

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



And Jesus said...

FOLLOW ME

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹"Come, **follow me**," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

²⁴News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

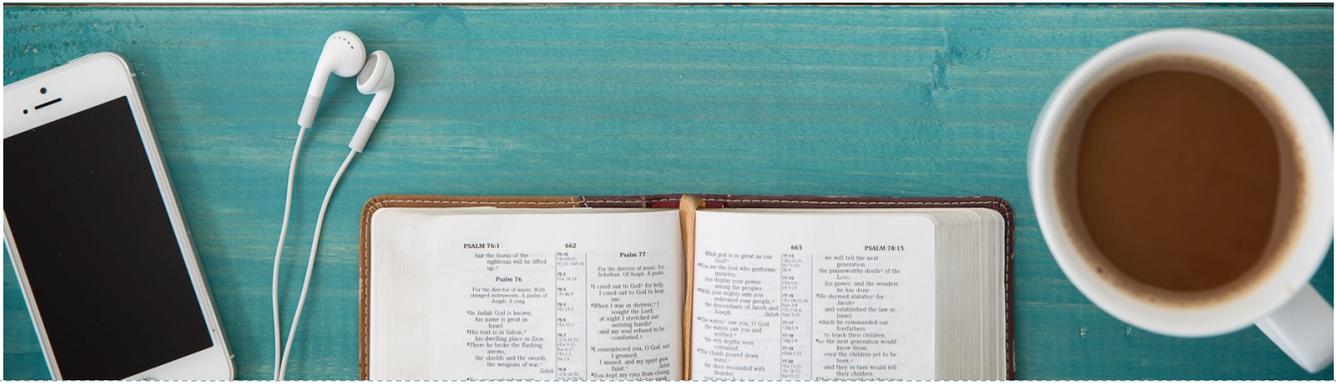
Matthew 4:18-25

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September

2018 Edition



Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM (between Church services) for an *Adult Bible Study* Titled: *The Prodigal God*, led by Pastor Tiner in the fellowship hall.

Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Youth Bible Class:

Senior High Sunday Bible class meets at 9:15 AM in the upper room of the fellowship hall.

IN HIS IMAGE

This Bible Study is for all women and is held between services at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

By exploring characteristics of God, we will discover who God intends for us to be and how God's own attributes impact how we live.

Join leader Lauren Nietubicz in the small meeting room on the following dates:

September 9th
September 16th
September 23rd

MOMS OF PRAYER

This Bible Study group is open for all mothers of all ages and seasons of life, and will start their Fall Session the first week of September. There will be a Wednesday morning session at 9:00 AM, as well as an evening session offered on Thursdays at 6:00 PM as well, so that there are options to fit busy schedules.

The study for the Fall will be *"Bless These Lips: 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal"* which will be summarized and covered over 8 weeks.

This Bible Study is for all the surrounding community, so invite your friends and join us as we grow together as mothers and most importantly as Daughters of Christ.

LIFELIGHT

This Monday morning Bible Study will resume on September 10th, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the small meeting room.

The new topic to be covered for this LifeLight series will be: Mark.

Study guides are available for pickup in the church office.

THE BIBLE: SELF-HELP BOOK OR HOPE?

The Philistine stands before the armies of Israel. For forty days he taunts and mocks them, denouncing their beliefs. Enter David, the youngest son of Jesse. David is a shepherd, not a warrior. He hears the taunts of the battle-trained and hardened Goliath and responds in faith. Today, the Lord will deliver you into our hands. David charges in (sling spinning) letting a stone fly. Goliath is struck dead.

When you hear this well-known story, how do you receive it? Is this a guide for how to face the giants in your life and defeat them? David picked up five stones and one felled Goliath. Do we seek our own stones to fight our battles; patience, perseverance, etc? Is it that self-help guide or a story of God's unfailing love for you.

To read it as a self-help guide is exhausting. Yet another list of things that I won't do well. Try harder at this, remember that, and then you'll be able to defeat those things that loom large in your life. Broken relationships, financial burdens, troubles that keep us up at night and fill our stomachs with knots. This is the way of the Pharisees and Sadducees, the law keepers, the morally upright. This is the way of the legalists in our day, follow these rules and you will be right with God, you've got the power within you to make things better.

Except that you don't. You know it's true. Time and again you have seen the weakness in your own thoughts, words, and deeds. Maybe you've done a good job of hiding the weakness from those around you. They might see you as a pillar of strength and goodness. But the truth is there below the surface in your thoughts. Goliath is there screaming at you, defying all that God desires. And sometimes that voice of Goliath is your own voice. God I want this, you're wrong!

