

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 18, 2026

We Thank You Lord...

- that in Your Son You do not first demand clarity or worthiness, but freely give us Your presence, calling us to come, see, and stay.
- for the joy of family, natural and surrogate
- for employment in answer to our prayers for **Mick Molina**
- 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 keep us abiding with You - especially when we are confused, weary, or unsure - so that Your presence would shape our faith, our trust, and our lives.
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- 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 **Alex Carr-Palmer** in Army Basic Training
- to bless **David Collmus**'s preparation and performance of his upcoming interview to a pre-med program
- 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 safe labor and delivery for the Bristow family (**Doublestein**)
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for **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 Slates, 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), 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), 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 18, 2026

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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Come and See

Second Sunday after Epiphany

·The architecture of discipleship -

- _____ before ideology;
- _____ before clarity.

·We live in a time of _____ - _____

and private _____.

·They are seekers without the patience to

_____.

·They want certainty without _____.

·And here comes Jesus - and all He says is simply -

“ _____ ”

·That pattern - invitation before clarification - isn't _____.

·The servant of the Lord speaks honestly: “I have labored in _____; I have spent my strength for _____.”

·God reaffirms the _____ before there's any backing _____.

He puts _____ before outcomes.

•Paul takes that same rhythm and applies it directly to the _____ in 1 Corinthians.

•He writes to a congregation that is confused, divided, immature - and he opens the letter by calling them “_____.”

•Paul knows that the Church doesn’t grow by shame or pressure, but by being reminded who it already is in _____.

•The Lutheran Confessions insist on this ordering again and again: _____ comes before _____.

•Faith does not justify because it is a good work, but because it _____ Christ.

•If discipleship starts with _____, it ends in burnout.

•But if it starts with Jesus’ _____, then it grows into _____.

•What we were looking for was not a concept, but a _____.

•You arrive there by _____.

•Jesus does not wait for _____ before He offers companionship.

•Discipleship is not certainty first and obedience later - it’s _____ first.

•Discipleship doesn’t start with being right about everything - it starts by staying close to the right _____.

•Jesus’ invitation still stands: _____ and _____.

Scripture Readings:

- Isaiah 49:1–7
- 1 Corinthians 1:1–9
- John 1:29–42a

Family Discussion

- What’s something you’ve learned best by being with someone instead of being taught?
- Read John 1:38–39: When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Teacher, where are you staying?” “Come and you’ll see,” he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.
- Why do you think Jesus answers so many questions with an invitation instead of an explanation?
- Adults: Where do you feel pressure to “have it all figured out” before you feel like you belong?
- Kids/teens: Who is someone that makes you feel safe just by being around them?
- What might “come and see” look like in ordinary life this week - at school, work, home, or church?
- Pray together: *Jesus, help us stay close to You. 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.**