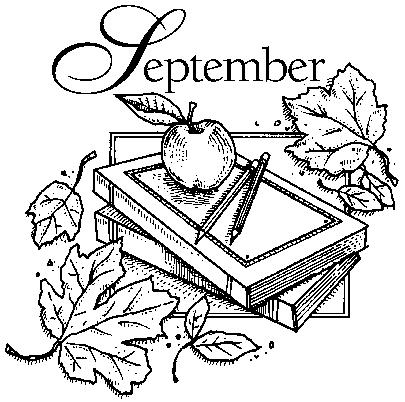
**Immanuel Messenger**

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School 300 N. Grimes Giddings, Texas 78942

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

**NEWSLETTER**



OUR MISSION

TO BRING CHRIST TO ALL PEOPLE BY PREACHING,

TEACHING, SERVING AND SHARING AS

WE CELEBRATE GOD’S LOVE.

**GOD WITH US… BRINGING HIM TO OTHERS**

**Standing on the Rock, Life Together in Jesus**

*Mr. Dan Schaefer, ILS Principal*

The edge of a cliff...., the middle of the street......, the edge of a highway....., on top of the slide........: What do these all have in common? They are places where we shouldn't stand.

In Matthew 16, many people were standing around Jesus. He asked them, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?". We might paraphrase the question: "Where do you stand on who Jesus is?". Even though Jesus had shown who He was through His miracles and teachings, many people were still confused.

Some who were standing in a group believed that Jesus was just another Old Testament prophet. Some were standing in a group that said Jesus was another appearance of John the Baptist. Peter's confession stood out from the other opinions: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." The Holy Spirit had given Peter the true message of Jesus. He was the Messiah God had promised. He was the true and living Son of God.

Jesus calls Peter's word a "rock." The "rock" was truth that Jesus was the Son of God and the promised Messiah. The disciples and the church would stand on Jesus, the "rock". Unlike the places we shouldn't stand, we stand on the solid rock of Jesus here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.

Psalm 18 celebrates our God. "My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (verse 2). We can stand on Jesus because He never crumbles. We can stand on Jesus because He is a Rock so big that nothing can ever move Him. When we face uncertain times, when things change around us, it is good to have a solid place to stand. 1 Corinthians 1:9, our theme verse for this school year, reminds us also that "we have life together in Jesus." Solid.

There are places not to stand. However, there is one place to always stand. Our prayer is we stand together this school year on the Rock, Jesus.



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES**

*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.*

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Please join leader Pastor Tiner in the fellowship hall.

**SENIOR HIGH BIBLE CLASSES**

Art Room (classroom at the top of the stairs in the school building)

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

(In the school building)

At 9:15 AM all Pre-K (three- & four-year olds) meet in Room 141.

Kindergarten through 4th grade join together for opening in Mrs. Zoch’s classroom (Room 116).

The children then go to the following classrooms for Sunday School lessons:

Kindergarten & 1st grade ~ Room 116

2nd - 4th grades ~ Room 115

5th - 8th grades ~ Youth Room

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

**Church Nursery** – A loving, staffed nursery for children three years old and younger is available during worship services and Bible Class on Sunday morning. Pagers are provided to parents when a child is left in the nursery. The nursery is also available during special worship services and events at the church. To learn more about our nursery or to volunteer to help our staff care for the little ones, contact Annette Menzel (542-9480). Come to the north end of the fellowship hall to see our wonderful nursery.

**ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

*The following Bible study groups gather weekly or biweekly in Christ’s name to minister to one another through fellowship and God’s Word. Small groups build and strengthen lives, families, relationships and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. We encourage everyone to join a small group!*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION/NEW MEMBERS CLASS –** **This class will begin on Monday, September 14 (through Monday, October 26).** Please contact the church office (979/542-2918) if you or someone you know has questions about becoming a member or being confirmed in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

**LIFELIGHT –** Begins Wednesday, September 16 at 11 AM in the ILS library, for a study of the Book of Job.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY -** This group meets at 10:00 AM in the small meeting room.