No amount of self-help can fix our Goliath problem. Goliath must be dealt with. David must kill him. That's how the story goes, all the armies of Israel forgot who they were. The armies of the living God. They faced Goliath on their own terms, they faced him on his own terms. Battle hardened, well armed Goliath versus a ragtag bunch of...not warriors. They compared themselves and froze, we can't defeat him. And they were right, they could not, but their God could and did, through David.

You have all sorts of Goliaths in your life: sinful thoughts, desires and actions. Jesus, the Son of David, and Lord of David, has defeated all that opposes God's will. Sin, your sin, has been defeated. Your Goliaths have been killed, your sinful self has been drowned in the waters of baptism and a new you has risen, with Jesus. Paul says in Romans 6:

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Your sin was taken to the cross and crucified with Jesus, it was overcome by His death. It no longer has power of you, it has no power to condemn or torment you. This is the good news of the Gospel. Just as God defeated Goliath through David, your sin has been overcome by God, by Jesus' love. Rest in that Good News. You don't need to find your own stones to defeat your enemies. Jesus is the Rock that gives us rest. He is the Rock that has defeated all your enemies. Rest in Him.

Blessings in Christ,

Senior Pastor Robert Tiner

Thank
you

*Dear members of
Immanuel,*

*We want to thank
you for your
warm welcome
and encouraging
support. We are
humbled by your
generosity in
hosting the
installation
luncheon. You
have made our
transition a
heart-warming
one. We look
forward to
meeting more of
you and working
with you in God's
kingdom.*

*Dale & Barbara
Wolfgram*

Ministry Group News



“Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.”

- Ephesians 6:7-8

TEAMS TO JOIN:

- Archival Ministry
- Braille Workers
- Chorale & Handbells
- Christian Care
- Dorcas Circle
- Friendship Circle
- GriefShare
- Hospitality
- Lutheran World Relief
- Mary-Martha Servants
- Media Team
- Praise Team
- Prayer Warriors
- S.A.L.T.
- Senior Singles for Jesus
- Sunday School
- Youth Board

BRAILLE WORKERS CENTER #163

Join us to volunteer together at our Braille Workers Center. The center at Immanuel has been in operation since 1984, where 10 groups of 6 - 8 individuals from Immanuel and neighboring congregations meet 2 hours per month. There are daytime and evening groups available.

(You are not required to read braille.)

To volunteer and join a group, or to serve as a substitute when needed, please call Alice Unger at (979) 542-1474.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Meets on the second Tuesday of this month on September 11th, at 6:00 PM in the small meeting room of the fellowship hall.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will resume meeting again on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:30 PM in the small meeting room of the fellowship hall.

GRIEFSHARE

This is a biblical, Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

This group meets at a **NEW TIME** of 6:30 PM, in the school library.

GriefShare Topics this month:

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| Session 4: The Journey of Grief: Part 2 | Sept. 6th |
| Session 5: Grief and Your Relationships | Sept. 13th |
| Session 6: Why? | Sept. 20th |
| Session 7: Guilt and Anger | Sept. 27th |

Please contact Kathy Bartels at (512) 461-5442 for additional information.

MEDIA TEAM

The Media Team helps make our Sunday services go smoothly! Sound, video, computer, and presentation are all a part of this important team. Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule and training is provided. Do you have a knack for the technical side of things? If so, this team is for you!

Please call the church office if interested at (979) 542-2918.

PRAYER WARRIORS

Immanuel's Prayer Warriors are here to pray with and for you. Our prayer for you in the coming year 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, have comments, prayer requests or need someone to pray with you, call Lorene Hoffman at (979) 716-1430.

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

SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran Church Senior Singles for Jesus will meet Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 2:00 PM for our regular meeting at one of our member's home.

We will begin by playing games, followed by a potluck meal about 4:30 and then a short meeting with a devotional.

**** Please note the new beginning time of 2:00 PM.*

If you have any questions, or need a ride, please call Virginia McKamie at 979-716-1090.

YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever asked yourself how you can help out our Youth?

- Donate 12pk of soda (used for fundraising and concession stands).
- Help on Wednesday evenings and hang out with the Youth!
- Help with special events or as a chaperone on trips!
- Collect aluminum cans and drop them off by the bus barn.

Call the church office at (979) 542-2918 if you are interested in helping!

