan Lange), Diane (Mrs. E.J.) Mitschke, Irene Moerbe, Elvie Jean Mutschink, Sophie Pampell, Alton Patschke, Lorine Proske, Susie Proske, Alwine Schneider, Violet Schulz, Florine Schulze, Nathan Wachsmann, & Frieda Wernecke

**Shut-ins:** Frances Etzel, Coleen Gaeke, Esther Gaston, Rosalie Hohle, Dorothy Raschke, Ellen Schneider, Mary Ann Seidler, Lorine Sump, & Adelia Zoch

**In need of continued prayers:** Meta Baker (sister of Frances Etzel), Calvin Berger, Erland & Sandy Carlson (brother & sister-in-law of Leann & Mark McClain), Suzanna Borchgardt (Flora Fischer's niece), Mike Caldwell and Kim Smith (nephew and niece of Dave & Glorianne Schwausch), Gabriel Croll (grandson of Jane and Dwight Hoffman), Ruth Doering, Pastor Russell & wife Elizabeth Etzel of Houston (son & daughter-in-law of Frances Etzel), Logan Faske (grandson of Leroy & Madeline Faske), David Friedrich, Lydia Lehmann Haley (grandmother of Jaime Manning & Casey Smith, Angela Murray (friend of Gladys Pitts), Sherri Hendricks (aunt of Gina Mersiovsky & Heather Mersiovsky), Corbitt Hill, Rosalie Hohle, Danny Jatzlau (friend of Tommy & Flora Fischer), Tom Jones, Elaine Krause, Michael Lehmann (great-nephew of Frances Etzel), Doyle Looney and Emily Pinnell (son and cousin of Connie & Tom Jones), Ruby Maass, Joanne & Billy Machen (mother & step-father of Alan Smith), Sylvin Mersiovsky, Edward Pampell, Garret Pounders (great-nephew of Ken & Lisa Schatte), Keith Ryder (brother-in-law of Tom & Tammie Shugart), Pam Sanders (friend of Candice Alexander), Thelma Schatte, Cheryle Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alice Unger), Casey Smith, & Joy Wachsmann

**Military members and their families:** Nathan Allen (husband of Kayla [Parker] Allen), Korea; Cynthia Anderson (wife of Ray Proske), Fort Hood-Killeen, TX; Taylor Blakney, Lakenheath AFB-England; JEB Bolen; Ashley Ford (niece of Tom & Tammie Shugart), Meridian, MS; Major Andrew Hightower (husband of Shella [Schulze] Hightower), Fort Wayne Wright, Alaska; Courtney [Medack] King & husband Brandon King, San Antonio, TX; Ryan Marshall (husband of Dawn [Christiansen] Marshall), New Jersey; Toby Mendoza, Giddings; Daniel B. Pogue, Fort Lee, VA; David Schatte; Ronald Schatte, Landstuhl, Germany; Justin Smith, Waco, TX; & Shannon Zoch



## *MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS FOR JUNE & JULY 2017*

### **HOME BUDGET**

In memory of Mamie Seeman by Steven & Donna James

In memory of Herbert Carlestone by Buddy & Louise Preuss

### **CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE**

In memory of Cody Mitschke by Hays & Helen Perry

### **CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY**

In memory of Cody Mitschke by Gerald & Sharon Birkelbach, and Bob & Mary Mutschink

In memory of Kervin Reuter by Elwood & Jeannette Domaschk & Family and Carol Domaschk Green

### **COVERED ENTRYWAY**

In memory of Lillie Mae Richter by Herbert & Dorothy Cook

In memory of Lorine Domaschk by her family

### **BRAILLE WORK CENTER #163**

In memory of Loretta (Gaeke) Ehler by Richard & Alice Unger

In memory of Carolyn Mersiovsky by Annette Menzel

### **MARY-MARTHA SERVANTS**

In memory of Kervin Reuter by Elwood & Jeannette Domaschk & Family and Carol Domaschk Green

