

# 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

Her Email

Her Phone Provider

His Email

***Building a bigger heaven  
and better lives!***

December 28, 2025

## We Thank You Lord...

- for allowing Yourself to be carried - both in the womb and then in the arms - by Mary, so that we too might submit to Your loving care and be held in Your loving embrace all our lives.
- for **Jerry Johnson's** productive studies, successful pastoral colloquy interview, and his certification to receive a call and placement in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- 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 Your loving care and the breakdown of every barrier that prevents this submission and wholeheartedness - inside or outside of ourselves
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- to bless Evangelists Sara Lytle, Rosalinda Deleon, and Nelson Schmidt of Oikos Lutheran Church as they make disciples who make disciples in Houston 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
- to bless Jerry Johnson's preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- for completion of **Patty Stevens'** move
- 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**)
- 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**
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

December 28, 2025

# Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

Sunday School & Bible Class • 10:15a

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## Carried Before We Could Walk

*Fourth Day of Christmas*

Most of us like to tell our story starting with the moment we remember being in \_\_\_\_\_.

But Scripture almost never tells the story that way.

Scripture insists - again and again - that long before you remember choosing anything, you were being \_\_\_\_\_.

That's where \_\_\_\_\_ begins.

The child Jesus becomes a \_\_\_\_\_.

God does not wait for ideal conditions to be \_\_\_\_\_.

He is faithful in \_\_\_\_\_, not after it resolves.

Isaiah doesn't say Israel remembered first - God \_\_\_\_\_.

This is not God standing at a distance, arms  
crossed, waiting for Israel to get it  
\_\_\_\_\_.

This is God stooping low, lifting weight, absorbing  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Grace begins not when you choose God, but  
when you discover that God chose to  
\_\_\_\_\_ you long before you noticed.

We live in a culture that is obsessed with being  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians explodes that  
illusion.

"When the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ had come, God  
sent forth His Son."

Adoption means your story begins with someone  
else's \_\_\_\_\_.

Before you knew how to pray, you were  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Before you could walk, you were \_\_\_\_\_.

Most of us understand our faith  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Christian discipleship does not begin with  
spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

It begins with being kept alive by \_\_\_\_\_ you  
didn't earn.

The One through whom all things were made is  
now being \_\_\_\_\_ through the desert.

Strength, in Scripture, is not \_\_\_\_\_.

It is trust placed in the Father who does not  
\_\_\_\_\_ His children.

You don't follow Jesus to earn being  
\_\_\_\_\_.

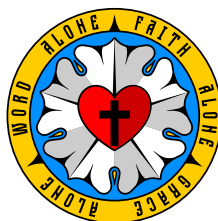
You follow Jesus because you already have  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Christian life is not a straight line  
\_\_\_\_\_.

It is often a long remembering of what God has  
already \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

- Isaiah 63:7-14
- Galatians 4:4-7
- Matthew 2:13-23



**Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)  
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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.**