**Wednesday Nursing Home Bible StudIES**

9:30 AM – Giddings Residence & Rehabilitation

10:15 AM – Oakland Manor Nursing Center

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS**

**If you would like information on Immanuel Youth groups, please contact Carl Repp, Minister of Youth & Family Life, at the church office or by phone at (512) 619-9366.**

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH –** 6th thru 8th graders meetWednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Youth Room. Immanuel Day School students may come to the Youth Room at the close of the school day. This is supervised time to do homework, study, rest or just hang out with friends. Please watch Sunday bulletin announcements for upcoming special events.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** – This group meets from 6 - 9 PM onWednesday evenings in the Youth Room. Please come join us for fun, fellowship and devotion & prayer time with discussion.



**A Taste of Heaven**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Cookbook**

**Great recipes and makes a great gift! *($10)***

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***Corn Casserole***

*by Lorine Proske*

***1 can creamed corn***

***1 cup whole kernel corn, drained***

***2 sticks butter, softened***

***1 cup sour cream***

***1 box Jiffy cornbread mix, dry***

***Combine and mix the creamed corn, whole kernel corn, butter and sour cream. Add dry cornbread mix. Put into casserole dish. Bake @ 350 degrees for 30 minutes, until crusty.***

**The 2015 Altar Flower Calendar, located in the entrance of the church, has many “open” dates! Please sign-up for flowers in memory or in honor of someone special, or to the Glory of God.**

**ALASKA MISSION FOR CHRIST**

Pastor Keith Aschenbeck and family will be visiting from Alaska this month to share about the work they are doing in the remote area of Tok, Alaska and for the Alaska Mission for Christ.

Please join us on **Sunday, September 20** for our guest pastor, Keith Aschenbeck along with Stacey, Trey, Kaleb, Micah and Anna.

The summer was very busy for the Aschenbecks, so they have put together a "special" summer edition of their newsletter; it is longer than previous ones and gives a bit of information on the various teams that visited the villages in their area. Copies are available in the narthex of the church.



**Sunday, March 29th**



**SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS …**

In order to resume our regular schedule, we are having a regular meeting on Sunday, September 13th, at 3:00 PM in the small meeting room of the fellowship hall. This includes games, a potluck meal, a business meeting and a devotion. You may call Virginia McKamie (542-2021) if you need a ride, want more information, or have any questions about *Senior Singles for Jesus.*

**PRAYER WARRIORS**



*“Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” Isaiah. 65:24*

What a beautiful promise and comfort in this verse. Whether we go to God with our own needs or the needs of others, we can be certain that God answers our prayers in His own way and time.

As the Prayer Warrior group prays for the specific needs of others, they make personal contacts not only with Immanuel members but people in the community. We’ve had a number of requests the past months.

A team leader is needed to call four people when a prayer request is received. Also, it would be neat to have a team of men in this group. For a monthly prayer target calendar or others questions, please call Lorene Hoffman at 979/366-2270.

# Third Annual

# “Under The Oak”

# BBQ Cook-off

# Saturday, October 24

Mark your calendar! It’s time to start putting together BBQ teams! More information to follow in the October Newsletter.



*I would like to thank everyone involved in planning my surprise anniversary dinner last month! I would also like to thank the congregation for the beautiful wooden wall hanging and monetary gift, along with all of the cards, hugs, handshakes, and kind words!*

*It was certainly a pleasant surprise to see everyone who came to help celebrate the years I have served in ministry! It has been a blessing to serve those years here with all of you at Immanuel!*

*I am truly blessed indeed! I look forward to continuing my ministry here as the Senior Pastor and seeing all God has planned for both my ministry and for Immanuel in the years to come!*

*Blessings in Christ, Pastor Tiner*

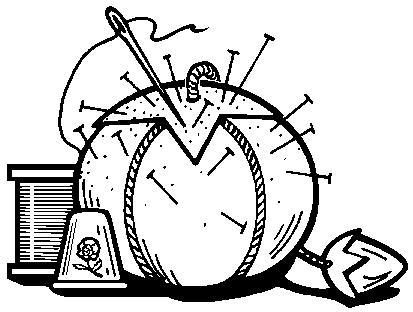
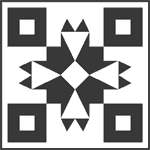
**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

**QUILT-A-THON**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**9:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please make plans to participate in the SEPTEMBER LWR QUILT-A-THON on the third Tuesday in September. Come when you can or bring a sack lunch and stay the entire time. You can make 60”x80” quilt tops and/or 64”x84” backs and leave at the church office if you are unable to come help tack. You can sit while you tack. To make donations for batting and supplies, make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church marked “LWR Quilts”.  