### **MEDIA MINISTRY**

In memory of Jack Jones by Glenn & Betty Wachsmann

### **IMMANUEL CHORALE**

In memory of Leah Faske by Ruby Koslan, and Max & Lanette Fariss

### **SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS**

In memory of Monroe Bieberstein by John & Barbara Wilson

### **IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP**

In memory of Cody Mitschke by Edward & Joyce Mitschke, Kathryn Schkade & Family, Oscar & Texene Placke, Curtis & Bernice Urban, Raymond & Dorothy Thoene, Elaine Krause, Clyde, Penny & Jeff Zoch, Janet Christiansen, Dot Westfall, Eudoris Marburger, Ruth Placke & Judy Wolfe, Steven & Tammy Lehmann, Leroy & Sandra Grimm, Bea Behrens, August & Carolyn Faske, Ernie & Alice Goerlitz, Garry & Leonita Sanders, Jimmie & Karen Luecke, Walter & Patsy Arldt, Margaret Lehmann & Family (Tom, Carol, Joey, Jenni & C.J.), Glenn & Susan Karisch, Charles & Margaret Mersiovsky, Joe & Jane Orts, Gene & Rose Fritsche, Carl & Connie Rost, and Paul & Rachel Meinke

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

In memory of John Guynes, Sr. and Cody Mitschke by Robert & Louise Grimm, Matthew & Kim Grimm, Timothy & Lisa Grimm and Philip & Faydra Grimm

In honor of all the volunteers by Alfred & Nancy Schulze

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER/DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL**

In memory of Cody Mitschke by Gayle & Peggy Berry

In memory of Leah Faske by Jerry & Karen Faske

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (ILS) SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In memory of Cody Mitschke by Gene & Karen Urban

### **LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

In memory of Edna Kieschnick by Daniel Winkler

### **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

In memory of Monroe Bieberstein by Allen & Dolores Wolf

# *In Loving Memory*

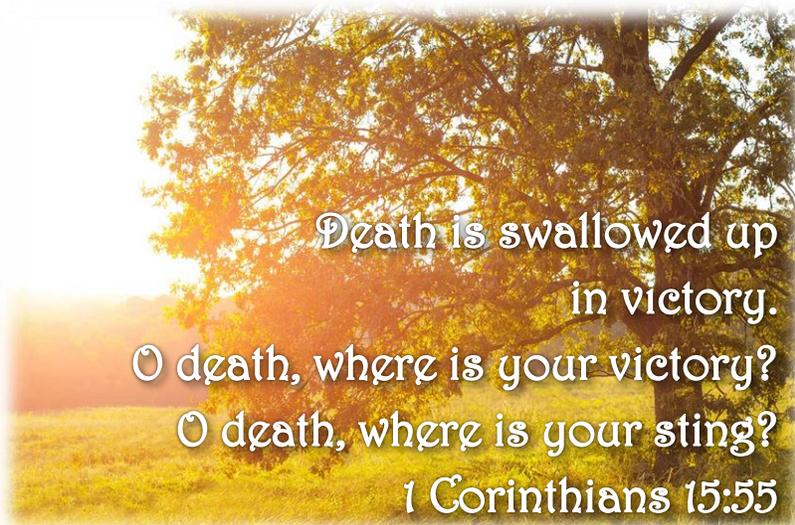
**KERVIN EARL REUTER** was born on August 28, 1938 in Round Top, Texas, the son of Erwin H. & Edna (Michael) Reuter. He was baptized on November 27, 1938 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Round Top by Reverend W. Kratik and confirmed on February 14, 1963 at St. John Lutheran Church in Rutersville. Kervin served in the United States Army. He was a truck driver for Domaschk Lumber Company in Giddings for many years and retired as a truck driver for Giddings Petroleum. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, taking care of his dogs, playing poker and spending time with his family and friends. Kervin was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin & Edna Reuter; one sister, Lorine Domaschk; two brothers, Lavern "John" Reuter and Wilburn Reuter and one niece, Melissa Reuter. He is survived by his sister, Delores Wessels of Columbus; sister-in-law, Gloria Reuter of Stafford; nephews and nieces, Richard Wessels of Columbus, Doug Wessels & his wife Anne of Columbus, Carol Domaschk Green of Austin, Elwood Domaschk Jr. & his wife Jeanette of Houston, Steven Reuter & his wife Debbie of Houston, Terry Reuter & his wife Karla of Stafford, Sandra Reuter Stockwell of Bay City and John Reuter of Houston as well as good friends, Dee Dee Sanchez of Georgetown and Christian Sanchez of Burnet. Kervin passed away on May 30, 2017 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange. Pastor Chris Nietubicz officiated his funeral on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.