Junior High Youth:

Come out and join us on Wednesdays for fellowship and fun,
from 4:15 - 5:20 PM in the Youth room.

Senior High Youth:

Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Youth room.
This includes a meal, worship, fellowship and a Bible Study lesson.



We're excited to report that our Church Photo Directories will be arriving soon!

The projected delivery is mid-September. If you had your photo taken for the directory, you will have a copy available. We will contact you once the shipment arrives.

The Mobile version of the pictorial directory is now available!

Visit our website:

IMMANUELGIDDINGS.NET

Call the Church Office for the code to log on and view the directory.

Monthly Events - September

SUNDAY,
SEPT.
9TH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018 AT 10:30 AM SERVICE

Come join us for a full contemporary worship service in the second service. You will enjoy various recorded artists as we praise Him in song and with an uplifting message from the Word!

** A traditional service will still be offered at 8:00 AM.

MONDAY,
SEPT.
17TH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

All men, from high school age and up, are invited to come out for fellowship and basketball starting Monday, September 17th.

For more information, contact Josh Menke at JMENKE@ILGTX.COM.

TUESDAY,
SEPT.
18TH

QUILT-A-THON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 2018 FROM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please come help tack quilts for LWR. A great opportunity to meet new people. We need individuals to make 60" X 80" quilt tops and bring to the event or drop by the Church Office. Help will also be available for knitting and crocheting in the morning.

***You may also donate twin sheets to be used as backing.
All sizes of FLAT SHEETS in good condition may also be used.
Bright, dark, and multi-colors are best (no white).***

If you need help before this date, please contact Gertrude Reuther at (979) 540-0152. Come when you can or bring a sack lunch and stay the entire time. No sewing experience is necessary.

SPECIAL CALLED VOTERS' MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

A special voters' meeting has been called for the DCE candidate.

If you would like to know more about our candidate, please pick up a bio in the Narthex, or the Church Office.

SUNDAY,
SEPT.
9TH

YOUTH BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2018 AFTER BOTH SERVICES

The Youth will be having a bake sale to raise money for their upcoming National Youth Gathering trip held in Minneapolis, MN in July 2019.

The Youth will have baked goods available after both services.

Come help support a wonderful cause, and support our Youth as they prepare for this wonderful event!

SUNDAY,
SEPT.
16TH

"WET CEMENT" AUXANO PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

SMALL MEETING ROOM

All members of the congregation are invited to come hear members of the Auxano team update us on the process and the work that has been done thus far.

The Auxano team will go into further depth about the new Mission Statement and Values that will be presented to the congregation soon. Please join us for a very important time of discussion and fellowship, there will also be pie and coffee.

WEDNESDAY,
SEPT.
19TH



*On behalf of my sister,
Irene Elizabeth Kasper,
I want to thank you for
the kindness & support,
cards, flowers, and the
visits by Pastor Tiner &
Pastor Chris and others
during her illness before
the Lord took her home.*

*Also the thoughtfulness,
kindness & support
given to me by so many,
the message by Pastor
Tiner, the organist
Leann McClain, the
Elders, the office staff
for their help and
printing of the bulletins,
the light meal served by
the Mary-Martha
Servants and the
Immanuel Christian
Care Committee, and
anyone else involved in
the celebration of
eternal life for my sister
Irene.*

*May God bless each of
you and keep you in his
care,*

Floyd Kasper

Community Board

ROUND UP PROJECT FOR LEE COUNTY

***** ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED UNTIL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2018**

The Round Up Project for Lee County collects items for non-profit organizations stated. There is a collection bin in the Narthex of the Church, donations can also be dropped at the Church Office during the week.

This month, the groups and items being collected are as follows:

1. HEADSTART PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL NURSES

Used and clean little children's clothes (9 months—7 years) — jeans, leggings, shorts and underwear.

2. BOOK PROJECT, GIDDINGS LIBRARY (AND LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES)

A new Round Up project to provide 5 books each to impoverished children and have free libraries in areas around town — **Used children's books.**

3. GIDDINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Personal hygiene items, but most needed - *feminine hygiene.*

TRAIL LIFE USA TROOP 143

CHARTERED BY MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH — GIDDINGS

Trail Life USA is a Christian Outdoor Adventure, Character, and Leadership Program for boys and young men from Kindergarten through High School.

Operating from Troops that are chartered through church in 48 states, the K—12 program centers on outdoor experiences that build a young man's skills and allow him to grow on a personal level and as a role model and leader for his peers. Living the Trail Life is a journey established on timeless values derived from the Bible.