**GriefShare began a new 14-week series that meets weekly every Thursday** **evening from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Immanuel Lutheran School library.** GriefShare is a biblical, Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one; and this month’s topics are listed as follows:

Session 3 September 3 The Journey of Grief – Part One

Session 4 September 10 The Journey of Grief – Part Two

Session 5 September 17 Grief and Your Relationships

Session 6 September 24 Why?

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.

**New Adult Confirmation/**

**Membership Class**

**We are forming a new adult membership class. Beginning Monday, September 14, from 6 – 8 PM**

Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith.

Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend and if childcare is needed, thank you!

You may watch an introductory video at [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).



**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will begin Wednesday, September 16, at 11 AM in the small meeting room in the fellowship hall. This Bible study will be on the Book of Job. The study books are available in the church office M-F 8 AM – 5 PM.



CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

**Please keep these individuals in your prayers throughout the month.**

**Expectant mother:** Marcela Hill

**Struggling with cancer:** Norman Berger, Mindy Borchers (wife of Pastor Eric Borchers of Austin), Dr. Tom Cedel (President of Concordia University Texas), Rudy Delgado (friend of James Medack), Lisa Ebner (friend of Kenny & Debbie Perry); Betty Farrack, Ruth Faske, Charles Gault, Barbara Hallmark (aunt of Christi Mitschke), Derek Havelka & Mary Havelka (friends of Oscar & Texene Placke), Herman Hobratschk, Cindy Hogan (friend of Clyde & Penny Zoch), Carol Hohle, Ruth Jatzlau, Gordon Jenke, Mike Joyce (grandson of Anna Joyce), Debra Koenig (daughter-in-law of Ivadelle Koenig) & Doug Dretke (Debra Koenig’s brother), Lavine Kuhlmann, Irene Moerbe, Mary Mutschink, Arvella Polka (friend of Herbert & Dorothy Cook), Bill Quarles (brother-in-law of Tom & Connie Jones), Connie Reed (sister of Gerald Birkelbach), Marilyn Schmidt, Phyllis Simmonds (mother of Cody & Russell Urban),Allison Tangeman (friend of Josh & Gina Christensen), Karen Taylor (friend of Rebecca Byars), Ted Tonn (brother-in-law of Elaine Krause), and Reinhold Urban (Henry Urban’s brother)

**Assisted Living:** Betty Pratho

**In nursing centers:** Ruth Bethke (sister-in-law of Delores Billig), Charles Burrier, Ruth Doering, Dorothy Droemer, Elsie Fischer, Anton & Floris Fischer, Rubie Galipp, Bob Hofferek, Larry Jenke (father of Dawn Faske, Crystal Smith and Amber Hill), Kenneth Kilian, Lorine Kurio, James Meinke (father of Paul Meinke), Diane (Mrs. E.J.) Mitschke, Irene Moerbe, Elvie Jean Mutschink, Lorine Proske, Susie Proske, Gladys Saegert, Lorine Sump, Nathan Wachsmann, and Frieda Wernecke

**Shut-ins:** Monroe Bieberstein, Frances Etzel, Leah Faske, Coleen Gaeke, Evelyn Gersch, Ruth Handrick, Herman Hobratschk, Rosalie Hohle, Elsie Kipp, Ivadelle Koenig, Katherine Michalk, Sophie Pampell, Dorothy Raschke, Travis Rust, Lorenz Schimank, Florine Schulze, Ellen Schneider, Mamie Seeman, Mary Ann Seidler, and 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), Jacob Doggett, Pastor Russell & wife Elizabeth Etzel of Houston (son & daughter-in-law of Frances Etzel), Logan Faske (grandson of Leroy & Madeline Faske), Mildred Janda (mother of Steve Janda), Lydia Lehmann Haley (grandmother of Jaime Manning & Casey Smith), Sherri Hendricks (aunt of Gina Mersiovsky & Heather Mersiovsky), Corbitt Hill, Rosalie Hohle, Melvin Houston, Tom Jones, Elaine Krause, Robert Kuehn, Michael Lehmann (great-nephew of Frances Etzel), Doyle Looney (son of Connie & Tom Jones), Buddy Lorenz, Billy Machen (step-father of Alan Smith), Joanne Machen (mother of Alan Smith), Buck Marshall (friend of Tom & Connie Jones), Sylvin Mersiovsky, Edward Pampell, Garret Pounders (great-nephew of Ken & Lisa Schatte), Pastor Bill Qualman (Mt.Calvary in LaGrange), Joe Raif (brother of Phyllis Greenwood and uncle of Gina Mersiovsky & Heather Mersiovsky), Kervin Reuter, Keith Ryder (brother-in-law of Tom & Tammie Shugart), Thelma Schatte, Cheryle Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alice Unger), Casey Smith, Kim Smith (niece of Dave & Glorianne Schwausch), Rebecca Stone, Curtis Urban, Joy Wachsmann; and Paul Barrett, Diane Castillo, Kimberly McKee, Michael [Julie’s brother], Roni Perez, Crystal Widener, John West & George Goidi (friends, cousin and nephew of Josh & Gina Christensen)

