

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

We value relationships. This helps us get better acquainted and to better serve you. 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 a Stephen Minister

☐ to be baptized into Jesus

☐ to attend the next membership course

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

His Phone

Provider

Needs, Questions or Suggestions

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

Word of Life Family Prayer List

We Thank You Lord...

- for wise men who believed the Promise, looked for Messiah’s coming and overcame numerous obstacles to offer their gifts and themselves to the Christ child, for sending Your Son who gives us the best gifts of all
- for new and better housing arrangements for **Patty Stevens**
- 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 inspire and empower us to give grace gifts of togetherness, service, and encouragement, to give gifts which are unexpected, to give gifts with real joy, to give gifts that will last and to give these gifts now
- to bless our annual Congregational Assembly, the leaders we appoint and the ministry financial plans we approve
- to bless pastor Richard Mittweide and the people of University Lutheran Church as they make disciples who make disciples in Austin 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
- 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
- for confidence, calm and clarity for **Jerry Johnson** as he travels to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis tomorrow for his pastoral colloquy interview Tuesday
- 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 (**Mitschke**) and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Maddie (**Stark**), Alex Murray, Molly Gunter, Robert Olson (**Mitschke**) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal and comfort **Sunny Torres, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Al Fennigkoh, Baby Koen Slates, Monte Easley, Lilly (Beveridge), Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Cheryl Smith, Mary Lu, Robert Ferry (Dominguez), Alma Rosa Timmons, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (Flowers), Alejo Garcia (Garcia-Treviño), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), R.D. Latimer (Latimer), Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan (Mitschke), Lewis Starkey, Ruby Brunelle, Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Sandi Goughnour, 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), Robert Stephanson (Watts)**
- to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley, Lyndal Cadel, Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Pedro, Betty Ruff, Robert Pargmann (Dominguez), Rodney Edwards, Margaret Swartz (Edwards), Gladys (Garcia-Treviño), 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, Maddie (Stark) Patty Watts (Watts)**
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

Please take this home to review and apply this week’s LifeLesson and to keep your Word of Life family in your prayers throughout the week.
Please keep this list current by sharing updates on your Info slip.

Building a bigger heaven & better lives!

Giving Gifts

Loving Christ[mas]

Kinds of gifts we give at Christmas:

The “_____” gift.

The “_____” gift.

The “_____” gift.

The Wise Men started it all:

Matthew 2:1-12—Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea when Herod was king. After Jesus’ birth wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the one who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star rising and have come to worship him.” When King Herod and all Jerusalem heard about this, they became disturbed. He called together all the chief priests and scribes and tried to find out from them where the Messiah was supposed to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this: Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah. A leader will come from you. He will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called the wise men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. As he sent them to Bethlehem, he said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you have found him, report to me so that I may go and worship him too.” After they had heard the king, they started out. The star they had seen rising led them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were overwhelmed with joy to see the star. When they entered the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary. So they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.
So they left for their country by another road. (GW)

It's impossible to _____
_____ of these gifts.

These grace gifts are usually _____:
_____ gifts.
_____ gifts.
_____ gifts.

Who really started it all? _____ the Father
_____ His _____ and His _____.

What the Wise Men (and God) teach about giving:

Give an _____ gift.

Someone I'll give to this year:

Give with _____.

*Giving with a glad and generous heart has a way of
rooting out the tough old miser within us. Even the poor
need to know that they can give. Just the very act of
letting go of money or some other treasure does
something within us. That something is it destroys the
demon, greed. -Richard Foster*

Give something _____.

Gifts you can give that will last forever:

Give the gift _____.

*He who waits to do a great deal of good all at once will
never do anything. -Samuel Johnson*

They were going to be all they wanted to be,
tomorrow.

None would be braver or kinder than they,
tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and wearied they knew,
Would be glad for a lift and needed it too,
And on him they would call and see what they could do,
tomorrow.

Each morning they stacked up the letters they'd write,
tomorrow.

And thought of the folks that they would fill with delight,
tomorrow.

The greatest of people they just might have been.
The world would have opened its heart up to them.
But in fact, they passed on and faded from view,
And all they had left when their living was through,
Was a mountain of things they intended to do,
tomorrow.

The wise men were so intent to give their gifts, they

_____ and never turned back.

Jesus was so intent to give His gifts, He was conceived,
born, suffered, was crucified, died, and buried _____.
He descended, rose, ascended and was seated at
God's right hand _____.



Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)

Please **PRINT CLEARLY**

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Opportunities to Serve

I'd like information about helping or leading:

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|---|--|
| ☐ Phone Guests | ☐ LifeGroup Leader |
| ☐ Operation Backpack | (Select: Adults, Couples, |
| ☐ Witness Bibles/Tracts | Family, Men, Teen Parent, |
| ☐ VBS | Women, Young Women) |
| ☐ New Homeowner Gifts | ☐ Admin Support |
| ☐ Celebrate Recovery | ☐ Technical Support |
| ☐ Wise Finances | ☐ Website Updating |
| ☐ Parenting Class | ☐ Phone Tree (Care Caller) |
| ☐ GriefShare | ☐ Care Contacts |
| ☐ Marriage Enrichment | ☐ Decorating/Crafts/Props |
| ☐ Mentor Children (CIS) | ☐ Celebration Events |
| ☐ Mission Trips | ☐ Event Setup & Takedown |
| ☐ Nursery/Child Care | ☐ Drama |
| ☐ Greeting | ☐ Facility Cleaning |
| ☐ Singing | ☐ Stephen Ministry |
| ☐ Play Instrument / Ensemble | ☐ Fundraising |
| ☐ Communion Setup | ☐ Neighbors in Need |
| ☐ Communion Distribution | ☐ Fellowship Meals |
| ☐ Graphic Design | ☐ Meals for Ill/Grieving |
| ☐ Sound Tech | ☐ Social Media |
| ☐ Lighting Tech | ☐ Photography |
| ☐ Livestream Tech | ☐ Mowing & Landscaping |
| ☐ ProPresenter Tech | ☐ Flower Bed Care |
| ☐ Pro Presenter Design | ☐ Repair & Maintenance |
| ☐ Snacks | ☐ Resource Table |
| ☐ Welcome Gifts Assembly | ☐ Prayer Chain |
| ☐ Gifts for New Attenders | ☐ RACAP |
| ☐ Sunday School/Child Ministry | ☐ Pregnancy Resources |
| ☐ Youth Ministry | ☐ Young Strong Men |
| | ☐ People with Pickup Trucks |

Name

Preferred Contact