Local Trail Life Troop 143 in Giddings, chartered by Martin Luther Church, will hold meetings at 6:30PM on Mondays (will not meet on Labor Day).

All boys and their families are invited to join us at any time and learn more about our Troop.

You can also call Suzy Zoch at (979) 540-2320 or Shannon Hunt at (979) 540-9309 for more information.

If you would like to see more info about Trail Life USA for yourself, visit their website at: **WWW.TRAILLIFEUSA.COM**

Continued Prayer List

If you would like to add a prayer request, or make any changes, please contact the church office at (979) 542-2918.

Struggling with cancer: Linda (Becker) Beasley (Dorothy Cook's friend), Dot Borchgardt (Flora & Tommy Fischer's sister-in-law), Linda Cook, Rudy Delgado (James Medack's friend), B.J. Doherty (Randy & Julie Meachan's friend), Carol Etzel (Frances Etzel's daughter), Pauline Falke (cousin of Dorothy Cook and Mary Ann McCombs), Ruth Faske, Mickey Garcia (Stacy Proske's mother), Charles Gault, Cindy Hogan (Clyde & Penny Zoch's friend), Ruth Jatzlau, Larry Jenke (father of Dawn Faske, Crystal Smith & Amber Hill), Mike Joyce (Anna Joyce's grandson), Lavine Kuhlmann, Ronnie Langham (Tim Langham's dad), Dana Looney (Connie Jones' daughter-in-law), Gene Matthijetz, Betty Michalk, Mary Mutschink, Charles Pampell, Clifford Parker (Glorianne Schwausch's cousin), Hays Perry, Fred Placke (Ruth Placke's son), Bill Quarles (Connie Jones' brother-in-law), Connie Reed (Gerald Birkelbach's sister), Larry Reue (Mark Matthijetz's friend), Marilyn Schmidt, Scout Schulz (Henry Urban's infant cousin), Phyllis Simmonds (Cody Urban's mother), Karen Taylor (Rebecca Byars' friend), Ted Tonn (Elaine Krause's brother-in-law), Angela Turner (Kristina Matthijetz' mother), Carol Van Dyke (Mikeala Havemann's friend), Michael Williams (Principal of Redeemer Lutheran School in Glendale, NY), James Zoch, and Richie Zoch (Jane Hoffman's cousin)

Assisted Living: Betty Pratho

In nursing centers: Charles Burrier, Marvin C. Faske, Elsie Fischer, Evelyn Gersch, Lydia Lehmann Haley (Jaime Manning & Casey Smith's grandmother), Bob Hofferek, Melvin Houston, Kenneth Kilian, Lorine Kurio, Diane (Mrs. E.J.) Mitschke, Sophie Pampell, Lorine Proske, Susie Proske, Violet Schulz, Florine Schulze, Joyce Urban, Joy Wachsmann, Nathan Wachsmann, and Frieda Wernecke

Shut-ins: David Friedrich, Frances Etzel, Coleen Gaeke, Esther Gaston, Rosalie Hohle, LaVerne Markert, Ellen Schneider, Lorine Sump, and Adelia Zoch

In need of continued prayers: Meta Baker (Frances Etzel's sister), Calvin Berger, Ruth Doering, Pastor Russell & wife Elizabeth Etzel of Houston (Frances Etzel's son & daughter-in-law), Logan Faske (Leroy & Madeline Faske's grandson), Lillian Graham (Nelson Zoch's sister), Corbitt Hill, Franklin Hoffman, Rosalie Hohle, Danny Jatzlau (Tommy & Flora Fischer's friend), Elaine Krause, Michael Lehmann (Frances Etzel's great-nephew), Doyle Looney and Emily Pinnell (Connie Jones' son and cousin), Joanne & Billy Machen (Alan Smith's mother & step-father), Dana (Kimey) MacFarlane (Betty & Junior Remmers' daughter), Angela Murray (Gladys Pitts' friend), Edward Pampell, Clifford Parker (Glorianne Schwausch's cousin), Keith Ryder (Tom & Tammie Shugart's brother-in-law), Pam Sanders (Candice Alexander's friend), Thelma Schatte, Cheryle Schroeder (Alice Unger's sister-in-law), Casey Smith, Jan Spitzenberger (Becky Cowen's sister-in-law), Lily Stigall (cousin of Tammy Simon's children), and Henry David Zimmerman (Virginia McKamie's great-nephew)