**Military Members and their families:** Cynthia Anderson (wife of Ray Proske), Fort Hood-Killeen, TX; William Aysmith (cousin of Rebecca Byars), Iraq; Taylor Blakney**,** Okinawa, Japan**;** JEB Bolen; Shaun Breckenridge (great-nephew of Frances Etzel); Jacob Derouen (husband of Amanda [Faske] Derouen); Fort Bliss-El Paso, TX; Ashley Ford (niece of Tom & Tammie Shugart), Meridian, MS; John Foster (brother of Molly and Kiley Harville), Wichita Falls, TX; Kevin Gonzalez (son of Vicente & Nellie Gonzalez), NC; Andrew Hightower (husband of Shella [Schulze] Hightower), Malasia; Wilhelmina [Bolen] Jarvis, Afghanistan; Courtney [Medack] King & husband Brandon King, Ocean Spring, MS; Ryan Marshall (husband of Dawn [Christiansen] Marshall), Germany; Toby Mendoza, Giddings, TX; Steve Newlund; Daniel B. Pogue, Fort Lee, VA; Chase Polson, Fort Hood, TX; Steve Reitz, Fort Meade, MD; David Schatte; Ronald Schatte, Landstuhl, Germany; Justin Smith, Egypt; Pete Stewart (husband of Susie [Medack] Stewart), Fairchild AFB, WA; and Shannon Zoch, Monterey, CA.

***MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS***

***FOR JUNE & JULY & AUGUST, 2015***

**CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE**

In memory of Erwin Schulze by Lydia Siegmund

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Ronnie, Lisa & Stephen Petzold

In memory of Bernice Winkler, Frieda Siegmund, and Grady Lee Stueber by Lydia Siegmund

In memory of Kenneth Gersch and Grady Lee Stueber by Hays & Helen Perry

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber by Jimmie & Karen Luecke, Dina Nelson, and Richard & Alice Unger

In memory of Kenneth Gersch by Gene & Kathy Bartels

**HOME BUDGET**

In memory of Harvey Lehmann by Karen Hester

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Willard & Frances Burgdorf, Hays & Helen Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin Siegmund,

and Mr. & Mrs. Myron Siegmund

In memory of Kenneth Gersch and Grady Lee Stueber by Mark & Tricia Krugler

**BUILDING FUND**

In memory of Otto Becker by Margaret Lehmann & Family

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber, Kenneth Gersch and Lillie Foerster by Robert & Louise Grimm

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber by Cecil & Margaret Walther

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Margaret Lehmann & Family

**REPAIR & REFURBISH FUND**

In memory of Michael Janda by Ralph & Linda Mutscher, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Heinrich and Uncle Bill & Aunt Norma

Goetz

In memory of Maria Correa by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp

In memory of Bob Kemp and Elton & Rosalind Zoch by Gwen Zoch Kemp & Kelley Kemp McDermott (pews)

In honor of Stephen & Heather Mersiovsky by Charles & Margaret Mersiovsky (air-conditioning)

In memory of Frieda Siegmund by Clifton & Betty Wachsmann

In memory of Kenneth Gersch by Larry & Debbie Blankenburg

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Glenn & Sharon Kurio, Debra Smith, and an unidentified donor

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber by Charles & Margaret Mersiovsky

In memory of Margaret Wolf by Edwin & Shirley Kissmann

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr., Grady Lee Stueber, Kenneth Gersch, and Dorothy Birnbaum by Robert & Shirley

Alexander

**COVERED ENTRYWAY**

In memory of Richard Polka by Herbert & Dorothy Cook

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Jenke & Family

In memory of Frieda Siegmund, Paul Biehle, Dorothy Birnbaum, John Moerbe, Sr., Kenneth Gersch, and Grady Lee

