

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!**

February 1, 2026

We Thank You Lord...

- that in Christ You call blessed what the world overlooks and are at work precisely where we feel weak, small, and unseen.
- for a safe labor and delivery for the Bristow family ([Doublestein](#))
- 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...

- to free us from our addiction to the impressive, and teach us to trust that Your cross is our true strength and blessing.
- to bless the directors our district's Catalyst Innovation Lab as they make important decisions to approve proposals for new and effective outreach and mission strategies
- 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 [Jerry Johnson](#)'s preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family ([Flowers](#))
- for provision, guidance, and healing for the Funke family ([Mitschke](#))
- for blessing and guidance regarding life changes, including employment and relationships for [Dennis Hatfield](#), [Mickey Molina](#), [Jayme Edwards](#), [Audrey Anna Edwards](#), and [Bethany Torres](#)

- for safety, health, and growth for baby Orlin ([Molina](#))
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for the [Stover](#) family
- to give comfort and peace to Susan Blaker and her caregiver, daughter Teresa Cox
- 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 Alma Rosa Timmons ([Flowers](#)), Dilva Galan ([Stafford](#)), Rusty Smariga, and Roy Kasper ([Mitschke](#)) as they mourn their deaths

- to heal and comfort [Kathy Raymond](#), [Margie Dominguez](#), [Thomas & Denise Bruce](#), [Joyce Givens](#), [Al Fennikoh](#), [Baby Koen Slates](#), [Monte Easley \(Beveridge\)](#), [Joshua Tolin \(Bruce\)](#), [Clarice Craigmire \(Craigmile\)](#), [Cheryl Smith](#), [Mary Lu](#), [Robert Ferry \(Dominguez\)](#), [Debbie Arriaga](#), [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 \(Valentine\)](#), [Terry Walker \(Wagner\)](#)
- 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 \(Latimer\)](#), [Tina Kelleher](#), [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

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Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

K-5th Sunday School • 9:00a

Youth and Adult Bible Class • 10:15a

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Blessed in Ways That Don't Impress

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- There is a question almost everyone in this room has asked at some point: "Is this _____?"
- I'm trying to do the right things, I'm showing up, I'm staying faithful - and yet it still feels _____.
- If God is really at work in my life, shouldn't it look better, or at least feel _____, than this?
- That's not rebellion talking; that's _____ talking.
- When Jesus opens His mouth in Matthew 5, He doesn't say what anyone _____ Him to say.
- "Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are those who mourn... blessed are the meek... blessed are the _____."
- That's not propaganda copy. It's not a TED Talk, It's not how you grow a _____.

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- Jesus is not describing aspirational traits; this is not “try harder,” this is a _____.
- The Beatitudes are not a to-do list; they are a _____.
- Paul puts it bluntly: “The word of the cross is _____ to those who are perishing.”
- God chose what is weak, God chose what is low, and God chose what is _____.
- Not accidentally, not temporarily - God _____.
- The Heidelberg Disputation says, “The theologian of the cross calls the thing what it actually _____.”
- Here’s what we don’t want to call what it actually is: we are addicted to the _____.
- When our lives don’t look impressive, we quietly assume God must be _____.
- Micah refuses our bargaining and answers the question, “What does the Lord require of you?” with three words: do justice, love kindness, and walk _____.
- Not *perform* humbly - **walk** humbly, daily, quietly, and _____.
- Micah says God is not impressed by _____; He is pleased by faithfulness.
- Jesus does not bless suffering as such; He blesses those who suffer _____.

- We do not seek weakness, but when weakness comes, God does not _____ us to it.
- Bonhoeffer writes, “God lets himself be pushed out of the world and onto the _____.”
- Let me say this plainly: your life does not look _____ to God.
- The quiet endurance, the unseen faithfulness, and the forgiveness no one applauded are not weakness; they are strength shaped by the _____ of the cross.

- Jesus offers a self anchored outside itself - named before it performs and _____ before it succeeds.
- You are free to serve without curating, free to love without leverage, and free to be faithful without _____.

Scripture Readings:

- Micah 6:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

Family Discussion

- For Adults
 - Where do you feel pressure for your life - or faith - to look more impressive than it actually is?
 - Which Beatitude do you find most uncomfortable, and why?
 - How does the cross redefine what “blessing” means for you right now?
- For Teens
 - Where do you feel like things only “count” if they’re seen or noticed?
 - What would it look like to be faithful even when no one is watching?
- For Children
 - Jesus says people are blessed even when they feel sad or small. Can you think of a time when God helped you quietly?
 - Who can you show kindness to this week without telling anyone?
- Prayer Together: Lord Jesus, teach us to trust that You are at work where the world sees nothing, and to believe that in You, we are already blessed. 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.