

TODAY at Word of Life

All events at our church building unless noted otherwise.

Sunday, January 31

Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional

9:45 a.m. Contemporary

Livestream available www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

Confirmation

6:00 p.m.

6:35 Youth Group

6:35 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional

9:45 a.m. Contemporary

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Divine Call

Kathryn Schneider, our Minister to Children, Youth and their Families, has received a Divine Call from St. John Lutheran Church in Norwood/Young American, MN. Kathryn now has two calls: to serve at Word of Life and to serve at St. John. Please keep Kathryn, John and Henry in your prayers as they discern where the Spirit is calling them to serve best the Lord's Kingdom.



Volunteers Needed

Over 100 volunteers are needed **THIS Thursday, Feb. 4** to help distribute food next to the Santikos in Cibolo using a drive thru distribution model.

Onsite training will take place upon arrival. Volunteer duties include bagging, sorting and loading product into client vehicles, general set-up/clean-up, breaking down boxes, etc. Report time is **7:30 a.m.** at Cibolo Crossing, 18124 Interstate 35, Cibolo. Volunteers should bring their own gloves, masks and reusable water bottle container and must pre-register. To register online, visit the New Braunfels Food Bank Facebook Page. To register by phone, call (830) 327-6000.



Leadership TEAM Planning

Your newly elected Leadership TEAM, along with some valuable volunteers, met together last Saturday for a brainstorming/planning session. One item that came out of that meeting was a list of all of the TASKS which must be accomplished each week in order to worship together! Worship is just the TIP of the iceberg when it comes to ministry at Word of Life, but this key element takes nearly 100 separate tasks to accomplish. (Please read over the list in the insert).

The Leadership TEAM has committed to doing a thorough review of our current ministry structure and long range plan. They will be asking for input from the congregation, revisiting our mission, vision and values and reviewing our previous long-range plan (Vision Path). They have committed to report back to the congregation just after Easter.

From this initial session, we are excited to share the following:

- A renewed commitment to communication & transparency
 - A mindset focused on transition and growth
 - The start of a new phone ministry to enable connection and community (see related article below)
 - Reigniting our Sunday School ministry
 - Opportunities to strengthen our WOL family
- Watch for MORE information in the weeks to come!



Connect Ministry

We're excited to announce a new ministry to build communication and connection at Word of Life. There are two opportunities to be involved:

- **Phone Tree:** to pass on important information. Time commitment: Light. When called, volunteers agree to call two other Word of Life folks to pass on information.
- **Phone Partners:** to build relationships between Word of Life individuals. Time commitment: weekly. Volunteers would be assigned two partners, whom they will contact at an agreed upon day/time each week.

In order to initiate this ministry, we will soon be sharing a survey. Please make every effort to complete the survey. You can complete a physical survey and return it by mail (or bring to church on Sunday) or you can use the link which will be provided to complete the survey online. Questions? Contact Mary Flowers, 210-219-0368 or mlflowers@sbcglobal.net.

Word of Life Fellowship

January 31, 2021

8:30 am Traditional

9:45 am Contemporary

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bigger heaven &
better lives!*



Word of Life Fellowship

We respect and welcome people of every race, culture, status and religious background. We're first and foremost Christian and Christ-centered. Secondly, we are part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, an international church body

which stands on the authoritative Word of God, upholds God's law and proclaims the Gospel which offers God's free gifts of forgiveness, a better life now and heaven later. All this and more are received by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.



Nursery

A nursery area is available for parents and children in the room to the left as you exit the worship area. This room is NOT staffed. Parents must remain in the nursery with their children. **Only children and parents from the same household are allowed** to be in the nursery at the same time. Please use the available cleaning wipes to clean table surfaces, toys, door handles, etc. before you leave the nursery so that it is clean for the next family.

Children's Ministry

Children will stay seated with their families for the whole service. We do not have the space to safely host our usual children's ministry opportunities during the Life Lesson. We do have special **Children's Worship bulletins** available in the lobby. These include crayons and an Bible activity sheet. Children are encouraged to pick one up on their way in to worship.