Military members and their families: Nathan Allen (Kayla [Parker] Allen's husband), Fort Riley, KS; Cynthia Anderson (Ray Proske's wife), Fort Hood, Killeen; Taylor Blakney, Lakenheath AFB, England; JEB Bolen; Ashley Ford (Tom & Tammie Shugart's niece), Meridian, MS; Major Andrew Hightower (Sheila [Schulze] Hightower's husband), Fort Wainwright, AK; Coy Hunt, US Army Basic Training, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Courtney [Medack] King & husband Brandon King, San Antonio; Colonel Ryan Marshall (Dawn [Christiansen] Marshall's husband), Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ; Toby Mendoza, Giddings; Daniel B. Pogue, Fort Lee, VA; David Schatte; Ronald Schatte, Giddings; and Justin Smith, Waco

Memorials

FROM AUGUST 2018

HOME BUDGET

In memory of Irene Kasper by Monroe & Dorothy Kasper, Joyce Eberhardt & Jill and Sean Eberhardt
In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Shirley Lorenz, Richard & Alice Unger, Joyce Kuehn, and Allan & Eunice Hendrickson
In memory of Wanda Smith Revada by Raymond & Ann Kipp

CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE

In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Hays & Helen Perry

COVERED ENTRYWAY

In memory of Lorine Domaschk by her family

CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY

In memory of Susan Price by Lydia Siegmund
In memory of Milton Kasper by Joan Hoffman & Lori, Avery & Alexa Mueller
In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Paul, Dana, Hannah & Grayson Kipp, and Mark & Tricia Krugler

BRILLE WORK CENTER #163

In memory of Irene Kasper by Buddy & Louise Preuss, Raymond & Ann Kipp, Paul, Dana, Hannah & Grayson Kipp, Gertrude Hobratschk, Otis & Doris Meyer, Raymond & Darlene Hannusch, Trace & Jeannette Boothe, Roy & Ruth Medack, Clarence & Dianna Mitschke, James & Angie Frerichs, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Krause, Edward & Ruth Reinhardt, Frances Mutscher, Elaine Krause, Betty Pratho & Bill & Kathy Glaiser, Shirley Lorenz, Joe & Jane Orts, Sidonia Hardee, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Jack Weber, and one unidentified donor
In memory of Glenn Noack, Irene Kasper and Martha Knippa by Robert & Shirley Alexander
In memory of Mamie Jean Richter by Harold & Ruby Kutschke

STAINED GLASS RESTORATION

In memory of Elvie Jean Mutschink and Jackson "Wyatt" Lindner by Bob & Mary Mutschink

SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS

In memory of Gloria "Sue" Coleman by Gertrude Reuther, Gertrude Lorenz, Raymond & Ann Kipp, and Elaine Krause
In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Gertrude Reuther, Elaine Krause, and John & Barbara Wilson

MARY-MARTHA SERVANTS

In memory of Irene Kasper by Floyd Kasper

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (ILS) UNDESIGNATED GIFTS

In memory of Jackson "Wyatt" Lindner by Paul, Dana, Hannah & Grayson Kipp

ILS LIBRARY

In memory of Jackson "Wyatt" Lindner by Gene & Karen Urban

ILS MATTHIJETZ TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

In memory of Frank "Bud" Botkin by Clarence & Ruth Jatzlau

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, WARDA

In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Glenda Paskett
In memory of Gloria "Sue" Coleman, Irene Kasper, Dane Luedke and Jeanine Parker by Lavine Kuhlmann

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Robert & Janice Droemer, Raymond & Ann Kipp, and Lorine Petersen
In memory of Steve Clausen by Raymond & Ann Kipp, and Mark & Tricia Krugler

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Rev. & Mrs. Wilbern Michalk

SPECIAL MISSIONS

In memory of Ivadelle Koenig by Jessie Knight

In Loving Memory...

IRENE ELIZABETH KASPER was born on August 16, 1939 in Winchester, Texas to William and Amanda (Reinhardt) Kasper. She was baptized on August 20, 1939 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester by Pastor E. R. Rathgeber and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Pastor Robert Studtmann on April 11, 1954. Her confirmation memory verse was: *"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" II Timothy 3:14.* Her confirmation song was "All hail the power of Jesus' name". Irene attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Giddings High School. She worked at Elkins Variety Store after school and Saturdays and in 1957 went to work at Pratho's Department Store. She remained at Pratho's working as clerk and bookkeeper until the store closed on October 30, 2007, having remained working there for over 50 years. For numerous years she also worked in and enjoyed the family business which consisted of licensed gift items along with many of her embroidered items that were primarily sold in Bastrop, Austin, & San Antonio. Irene had been a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, both singing in the choir and also enjoyed working Braille for a number of years, and also did volunteer work for the March of Dimes.

