



## Rev. Chris Nietubicz

April 6, 1981 - June 3, 2020

Funeral services for Pastor Chris Nietubicz, 39, of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Landon Ledlow officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present on Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Christopher Ryan Nietubicz was born on April 6, 1981 in Nacogdoches, Texas to Richard Andrew & Cynthia Kay (Riechers) Nietubicz. He was baptized on April 21, 1981 in Nacogdoches, TX. Chris grew up in Carrollton, TX and confirmed on May 21, 1995 at Grace Lutheran Church. He attended Concordia University Austin where he graduated in 2003 with a Behavioral Science Degree. He married Lauren Marie Froehlich on June 11, 2005 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Jersey Village, Texas. They were blessed with two children, Lillie and Mark. In 2012, Chris attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and earned his Magister Divinitatis in 2016. He received the Divine Call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings as their Associate Pastor and served them for the past four years. He was proud to be a pastor by sharing in the joy and passion of building relationships and starting a new capital campaign at Immanuel, but also being there in the hard times of life with congregation members. Chris loved serving others and his community. He

was a member of the Giddings Lions Club, the Ministerial Alliance, and was an assistant coach for Giddings Little League teams. He enjoyed studying, counseling, and mentoring others. Chris loved working with his hands. He could be found outside gardening, doing many different woodworking projects, or trying to make a better beer with his home brew. Chris was a huge Texas Rangers fan. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Chris passed away the morning of Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Charlie W. & Mary Ann Riechers, and Richard H. Nietubicz.

Chris is survived by his wife Lauren of Giddings; two children, Lillie Nietubicz of Giddings and Mark Nietubicz of Giddings; parents, Rick and Cynthia Nietubicz of Carrollton; two brothers, Scott and Brianna Nietubicz of Dallas, and Eric Nietubicz of Carrollton; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mark and Jean Froehlich of Tomball; two brothers-in-law, Phillip and Amber Froehlich of Houston, and Matthew and Melissa Froehlich of Katy; grandmother, Jean Nietubicz of Humble, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

His baptism sponsors were Susan Lenox, Robin Riechers and Fred Tanner. His confirmation sponsor was Greg Streder and his confirmation verse is Psalms 91:2 "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust." (GNT version)

In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Nietubicz Family Fund through Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 North Grimes, Giddings, TX 78942 [immanuel@immanuelgiddings.net](mailto:immanuel@immanuelgiddings.net)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Family Present for Visitation

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## Church Service

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JUN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DN

*So many sweet & beautiful memories. A life so filled full of love!*

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**Denise Nelson** - June 08, 2020 at 08:43 AM

SA

*Lauren - Remembering the joy filled times you & Chris shared at Trinity. Our love and prayers go heavenward for you & the children. Sheryl & Terry Albers*

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**Sheryl Albers** - June 08, 2020 at 04:24 PM

BH

“ *Lauren, please know that Jan and I are praying for you daily. May the peace of Christ be in your heart.*

*We love you.*

*Bobby and Jan Howell*

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**Bobby Howell** - June 10, 2020 at 11:41 AM

CB

“ Elizabeth and I were blessed to start up a young adults Bible study with Chris and Lauren in Dallas, TX, in 2004 - 2006. Along with Steve, Mark, Mary, Michael, and others, Chris and Lauren shared their home and lives with us. I will remember Chris' humor, candidness, love, and back in the day, his home brew! See you again some day friend.

Sincerely,  
Chris Bernhardt

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**Chris Bernhardt** - June 09, 2020 at 11:29 AM

 Amy  
Lade  
Pearsall

“ Amy Lade Pearsall lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Chris Nietubicz



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**Amy Lade Pearsall** - June 09, 2020 at 01:53 AM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased  
for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



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June 09, 2020 at 12:18 AM

OD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your husband and father so quickly. May God Comfort you and Bless you!*



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**Oranell Dunk** - June 08, 2020 at 07:15 PM

BW

“ *Bill Kotlan & Kim Cherry; BGE The Woodlands purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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**Bill Kotlan & Kim Cherry; BGE The Woodlands** - June 08, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*

