

# 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 4, 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 **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 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 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 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)**
- 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

January 4, 2026

# Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

Sunday School & Bible Class • 10:15a

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## Wisdom Grows In Hidden Places

### Eleventh Day of Christmas

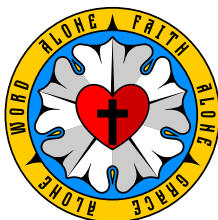
- There's a particular feeling that settles in right after \_\_\_\_\_.
- The calendar is suddenly wide open - but not in a relaxing way - more in a \_\_\_\_\_ kind of way.
- We live in a culture that doesn't tolerate the \_\_\_\_\_.
- And then the Church, almost rudely, gives us this \_\_\_\_\_.
- A twelve-year-old Jesus is sitting, \_\_\_\_\_, asking \_\_\_\_\_.
- "And Jesus increased in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_ and in favor with God and man."
- That sentence should \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- It means wisdom takes \_\_\_\_\_ - even for the Son of God.

- God invites Solomon - ask for whatever you \_\_\_\_\_.
- And Solomon doesn't ask for \_\_\_\_\_.
- He asks for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not the kind you can fake, but the kind that comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Modern life rewards \_\_\_\_\_ far more than wisdom.
- Wisdom doesn't remove fragility - it teaches you how to \_\_\_\_\_ inside it.
- Perfect parents don't exist - not even the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus isn't panicked, stressed, or "behind \_\_\_\_\_."
- "He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was \_\_\_\_\_ to them."
- Formation happens before \_\_\_\_\_.
- To live the questions is not to suspend \_\_\_\_\_.
- Living the questions doesn't mean drifting - it means \_\_\_\_\_.

- You can belong to Christ without having everything \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ephesians says God chose you before the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Which means your life with God is not a ladder - it's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- You don't grow in order to be chosen - you grow because you already \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slow is not \_\_\_\_\_, obscurity is not \_\_\_\_\_, and ordinary is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Christ, you already \_\_\_\_\_ - now you get to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture:**

- 1 Kings 3:4-15
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Luke 2:40-52



**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.**