**MAMIE ESTHER (KIPP) SEEMANN** was born on February 18, 1923 in Giddings, Texas, the daughter of William John and Ida Bertha (Witte) Kipp. She was baptized on April 8, 1923 and confirmed on April 2, 1939 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings by Reverend William Mueller. Her confirmation verse was Isaiah 54:10, *"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee"*. Mamie was united in marriage to Adolph Erich Seemann on January 8, 1947 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings by Reverend S.T. Schroeder. She and Adolph made their home in Giddings where they, along with Eddie and Elsie Kipp, owned and operated Seemann & Kipp Automotive Machine and Supply. She, along with Elsie, reconciled the books and took inventory at the automotive shop for many years. Mamie was a homemaker and was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings for her entire adult life. She attended Bible Study and hosted Bible Studies in her home. She also volunteered her time working with Rejuvenation. Mamie enjoyed gardening, bird watching and cooking for large family celebrations at birthdays, holidays and special occasions. She loved her family very much and cherished the time she spent with them. Mamie was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ida Kipp; her husband of 54 years, Adolph Seemann; one brother, Eddie Kipp and his wife Elsie; two sisters, Ella Farrack and her husband Richard, and Bernice Krenek and her husband Hilton; one sister-in-law, Frieda Schulz and her husband Paul; and three brothers-in-law, John Seemann, Theodore Seemann, and Henry Seemann and his wife Annie. Mamie is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Marilyn Seeman of Houston; her sister, Barbara Dromgoole and her husband Ken of Plano, as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Lance Gordon and his wife Renee, Kelley Dempsey and her husband Jack, and David Gordon and his wife Tamara. Mamie also has seven great-grandchildren, Lance Ray, Brecklyn, Jennifer, Brett, Chloe, Bianca and Micah. Mamie passed away peacefully on June 29, 2017 at her home in Giddings. Her funeral was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Reverend Robert J. Tiner and Reverend Chris Nietubicz officiating; and burial followed in the Gidding City Cemetery.

**LEAH MILDRED "SUG" (DABBS) FASKE** was born on July 3, 1939 in Nashville, Tennessee to Frank & Alpha Dorothy (Roche) Dabbs. She was baptized on October 1, 1951 at First Baptist Church in Nashville by Reverend W.L. Baker. She was confirmed on June 7, 1958 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas, by Reverend Max Studtmann. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 27:1: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*. She was united in marriage to Robert Don Faske on June 7, 1959 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings by Reverend Max Studtmann. This union was blessed with two sons, Keith & Lawrence. She and Robert owned Faske & Sons Jewelry for 18 years. Leah was a Sunday school teacher at Pilgrim Lutheran in Houston. She was a member of the Ladies Aid and the Lutheran Braille Workers at Immanuel, a member of the Red Hat Society and the German Heritage Society. She enjoyed bowling, roller skating, fishing, hunting, sewing, raising African Violets, rebuilding engines, racing cars, raising animals as well as spending time with family and friends. Leah is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; one great-grandchild, Robert Russell and two brothers, Robert Dabbs and William Dabbs. She is survived by her two sons, Keith Allen Faske and his wife, Sheila of Rose City and Lawrence Clark Faske and his wife Kimberley of Ledbetter; one grandson, Matthew W. Faske and his wife Danielle of Ledbetter; one brother, John Alan Dabbs and his wife Ann of Tennessee as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Leah passed away on July 9, 2017 at Oakland Manor Nursing Center in Giddings. Her funeral was officiated by Reverend Robert Tiner and Reverend Christopher Nietubicz on July 12<sup>th</sup> with burial following in the Giddings City Cemetery.