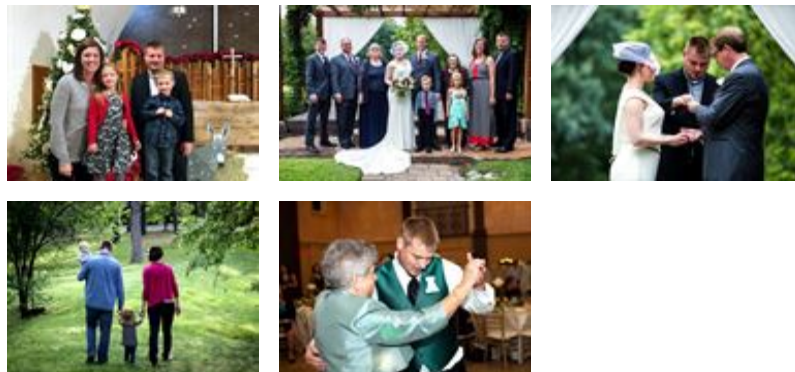


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June 08, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 08, 2020 at 09:28 AM

EJ

“ Thoughts and prayers are with each of you and may God grant you peace.

Eunice Hobratschk & Darene J - June 07, 2020 at 10:01 PM



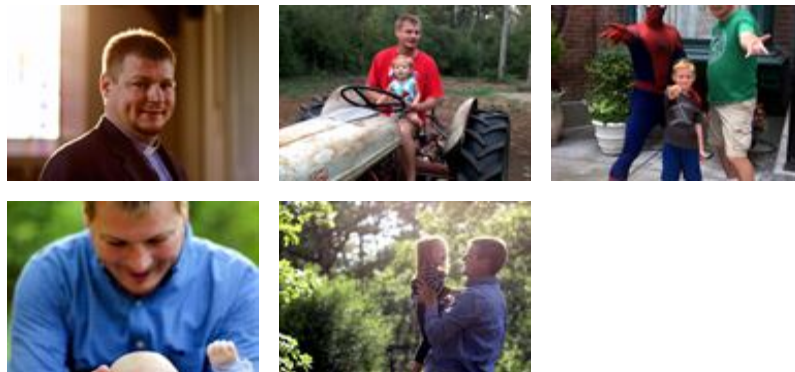
“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



June 07, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 07, 2020 at 05:01 PM

MS

“ *Mackenzie Hengst's family at Locke Solutions purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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**Mackenzie Hengst's family at Locke Solutions** - June 07, 2020 at 03:04 PM

CM

“ *I went to high school with Chris at RLT in Carrollton. He was always very sweet and kind to EVERYONE, smiling all the time. He was a hard worker and made a good reputation for himself. My prayers are with the family.*

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**Cheryl Middendorf** - June 07, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Crossing Over Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 07, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy to Chris’s family and his church family from his vicarage congregation of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Saint Joseph Missouri. Chris served his vicarage during 2014 and 15. Many people were inspired by him, including me. One of my favorite memories of Chris was actually a year after his vicarage, he FaceTimed during our confirmation banquet on a Wednesday evening in May just so that he could see and hear the confirmands as they shared their essays. He had them In class during their seventh grade year. His memory will live on at Saint Paul. May God bless all who mourn his passing into the church triumphant.*

*Bernie Fortmeyer*

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**Bernie Fortmeyer** - June 06, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 06, 2020 at 02:40 PM

RL

“ Rachel And RileyRose Langham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz



Rachel and RileyRose Langham - June 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM

TL

“ Tim Rachel And RileyRose Langham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz



Tim Rachel and RileyRose Langham - June 06, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



June 06, 2020 at 12:10 PM

SH

“ Sandra Harzke lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz



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**Sandra Harzke** - June 06, 2020 at 09:32 AM

SS

“ Hearing about Chris simply broke me. I have no other words. Chris' passion, from when I met him in college, was to become a pastor. It was his life's dream. Despite a rough road that had a lot of bumps to get there. I remember the day he told me he was going to seminary. He was so excited. The world lost a great father and a man who loved showing people the love of Jesus, and how faith could overcome SO much.

*I know many people will share stories with his children about the man he was and the example he set. Our prayers are with Lauren and the kids, and the church who loved him.*

*-The Sundsvold Family*

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**Shawn Sundsvold** - June 05, 2020 at 10:46 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of a beloved son, husband, And father. Prayers for Lauren and her Children, and Mark and Jean.