Stueber by Elaine Krause

In memory of Kenneth Gersch by Curtis & Mary Ann Frosch

In memory of Kenneth Gersch and Grady Lee Stueber by Bob & Mary Mutschink

**CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY**

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber by Joan Hoffman and Lori, Avery & Alexa Mueller

**HANDBELL RESTORATION**

In celebration of Edna Houston’s birthday by George & Virginia Hernandez

In memory of Richard Polka by C.L. & JoAnn Painter

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Douglas & Nancy Alexander

Continued …

**CHORALE**

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. and Grady Lee Stueber by Maurice & Debbie Pitts

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber and Dorothy Birnbaum by Gene & Karen Urban & Family

**PRAISE TEAM**

In memory of Frieda Siegmund by Glenda Paskett

**MEDIA MINISTRY**

In memory of Dorothy Birnbaum by Glenn & Betty Wachsmann

**BRAILLE WORK CENTER #163**

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by William & Mary Lou Gaeke

In memory of Freida Boriack by Tim, Justine & Marissa Jenke and Candice & Justin Fierro

**LADIES AID**

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Rob & Lisa Adams

In memory of Dorothy Birnbaum by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER/DAY CARE/PRESCHOOL**

In memory of Erwin Schulze by Newman & Keng and JME LYN Designs, Kaye Fuller, Raymond & Lanetta Kipp,

Darlene Wexand, Monroe & Jan Jatzlau, Heath & Hope Siegmund, Robbie, Gwen, Faith & Rylan Stork, Cassius,

Glenda & Drayton Oakes, Myron & Karen Siegmund, Darrell & Carol Behrens, Justin & Brittany Behrens, Frank &

Casey Smith, Bob & Mary Mutschink, Gladys Namken, Robert & Jane Ray, Pat & Lois Lehmann, Rachael Gold &

Family, Calvin & Debbie Berger, Fred & Bonnie Winklemann, Jerry & Pauline Falke, Karen & Katelyn Hester,

Elaine Krause, Ruby Maass and Clarence & Ruth Jatzlau

In honor of Gayle & Peggy Berry’s 50th wedding anniversary by Allan & Eunice Hendrickson

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. and Dorothy Birnbaum by Myron & Karen Siegmund

In memory of Kenneth Gersch by Gene & Karen Urban and Kacey & Garett

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (ILS) UNDESIGNATED GIFTS**

In memory of Frank Floeck by Darrell & Carol Behrens

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Steve & Margie Moerbe, Paul & Jolene Fischer, and Jerry & Karen Faske

In memory of Margie Schubert by Joe & Jane Orts

In memory of Dorothy Birnbaum and Frieda Siegmund by Darrell & Carol Behrens

**ILS SCHOLARSHIPS**

In memory of Erwin Schulze by Doris Meyer

In memory of Harvey Lehmann by Barry, Susan, Jordan & Blake Walther

In memory of Ellie Hannes by Leroy & Shirley Lorenz

**ILS LIBRARY**

In memory of Peggy Simmang by Barry & Susan Walther

In memory of Kenneth Gersch by an unidentified donor

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Monroe & Vernille Mertink, Joline Kalina, and Fritz & Jeanette Schoenst

In memory of Grady Lee Stueber by Employees of The Nitsche Group, Martin & Julie Schubert, Edgar & Sandra

Schwartz, Floyd Kasper, Paulie & Sharon Sanchez, Leroy & Shirley Lorenz, Lori, Sara & Seth Matejcek, Dinah Akin

& Charlie Malke, Stacy Akin & Family and Johnnie Akin & Family, Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper, Mike & DeDe

Moeller & Family, Darrell & Carol Behrens, Mack & Judy Tyler, Alan & Crystal Smith, Randy Machac, Douglas &

Nancy Alexander, Barry & Susan Walther, Jerry & Patsy Steglich, Robert, Janice & Gayle Droemer, James &

Delores Steglich, James & Noreen Heck, Otis & Shirley Marburger, R.J. & Ruth Nitsche, Ruby Koslan, Ernie &

Terry Voight, Donald & Sharon Winklemann, Mrs. Alice Fischer, Raymond & Lanetta Kipp, Paul & Jolene Fischer,

Curtis & Rhonda Fischer, William & Marilyn Baca, Bill & Janis Droemer, Floyd & Mary Ann Schkade, Kevin