**MONROE BENNO BIEBERSTEIN** was born on January 26, 1920 at home in Giddings, Texas to Benno Rogalla & Alma Louise (Herzog) Bieberstein. He was baptized at home by Reverend. W. Mueller on February 22, 1920 and confirmed by Reverend Mueller at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings on April 9, 1933. He spoke only German when he started school and the language skills were useful when he was in the military and stationed in Germany. During the late 1930's he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and learned construction skills. Monroe served his country in the Army as a medic during World War II. He was in the European Theatre and stationed in England, Germany and Italy. He married Clara Walther on June 29, 1941 at her home in Paige with Reverend. Max Studtmann performing his third wedding for Immanuel Lutheran Church. After the war, Monroe and Clara moved to Houston where he worked in construction using his training from the CCC. They celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 29, 1991, and Clara passed away in 1993. Fishing was one of his hobbies and they relocated to Chocolate Bayou where he enjoyed taking the family and friends out in his boat. Music was an important part of Monroe's life and he taught himself to play the organ and was the first in his family to have a stereo. In later years he played the keyboard at nursing homes. In the early 1970's Monroe and Clara retired to Giddings where he helped build their home on the family property and hosted many fish fries and family get-togethers. Later in life he developed a special friendship with Mrs. Ivadelle Koenig and they were active in Immanuel's Senior Singles for Jesus group, the German Club, and the Lee County Senior Citizens Center. Monroe passed away on July 15, 2017 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange following complications of a fall, at the age of 97 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Clara; their infant; his brother Otis Bieberstein; and a brother-in-law, Hershel W. Doyle. Monroe is survived by his sisters, Lillian Doyle of Giddings and Annie Mae & Delbert Ahlhorn of Paige; his brother Leroy Bieberstein & his wife Nancy of Giddings; special friend, Mrs. Ivadelle Koenig of Giddings; seven nieces and nephews, Barbara (Doyle) Wilson & her husband John of Round Rock, Gary Doyle & his wife Nancy of Giddings, Larry Ahlhorn & his wife Cathy of Wichita Falls, Donny Ahlhorn of Paige, Debbie Ahlhorn & her husband Cordell Twomey of Elgin, Brenda (Ahlhorn) Bridges of Paige, and Miles vonBieberstein of Giddings; ten great nieces and nephews; two great great-nieces and one great great-nephew; and members of the Bieberstein and Walther families. His funeral was officiated by Reverend Robert Tiner on July 19<sup>th</sup> and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.

**HERBERT CLINTON CARLESTON, JR.** died peacefully in his daughter and her family's home in Duxbury, Massachusetts on July 13, 2017 at 83 years of age. He is survived by daughter Kimberly Glattstein, son-in-law Seth, and grandchildren Megan and Max of Duxbury. Herbert is lovingly remembered by many relatives and friends including his sisters-in-law, Helen Carleston of Louise and Kathryn Schkade of Giddings; his nieces, Debbie Townsend, Cindy Blaha and Tammy Churchill; and nephews, Craig Schkade and Kevin Schkade. He is preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of 54 years, Joyce Schkade Carleston; brother, John Carleston; brother-in-law, Reverend Raymond Schkade; and parents, Herbert and Vivian Carleston. Herbert was born in Austin, Texas on November 26, 1933 and grew up in Giddings where he was proud to have been part of the Giddings High School 1951 State Championship football team. Herbert played football and graduated with a B.S. in mathematics from Southwest Texas (Texas State) University. Herbert also received a Masters of School Administration from the University of Houston. He began his career as teacher and coach in Danbury and then spent 34 years in Pearland as a teacher, coach, intermediate school principal, and finished the last 25 years of his career as an assistant superintendent. As a result of his hard work ethic, career accomplishments and community volunteering, Herbert was honored with the naming of Herbert Carleston Elementary School in Pearland ISD. "Herb" treasured the friendships made during his career. He loved spending time with family and friends and was the "man behind the camera" capturing many special moments and people in photos and video. He enjoyed playing tennis, fishing, camping, and vegetable gardening. He and Joyce camped throughout the United States, cruised with friends, and after retirement spent the summers camping in the New England area to be close to his daughter and grandchildren. After Joyce's death in 2006, Herbert continued spending summers in Massachusetts and enjoyed driving his grandchildren and their friends to events and hosting them in his RV. Upon retirement, Herbert and Joyce moved to Giddings and built a home on the farm originally purchased by Joyce's grandfather where now five generations of the Schkade and Carleston families have gathered for holidays and family events. Herbert smoked the best brisket and turkey for many of these occasions. In the last years a new generation of very special friends brought joy and fulfillment to his life and it has resulted in an extended Carleston "family". Kimberly and her family especially thank Kevin & Debbie Schkade, Philip & Faydra Grimm, Lindsey Reimnitz, Chris Rusch, and Brittany Walters for providing extra support, camping experiences, and traveling companionship during this last season of Herbert's life. He was proud of his Texas heritage, received extra joy from being around children and mentoring young people, was known for his generosity, and made it a priority to stay in touch and often do something special for those who had touched his life. Herbert's funeral was officiated by Reverend Robert Tiner on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and burial followed in Memorial Park of the Giddings City Cemetery.



