

# THIS WEEK at Word of Life

All events at church building unless noted otherwise.

## Sunday, May 5

### Traditional Worship

8:30 am

### Contemporary Worship with Sunday School

9:45 am Livestream available at [www.wordoflife4u.com/watch](http://www.wordoflife4u.com/watch)

### Ruth/Esther Bible Study

9:45 am Front Classroom

Questions? Jim Weissmann, 801-309-0517

### Contemporary Worship with Sunday School

11:00 am

### Confirmation

4:00 pm

### Youth Group

4:30 pm

Questions? Kylyn Stark, 210-978-4110

## Saturday, May 11

### The Chosen Cinema

7:00 pm

Questions? Patti Mitschke, 210-862-2075

## Sunday, May 12

### Mother's Day

### Traditional Worship

8:30 am

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## A NOTE OF



## Words of Thanks

"We would like to thank all the Word of Life members who prayed for Jean during this past illness. Your prayers, visits, food, and well wishes are most appreciated. There is no way we can ever thank you enough. We are slowly getting back to normal, but it is a slow process. Thanks to all of you at Word of Life." From: Neil & Jean Craigmile

## The Chosen Cinema

Season 4 of *The Chosen* has been released ONLY in theaters. Through a special arrangement just for churches, we plan to show all episodes of Season 4 at Word of Life at NO cost! We will show



the third episode **this Saturday, May 11** beginning at **7:00 pm** in the worship area. Invite your friends and family to join you for this special evening. Questions? Patti Mitschke, [Patti@WordofLife4u.com](mailto:Patti@WordofLife4u.com) or 210-862-2075.



## Graduation

We want to celebrate graduations with you. If your child, grandchild, spouse or other family member is completing Kindergarten, moving out of middle school, graduating High School or college, let us know. Add the graduate's name and school/degree on the Info Slip. If you have a graduation photo to share you can scan this QR code and upload the photo. We'll share it during the worship services on **Sunday, May 26**.



## YouTube Streaming

Traveling? Under the weather? Unable to attend worship in person? Watch our 9:45 am Sunday morning service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WordofLife4u>

# Word of Life Fellowship

May 5, 2024

8:30 Traditional

9:45 Contemporary

11:00 Contemporary

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*Building a bigger heaven & better lives!*



## Welcome!

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 forever. All this and more are received by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

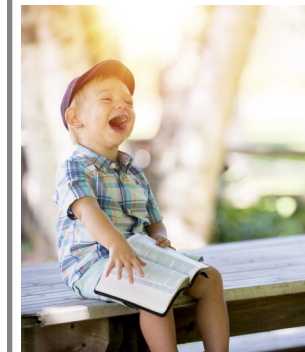
## Children's Ministry

We are so happy you have brought your children to worship today. After the Children's Message, children (Infants—6th grade) are invited to attend age appropriate Sunday school classes:



- Movers & Shakers—Infant thru 3 yr old,
- JAM (Jesus & Me)—4 yr old thru 3rd grade,
- 'Tweens—4th thru 6th grade.

Please pick up your children from their classroom at the end of the worship service.



A Nursery room is available in the yellow classroom through the door under the left screen.

Children's Activity Bags are available in the lobby. They include activity books, coloring sheets, crayons and more. Please return the bags to the "tree" after the service.

### Building a Bigger Heaven in Texas

This week we're praying for pastor Chris Holder and Bethel Lutheran as they reach out to people in Dallas and beyond. We support their work through gifts given to Texas Partners in Mission (TPIM).



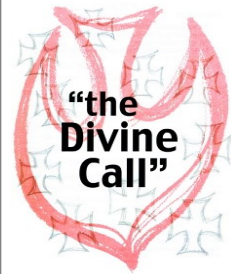
### Mother's Day

We will celebrate Mothers on **Sunday, May 12** at all three services. Invite your mom, grandmother or female friends to join us that morning. There will be special snacks and gifts for selected moms. Also, check out the new items available on the Resource Table. You might just find a great gift for mom! We love you, Mom!



### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Love kids? We need you! Nursery volunteers are needed for the 8:30 and 9:45 am services. We also need stand-by volunteers to cover all services when situations arise. Ready to serve? Have questions? Please contact Rita Phillips at 847-542-1945.



### Pastoral Call Update

Recently we reviewed the congregational survey (completed in January) and discussed next steps in our process of calling another pastor. We had a great discussion with lots of folks sharing insights and opinions. The call committee has

prepared and sent several documents to the Texas District describing our congregation, our community, and our needs. The District should send a list of possible candidates in four to six weeks. **Please keep all who are involved in your prayers and ask for the Spirit's guidance and protection over the process.**

### A Very Important Question

Since 2009, the percentage of practicing Christians in the U.S. has dropped from 50% to 25%. That means 3 out of 4 people in your neighborhood are not actively involved in a local church. However, even as our culture changes, Americans remain very spiritual. Over 75% of adults say they believe in a god or higher power. Not necessarily Jesus, but they value spirituality. But for a variety of reasons, they just don't feel like they belong in the local church anymore. **Wow!** On top of this, a recent survey out of Barna tells us that only 2 out of 5 pastors feel equipped to help their church address these issues and reach their community effectively. To re-engage communities, the question is, "How do we help them belong before they believe?"

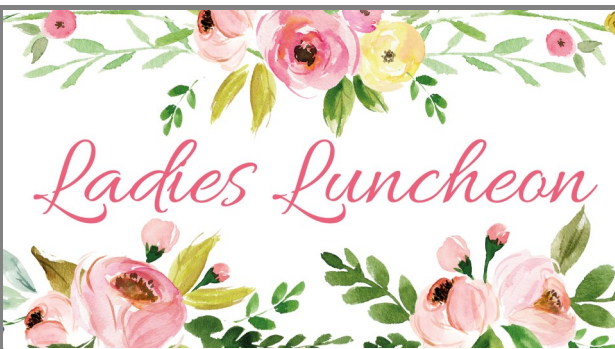


- Bill Woolsey, Founder and Chairman of FiveTwo (Check out stories of how some churches are answering this question: <https://fivetwo.com/stories/>)

### Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) 2024

High school youth are invited to register for the Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) 2024. During MYR students will engage in meaningful experiences and meet fellow high school students who are considering future church work. It's going to be an unforgettable week! The retreat runs from **Sunday, June 2–Thursday, June 6** at Concordia University Texas. This

experience is excellent for young people with demonstrated leadership potential who have a calling for ministry and are passionate about sharing the Gospel in their daily work and vocation. Cost for the retreat is \$99. Scholarships are available! For more info, contact Toby Molina, 210-705-9587.



### SSS Ladies Luncheon

The Sometimes Saturday Sisterhood invites you to gather with other ladies for a special luncheon **Saturday, May 18, noon–3:00 pm**. Our hostess for the event is Rita Phillips and lunch will be at her home. Invite your female friends to join you for a special meal together. Please RSVP to Rita at 847-542-1945 by May 12. Rita will text you her address and directions after you RSVP.



### Cinco de Mayo

The Battle of Puebla was an important victory for the Mexican forces over superior French forces. This battle is celebrated today as "Cinco de Mayo," a day honoring Mexican culture and heritage. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty works to ensure that God's people can freely take a role not only in sharing the Gospel, but in helping society/culture in being humane, civil, and temporally just. You can learn more about the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org>

### RACAP Needs

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) provides emergency assistance to people in need.

#### Current needs:

- Corn bread mix
- Jelly
- Jell-O
- Soup
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Dish soap
- Diapers, sizes 5 & 6



Please place items in the blue RACAP bin in the lobby.



### Snacks & Coffee

Join us for coffee, tea, and assorted snacks after each of the morning services. Enjoy delightful conversation. Have a snack you want to share? Feel free to bring it!