Wolfshohl, and Bert Johnson & Family

**ILS MATTHIJETZ CHILDREN TUITION ASSISTANCE**

In memory of Dorothy Schautschick by Jerry & Karen Faske

In honor of Willie Mae Meyer’s 90th birthday by Clarence & Ruth Jatzlau

In memory of Dorothy Birnbaum, Kenneth Gersch and Grady Lee Stueber by Clarence & Ruth Jatzlau

In memory of Frieda Siegmund by Adeline Bird

Continued …

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

In honor of Gladys Arldt’s 80th birthday by Walter & Patsy Arldt

In memory of Herbert & Marie Jenke by Corbitt & Amber Hill

In memory of Richard Farrack by Dawn Faske

**MISSIONS**

In memory of Michael Janda by Gertrude Lorenz

**PORTALS OF PRAYER**

In memory of John Moerbe, Sr. by Gene & Karen Urban & Family

MC900279626[1] IN LOVING MEMORY …

**JOHN AUGUST MOERBE, SR.** was born on June 24, 1927 in Warda, Texas to Carl & Elsa (Pietsch) Moerbe. He was baptized on July 3, 1927 and confirmed on March 29, 1942 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda by Rev. Paul C. Eifert. He served in the United States Army from November 23, 1945 until receiving his Honorable Discharge on March 16, 1947. He obtained the rank of Private. He played on the Warda baseball team with the community baseball league. John was united in marriage to Carolyn Ann Kappler on August 6, 1950 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann. Their union was blessed with two children, John Jr. and Mary. John and Carolyn farmed in Warda until moving to Houston in 1953 where he worked as a carpenter until 1960. They moved back to Giddings where John worked for Ed Meinesser and M&M Construction before being hired by Gaeke Construction Company in 1964. He retired from the construction industry in 1990. John enjoyed helping others anytime his skill could be used. He was a member of the American Legion York Post 276 in Giddings and had served as Past Post Commander of VFW Post 4475 in Giddings. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.  He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carolyn Moerbe; two brothers, Roy Moerbe and Marvin Moerbe and a sister, Eunice Moerbe Schulze. John is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John & Helen Moerbe, and his daughter, Mary Moerbe -- all of Giddings; three grandchildren, Bradley Moerbe & his wife Jessica of Giddings, Marcie Moerbe of Austin, and Brian Moerbe & his wife Alivia of Giddings; one great-granddaughter, Karee Moerbe of Giddings; his sister, Vernille Mertink & her husband Monroe of Houston, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. John passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the Giddings Residence & Rehabilitation Center. Pastor Robert Tiner conducted his funeral on July 31st and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.

**GRADY LEE STUEBER** was born on February 12, 1945 in Brenham, Texas to Grady & Louise (Jahnke) Stueber. He was baptized on September 24, 1961 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings by Rev. Billy Browning. Grady graduated from Giddings High School in 1964 and attended Blinn College in Brenham. He was confirmed by Rev. Emil Krugler and became a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings on May 7, 1969. His confirmation verse was Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile". Grady was united in marriage to Katherine "Kathy" Koslan on November 8, 1969 at Immanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. Emil Krugler. They moved to Austin where Grady worked for MHMR until moving back to Giddings in 1978. After returning to Giddings, Grady went to work at the Giddings State School. He also owned and operated Grady's Western Wear in Giddings and La Grange and the Country Corner in Giddings. He retired from Giddings I.S.D. in 2011 where he had worked in the maintenance department at Giddings High School for 18 years. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, a fan of UT Athletics and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Grady looked forward to their family trips to Rockport where he was the unofficial mayor of Sandollar Resort. He was one of the Giddings Buffaloes Football team's biggest fans and could always be found on the sidelines of every game. Grady will be remembered as having never met a stranger and always being able to put a smile on everyone's face. Grady was preceded in death by his parents, Grady Stueber and Louise Stueber Akin; his step-father, L.D. Akin; his brother and sister-in-law, Harold & Judy Stueber and his parents-in-law, Willie & Dahlia Koslan. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Stueber of Giddings; his son and daughter-in-law, Chris & Kim Stueber of Giddings; his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie & Jon Walther of Lincoln; five grandchildren, Preston Stueber, Hudson Grady Stueber and Dahlia Stueber all of Giddings and Toye Walther and Wyatt Walther both of Lincoln; two brothers, Jim Stueber of Rockport and Mike Stueber of Flatonia; brother-in-law, Bill Koslan & his wife Carolyn of Giddings; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Wachsmann & her husband Mickey of Manheim, and Paulette Little & her husband David of Giddings, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Grady passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at his home in Giddings. Pastor Robert Tiner officiated his funeral on August 7th and burial followed in the Giddings City Cemetery.