Death is swallowed up  
in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:55



# FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

*Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.*

## **Phone Number**

Faith Lutheran High School has a phone number!! It is 979-242-2889. Please feel free to contact us any time!

## **Registration**

Enrollment is on-going. If you know of a student who would like to hear more about Faith Lutheran High School, please let Nikki Kueck know at 979-242-2889.

## **Summer Office Hours**

Our school office will be open from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday during the month of July. We will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday and July 17<sup>th</sup>- July 19<sup>th</sup> for a conference. Please drop by and say “hi” sometime!

## **Opening Service**

We will host a worship service at 4pm on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda to celebrate the opening of FLHS and the beginning of our first academic school year. More details to come. Please join us for this special event!

## **First Day of School**

Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>!

## **Wish List**

Would you like to help out Faith Lutheran High School by providing us with needed supplies and materials? We have created a wish list on Amazon. It can be found by clicking “Find a List or Registry” under the Accounts and Lists tab and then searching “Faith Lutheran High School or contact us.

## **Thank you!**

We are very thankful for the Lutheran community here in central Texas. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind to us as we relocated our family here earlier this summer. Thank you to all the congregations and supporters who helped make this move easier for us - by participating in the pounding, getting us a refrigerator, lawnmower, other monetary support, and showering us with prayers and blessings. We are truly thankful to each and every one of you!

~ The Kueck's – Jonathan, Nikki, Elijah, Benjamin, Katrina and Gabriel

## **Forty Days for Faith**

We have recently begun a Forty Days for Faith prayer and pledge drive. It is a simple concept of praying for Faith Lutheran High School for 40 days straight and pledging money for each day. We will even provide you with a list of suggested petitions for each day's prayer. I encourage you to participate if you are moved to do so. More information can be found in the narthex of church or on our website. We thank you for your prayers and support!

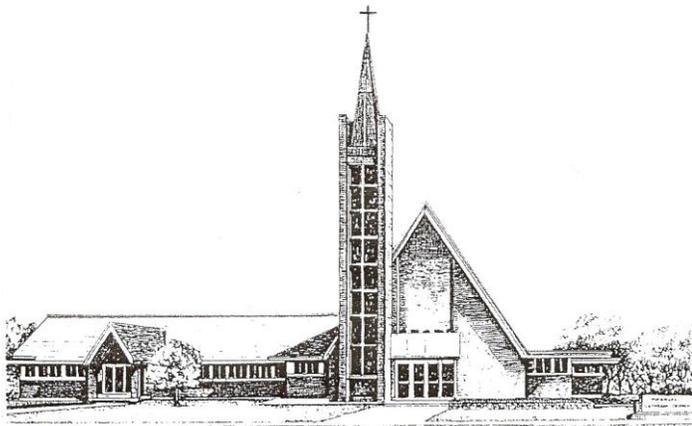
## **Accreditation**

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas is now a fully accredited high school through the Lutheran School Accreditation Commission, with the support and supervision of Concordia High School in Round Rock. Thanks be to God!

**Website:** Want to know what Faith Lutheran High School is all about? Visit our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com) to learn more and see what's going on at Faith!

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