

INFO

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.
This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd time Guests ☐ Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: _____

I/We would like:

- ☐ the pastor to call me
☐ to request personal, spiritual care
☐ to be baptized
☐ to receive foundational teaching

Adult Name(s) Please Print

Youth/Children (grade)

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address

City, ST Zip

Email

Can We Text You?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Phone

Additional Info

Building a bigger heaven and better lives!

January 11, 2026

We Thank You Lord...

- for allowing Yourself to grow as we do, becoming limited in order to fully experience our humanity and living in perfection in order to fully redeem our humanity
- for the joy of family, natural and surrogate
- for the blessings and resources You have entrusted to our care and Your promise to multiply our offerings to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

We Ask You Lord...

- for wholehearted submission to the promise you gave each of us in our baptism, that we would grow in wisdom and hope by the indwelling of your Spirit within us
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- to bless Evangelists Kenneth Schkade and Lisa Schur of St. Paul Lutheran Church as they make disciples who make disciples in Wichita Falls and beyond
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to Your will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to restore broken marriages, engage disengaged parents, reconcile estranged family members, heal and strengthen families, add to our families by giving us love and mercy
- to grant healing and recovery to those battling anxiety and addictions and to give love, peace, and patience to family and friends who support them
- to bless the leaders we appointed and the ministry financial plans we approved at our recent Congregational Assembly
- to bless **Alex Carr-Palmer** in Army Basic Training
- to bless **David Collmus**'s preparation and performance of his upcoming interview to a pre-med program
- for safe travels for **Carrie Johnson** and **Norm Cook** returning to Cibolo
- to bless Jerry Johnson's preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- to bless Kaleb and Emily (**Hatfield**) in their wedding preparations and early days of marriage
- for a healthy pregnancy for the Bristow family (**Doublestein**)
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for **Mick Molina, Dennis Hatfield, Mickey Molina, Jayme & Audry-Anna Edwards**
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder (**Mitschke**) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Linda Almazan (**Scott**) and Robert Pargmann (**Dominguez**) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- for provision, guidance, and healing for the Funke family
- to heal and comfort **Kathy Raymond, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Al Fennigkoh, Baby Koen Slaters, Monte Easley (Beveridge), Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Cheryl Smith, Mary Lu, Robert Ferry (Dominguez), Debbie Arriaga, Alma Rosa Timmons, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (Flowers), Alejo Garcia (Garcia-Treviño), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan (Mitschke), Lewis Starkey, Ruby Brunelle, Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Mark McQuaid (Paxton), Phil (Peterson), Miriam Prieto (Prieto), Sef Alvarado (Stark), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Diana Paddison, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mandee Nicky Lahren, Beth Roberts (Stevens), Robert Maggiano, Naomi Reese (Valentine)**
- to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley, Lyndal Cadel, Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Wesley, Pedro, Betty Ruff (Dominguez), Rodney Edwards, Margaret Swartz (Edwards), Gladys (Garcia-Treviño), R.D. Latimer (Latimer), Connie Barz, Cathy Brigham, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (Mitschke), Maria Molina (Molina), Becky Plumley (Nichols), Meredith Powell (Nightingale), Eddy & Chad Holloway (Paxton), Chuck Warner (Pointer), Kenton Stafford, Leena Prindle**
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

January 11, 2026

Word of Life Fellowship

Worship ● 9:00a & 11:15a

Sunday School & Bible Class ● 10:15a

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Before You Do Anything

Baptism of Jesus

We live in a world that constantly pressures us to _____ ourselves.

Much of our anxiety today comes not from trauma, but from _____ and being constantly _____.

Key idea: We are tired of _____ for our own lives.

The Jordan Moment

Before Jesus _____ anyone...

Before He _____ a sermon...

Before He _____ His ministry...

A voice from heaven says:

"This is My _____ Son, with whom I am _____ pleased."

Not will be pleased.

Not after He proves it.

Identity comes before _____.

The Order Matters

Christianity falls apart if we reverse the order:

- Jesus is named _____ before He _____.
- He is beloved before He _____.

- In baptism, identity is _____ over you,
not _____ inside you.
- You do not _____ yourself.
- You are _____.

Why This Is So Hard Today

We live in a _____ moral culture where
even grace can become _____.

We subtly believe:

- God loves me if I am _____ enough
- God forgives me if I am _____ enough

Faith quietly becomes a _____ – and
projects are _____.

Baptism Is Something Done To You

“All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into His _____.”

Paul does not say:

- You _____ yourself
- You _____ your life

Instead, he says something happened
_____ you.

You were _____.

You were _____.

These are _____ verbs.

Jesus Goes Where Sinners Go

Jesus insists on being baptized _____
sinners.

He does not hover _____ it.

He does not _____ it.

He _____ in.

Christ helps us not from _____, but from
_____.

Discipleship (Quietly, Honestly)

Discipleship is not about becoming _____
else. It is about learning to live as who you
_____ are.

We repent not to _____ forgiveness, but
because we already _____ it.

We serve not to _____ faith, but because
faith is _____.

A Word for Right Now

People today are desperate not for more
_____, but for someone to tell them who
they _____.

Baptism:

Silences the inner _____

Interrupts endless self-_____

Announces that the _____ is already in

The Ongoing Voice

Martin Luther encouraged Christians to say each day:
“I _____ baptized.”

Not I was baptized – but I _____.

Family Discussion

Before Jesus did anything important, what did God say about
Him?

Why do you think God said this first?

What are some ways people today feel pressure to prove
themselves?

At school? At work? Online?

What does it mean to say, “I am baptized,” even on an ordinary
day? Where might God be calling our family to live this week—not
to earn love, but because we already have it?

Simple prayer: *Heavenly Father, remind us this week that we belong to
You. Help us live as Your beloved children. Amen.*

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)
Please Print CLEARLY



Have you or a friend been wanting to
take a deep look at what the Bible
says about faith, certainty, eternity,
Jesus, and other important topics and
events?

Do you have a schedule that keeps
you from attending Bible studies or
groups?

Pastor Phil is offering an individually-
scheduled theology course - *don't
worry, it's super accessible for anyone* -
for adults via Zoom, in person, or a
hybrid.

If you missed youth confirmation, or
have never received any instruction
as an adult, this is a great opportunity
that we encourage you to consider.

☐ **Yes, contact me at the number
on the reverse form.**