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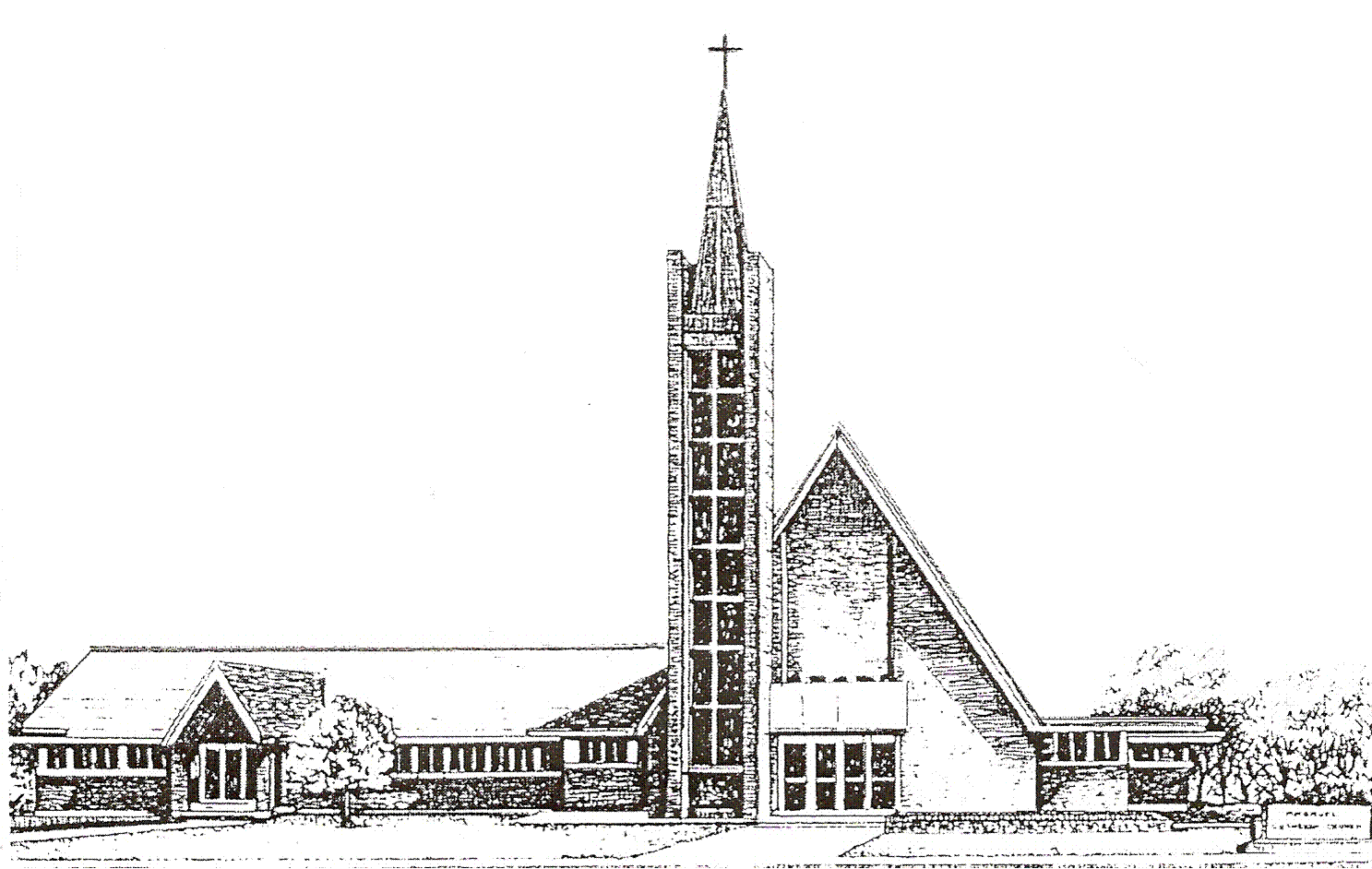
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Giddings, Texas 78942

**Return Service Requested**

God With Us…

Bringing Him to Others



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