Building a Bigger Heaven in Texas

In our prayers this week, we're lifting up Pastor Ted Doering and the ministry of Narrative as they reach out to people in Georgetown and beyond. We give a tithe of our regular offerings to Texas Partners in Mission to support new church starts.



Several ways to give to the Lord at Word of Life:

- **Electronic Bill Pay** - Indicate the desired fund(s) on the account and/or memo fields in your bank's bill pay feature.
- **Check** - Indicate the desired fund(s) on the memo line of your check and place in the offering box near the door or mail to: Word of Life Fellowship, 213 Coy Ln, Cibolo, TX 78108.
- **Cash**—Place in the offering box near the door.
- **Give Online** – Go to www.wordoflife4u.com/give. Please note, the online service will retain a transaction fee of \$.30 plus 2.2% of the total amount of your donation. To minimize fees and maximize ministry, please consider using your bank's Bill Pay feature, bringing, or mailing your donation.

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings

Share your prayer requests, thanksgivings and updates in the following ways:

1. Write them on your Info Slip and drop it in the offering box.
2. Email them to BetterLife@WordofLife4u.com.
3. Go to wordoflife4u.com/prayer and submit your request online.

Indicate whether you would like your prayer to be confidential, otherwise we'll edit it and add it to our weekly prayer list and offer the prayer in worship services.



Thank you for your donations for Resources for Women.

Resources for Women was established on March 31, 2014. In that first year, they had 133 appointments. NOW, they average 120 appointments/month! During COVID they are still able to offer curbside pick ups of various items: diapers, wipes, formula, clothes and educational handouts. They are also seeing clients and taking all the precautions necessary to protect volunteers, staff and clients.

Resources
for Women



About the clients

- 70% of clients are single and 55% of clients are between the ages of 20 to 30.
- They serve a diverse group of women: 35% Hispanic, 32% Caucasian and 26% African American.
- The highest level of education for clients is 37% have some college, 25% graduated from high school, 14% have graduated college, 10% completed a trade school and 5% have less than a high school education.
- 26% of clients are unemployed or on welfare, 20% make less than \$14,000 a year and 15% are dependents (which means a student or wife.)

How can you help:

- Pray for the ministry
- Donate funds
- Donate goods (diapers, wipes, clothing)
- Volunteers: All volunteers go through about 10 to 16 hours of training. The next new volunteer orientation is **Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6–7:30 p.m.**

What types of volunteers are needed:

- Receptionists to answer the phones
- Life Mentors to lead the Step by Step lessons
- Pregnancy Advocate meets with clients
- Ultrasound chaperone to talk to the client while she is having the ultrasound to make her feel comfortable and ask her about how she is feeling about the pregnancy
- Spiritual Mentors who come in to pray with the client with her permission.

For more info, call 210-651-1611.

RACAP Needs

The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) ended 2020 in great shape thanks to your donations! In addition to donations of food items, RACAP is in need of some special volunteers right now:



- **Pick up food donations from area restaurants.** The Chick Fil A restaurants in Schertz and at the Forum and the KFC locations in Schertz and Universal City donate food regularly. Volunteers are needed to pick up the donations and deliver them to RACAP. Normally, pick-ups happen twice a month and take very little time. If you're able to help, please call the office at (210) 658-1613, and talk to Jessie. She is in the process of working up the schedule for February, March and April.
- **IT Support.** The current volunteer is retiring soon and a replacement is needed. This volunteer helps solve IT issues, recommends necessary hardware, manage software updates, cleans up computer data, etc. If you are interested in helping with "all things computer-related" please call the RACAP office (210-658-1613) for further details.

RACAP still needs your food/monetary donations. Food items can be left in the RACAP barrel in the lobby or dropped off 24/7 at the following locations:

- Physicians Premier Emergency Room, 580 Cibolo Valley Dr. Ste.#137, Cibolo, (near the Cibolo Walmart)
- Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic, 4825 FM 3009, Ste. 200 Schertz (behind HEB)

Monetary donations can be made electronically through the RACAP website at www.racap.org.



Current Pantry Needs:

- Jelly
- Jell-O
- Canned Tomato Product
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Brown grocery bags