

TODAY at Word of Life

All events at our church building unless noted otherwise

Sunday, December 20

Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional

9:45 a.m. Contemporary

Livestream available www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

NO Confirmation

6:00 p.m.

NO 6:35 Youth Group Christmas Party

6:35 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Registration required.

Sunday, December 27

ONE Worship Service

9:45 a.m.

Livestream available www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

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.



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.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



Thank you for attending last Sunday's congregational assembly. We reviewed highlights from the past year, approved a slate of Leadership TEAM nominees, approved the 2021 Ministry Financial Plan and encouraged each other to take steps toward a better future. We also voted for a resolution to postpone the LCMS national convention by one year. Please THANK the following who have agreed to serve as our Leadership Team for 2021: Jim Weissmann, David Christiansen, Mark Stemmermann, Lisa Phillips and Jan Pawelek. Also, please THANK Julia Herrera, Jerry Horton and Joshua Pointer who served during 2020.

Word of Life Fellowship

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Building a 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 missionary pastor Ezekiel Yoel and the Kunama Church at Fishers of Men as they reach out to people in Sugar Land and beyond. We give a tithe of our regular offerings to Texas Partners in Mission to support new church starts.



Christmas Eve Candlelight

We will have two identical services on **Thursday, December 24**. Both services will feature carols, readings, message and candlelight. Service times are **5:30 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** The 7:00 service will also be livestreamed.

Due to space restrictions, we're asking all attendees to register at www.WordofLife4u.com/register.

Limited seating is available at each service. If you are unable to attend in-person, be sure to watch the live streamed service at 7:00 p.m. at www.WordofLife4u.com/watch. Those who attend in person are asked to observe the usual safety protocols.



Christmas Worship



ONE Worship Service

On the Sunday after Christmas, **December 27**, we will have ONE combined worship service at 9:45 a.m. Join us as we continue to celebrate the gift of Jesus

with readings and carols. Live stream will be available www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

Poinsettias

Help support our ministry to children, youth and their families and also beautify our worship area for the Christmas season with live poinsettias! Each large plant is \$14. Order additional plants to decorate your home or to give as gifts.

Some plants are available to take home today. Questions? Chris Stemmermann, 210-240-0263.



Compassionate Christian Personal Caregiving

Stephen Ministers are trained in topics including listening, feelings, assertiveness, and confidentiality. They minister to people in transitional situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief and childbirth. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs go

beyond the care a Stephen Minister can provide and know where the care receiver may seek additional care.

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers don't reveal what their care receivers have told them: not to the pastor, not to Stephen Leaders, not to spouses or friends, and not to other Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know may benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please call Tammy Weissmann 210-314-3754 or Becky Peterson 210-240-7776.

CHOSEN

John 15:16a

Summer Camp Registration

The theme for the summer camp program at Camp Lone Star is **Chosen**. John 15:16a says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide...". This will be our core framework of the Bible Study time as campers learn about how our God in His goodness and grace calls us "Chosen." Above all else, that is who we are; that is who you are - chosen and so dearly loved.

The summer camp programs are exciting weeks, where campers have fun, make memories, develop friendships, and grow in faith and relationship with God. Most of all, summer camp is an intentional Christian community, set apart, safe and alive with God's word, focused on Jesus Christ and built around Scripture. Registration for summer camp at Camp Lone Star is now open! It's NOT too early to be thinking about summer. Visit www.lomt.com for more information or to register. Early bird discounts are available.

Future Plans

How can you help Word of Life continue to be a vital ministry outpost in 2021?

- Pray for the Lord's direction and help.
- Connect with more people and invite them to Word of Life and the better and eternal life Jesus gives.
- Help or lead ministries that meet needs and make Word of Life attractive to others.
- Increase tithes and offerings to the Lord at Word of Life for 2021.
- Continue or start to give to our Therefore Go building fund, celebrate the completion of Therefore Go this spring and participate in a new emphasis.
- Volunteer to help so we may add or improve what we offer and save on paid services.
- Improve systems and TEAMS to help people use their unique, God-given gifts and to better serve our congregation and community.
- Start New to reach new: new courses, new causes, new support groups and new ministries. What can we start new that will reach new?

The best is yet to come!



Shopping for Good

As you shop online, check out AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>). Designate Word of Life Fellowship as the organization you want to support and WOL will receive a portion of the money you spend.

Noticed Blessing Lives

Have you been touched by an act of kindness or generosity by someone at Word of Life? Want to recognize a volunteer for the difference they have made? Just add a note to the RSVP form and we'll recognize them.