Irene enjoyed embroidery, both by hand and later using her computerized embroidery machine. Her passion was working in the yard among her flowers and took pride in her bougainvillea and plumerias and spent as much time in her yard and greenhouse as she could. She was an avid rock hunter and especially enjoyed riding through the countryside, always choosing the road less traveled as it was here that the scenery was less changed by mankind and still much the same as God had created it. She absolutely loved her Lhasa Apsos, having had several -- Scooby Doo being her latest and they were inseparable. Irene was preceded in death by her parents, William & Amanda Kasper. She is survived by a brother, Floyd Kasper of Giddings, and many cousins. Irene passed away on August 2, 2018 at the Austin Heart Hospital at 78 years of age. Pastor Robert Tiner conducted her funeral on August 5th and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.

IVADELLE EMMA (DALESKE) KOENIG was born on May 9, 1925 in Steamboat Rock, Iowa to Emil Henry Daleske and Agnes A. (Panthen) Daleske. She was baptized on June 7, 1925 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, Iowa by Rev. Carl G. Treskow and was confirmed in April of 1939 also at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. Carl Hesse. Ivadelle met Robert Koenig in 1949 when the seminary chorus he sang in was on tour and sang at her church in Eldora. Their courtship was mostly by letter and phone. Six years later they were married on August 14, 1955 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, Iowa by Rev. John Zimmermann. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Gregory and Rebecca. Ivadelle attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa and Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. She taught all grades and high school in Eldora. When Greg and Becky were young, Ivadelle was a stay-at-home mom. Pastor Koenig's ministry led them to Uniontown and Longtown, Missouri, Concordia University in Austin and Pocahtontas and Shawneetown, Missouri. After Pastor Koenig accepted the Call to be the Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings in 1973, she worked for Texas Health & Human Services for several years. Ivadelle later was employed part-time at Immanuel Lutheran School as a kindergarten aide and in the preschool. Ivadelle enjoyed playing the piano, participating in Bible studies, playing dominoes and visiting with friends at the Lee County Senior Citizens Center. She was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where she had been active with the Singles for Jesus group. She was also a member of the Lee County Seniors in Action and the Lee County Chapter of the Texas German Society. During the last 15 years, Ivadelle enjoyed a special friendship with Monroe Bieberstein. Together they led music at nursing homes and participated in church and community activities. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil & Agnes Daleske; her husband, Rev. Robert J. Koenig; her son and daughter-in-law, Greg & Debra Koenig, and two brothers, Dean Daleske and Elvin Daleske.

Ivadelle is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Becky & Chris Hawthorne of Plano, Texas; four grandchildren: Stephanie Struckmann & her husband Craig of Saint Peters, Missouri, Alexandra Shafer & her husband Eric of Urbandale, Iowa, Adam Koenig of California, and Kathryn White & her husband Cameron of Chesterfield, Missouri; five great-grandchildren: Olivia, Logan and Quinn Struckmann and Carter and Everly Shafer; and one sister-in-law, Marilyn Daleske of Eldora, Iowa; as well as several nieces and nephews. Ivadelle passed from this earthly life and was called to her eternal home in heaven on August 14, 2018 at the Giddings Residence & Rehabilitation Center, having attained 93 years of age. Pastor Robert Tiner officiated her funeral service on August 17th and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.

from the desk of the Secretary...

Update us and get connected:

- * Become a member
- * Change of address or phone number
- * Change of family/marital status
- * If someone goes into the hospital
- * If someone would like a visit from a pastor
- * If you desire spiritual counseling
- * To schedule a time to speak with a pastor
- * Prayer requests
- * Share some good news
- * Share a hurt
- * Volunteer

What would you like to see published in our monthly newsletter? Is there anything that you'd like to learn more about? Please let me know!

Please keep in mind, to notify us of any changes of contact information (such as a new address or phone number) or family/marital status that you would like updated in our membership system. If you would like to volunteer in one of our amazing Ministry Groups, contact us so we can get you connected. Also, please contact me if you want to reserve the fellowship hall for an event, or need to schedule a wedding or a baptism. I can get you the information you need. I am happy to help serve our church family!

Thank you & Blessings to you all,

Amanda DeRouen

Church Secretary

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www.immanuelgiddings.net and click on the Online Giving Link at the top of the page!

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