*David and CJ Heger - Ehipany Lutheran*

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**David and Carol Heger** - June 05, 2020 at 07:16 PM

EK

“ My heart is so broken for your loss and Immanuel's loss and all his family's loss. Everyone who talked to Pastor Chris or heard him talk in Church or in Bible Class or anywhere was touched by his love for Jesus and for Lauren, Lillie and Mark. He was such a great pastor and brought his sermons down to earth and down to our struggles and hardships. He made me cry all the time when he started talking about struggles and to leave them at the cross, give them to Jesus. I keep remembering those words when I am down and begin to worry about things. I know God is there and is in control with everything in the world. I trust God and His Almighty Wisdom but human nature keeps knocking at the door and puts doubts in my head. I praise God for bringing Pastor Chris, Lauren, Lillie and Mark to Immanuel. We have been blessed with your presence. You and Pastor Tiner were such a good fit together for Immanuel. Praying for God to be with Lauren, Lillie and Mark, grant them His presence, peace, comfort and help in all things in the hard days and years ahead. I pray also for Pastor Chris' and Lauren's families, friends, fellow past seminarians that same peace, comfort and help. My aunts from Houston have been also watching the church services of Immanuel while this corona virus is going on. They loved to listen to your sermons and were also greatly touched and exceedingly sorrowful of your passing. I will enjoy re-listening to the CD's that I have that I was always listening to while driving back and forth to work in Manor. I pray God's Almighty Arms and Hands protect Lauren, Lillie and Mark and all Pastor Chris' and Lauren's friends and family and our Immanuel Church Family. God's Blessings.

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**Elaine Krause** - June 05, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Cook lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz



Dorothy Cook - June 05, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



June 05, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



June 05, 2020 at 12:37 PM

BR

“ The testimony for Christ Jesus that your loved one has left behind will continue to reach out as a blessing to many other lives just like it has been to mine.

Betty Remmers - June 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 05, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Our love, Bennett Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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**Our love, Bennett Family** - June 05, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Chris. I am so thankful I got to know Chris at Concordia Seminary. We mourn his death, but rejoice in the promise of eternal life God gives to His children.*

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**Walyne Knolhoff** - June 05, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Pastor Chris, you will surely be missed. I enjoyed your sermons and your humor. I will keep Lauren, Lillie, and Mark in my prayers.*

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**Connie Jones** - June 05, 2020 at 10:21 AM



*Praying for the Family of Pastor Chris that God's strength will be there when yours is gone, that His grace and mercy will carry you on, and that the unending love He has for you will lift you up and see you through.*

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**Betty Remmers** - June 05, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CJ

“ *Connie Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Connie Jones** - June 05, 2020 at 10:18 AM

TM

“ *Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Teresa Muniz** - June 05, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 04, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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**David Alfred Schulz** - June 04, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 04, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 04, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *Leila Herzog lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Leila Herzog** - June 04, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ *Cheryl Sanders lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Cheryl Sanders** - June 04, 2020 at 09:42 PM

KM

“ *Kim Mininni lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**kim mininni** - June 04, 2020 at 09:40 PM

BB

“ *Lauren,*

*My heart is absolutely broken for you. I wish you and the children all the very best during this very difficult time. I am one of many others at Trinity Klein praying for you. God bless you and your family.*

*Dr. Bill*

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**Bill Brusick** - June 04, 2020 at 07:36 PM

VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Violet Frosch** - June 04, 2020 at 07:13 PM

MM

“ *Mary Raschke McClish lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Mary Raschke McClish** - June 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**Linda Cook** - June 04, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.*



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June 04, 2020 at 05:28 PM

KN

“ *Kathy Neal lit a candle in memory of Rev. Chris Nietubicz*



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**kathy neal** - June 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM

KN

“ *My Mother Marie Albrecht is a member of Immanuel. I am so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and God Bless you!*

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**kathy neal** - June 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM

DH

“ I remember working with Chris a couple of years ago when he allowed First Assembly to run the bouncy house for Immanuel's Trunk or Treat. He was such a sweet guy. We are praying for Chris' biological family and his church family.

*Diane Herlitz*

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**Diane Herlitz** - June 04, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Chris Nietubicz.



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June 04, 2020 at 03:01 PM

BM

“ God called home a faithful servant who touched everyone who came in contact with him. He had an incredible way of making the Bible come alive, and made you hungry to learn more about God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Pastor would beam when he looked at Lauren, Lillie, and Mark. I pray God will grant each of you, and his extended family and friends much comfort and peace. I encourage everyone to view the videos from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, and listen to Pastor Chris and Pastor Tiner. Their sermons, and bible studies will change your life!

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**Beverly Malke** - June 04, 2020 at 02:44 PM