

TODAY at Word of Life

All events at our church building unless noted otherwise

Sunday, December 27

ONE Worship Service

9:45 a.m.

Livestream available www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

NO Confirmation

6:00 p.m.

NO 6:35 Youth Group Christmas Party

6:35 p.m.

Friday, January 1

Happy New Year

Sunday, January 3

Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional

9:45 a.m. Contemporary

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Take home a baby bottle to fill with donations for
Resources for Women.

Take Down Decorations

4:00 p.m.

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 Better-Life@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.

From Invisible to Indispensable

This is the theme for Life Week 2021. We'll observe Life Sunday on **January 24**. The theme is based upon 1 Corinthians 12:22, *On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.*

God's Word compels us to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. Our society has placed individuals at risk through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat of legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia.

On **Sunday, January 24** we will celebrate God's gift of life. We'll collect donations of diapers, bottles or new baby items for the Resources for Women Pregnancy Care Center located in Garden Ridge. Next Sunday we'll also have bottles for you to take home as a reminder to pray for this ministry and share your monetary donations. Please return filled bottles Jan. 24. For more information about the Resources for Women pregnancy care center, visit www.resourcesforwomen.org.



Word of Life Fellowship

December 27, 2020

8:30 am Traditional

9:45 am Contemporary

213 Coy Lane

Cibolo, Texas 78108

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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 Mark Seeger and Dr. John Reinke as they reach out to deaf people in Austin, Houston and beyond. We give a tithe of our regular offerings to Texas Partners in Mission to support new church starts.



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.

An Epiphany House Blessing

Epiphany is Wednesday, **January 6**. House Blessing kits will be available next Sunday. Be sure to pick one up for your family. The ancient tradition of a house blessing at Epiphany is a good way to start the New Year. The season of the Epiphany is particularly timely due to the connection of the visitation of the Magi to the home of the infant Christ. Consider inviting friends and neighbors to participate with you, or take an extra kit and give it to a neighbor or friend.



Decoration Take-down

We're taking down the Christmas decorations and need your help! Please join us next Sunday, **January 3 at 4:00 p.m.** With many volunteers we'll make short work of this task. Questions? Call Patti Mitschke, 210-862-2075.

Worship Schedule

We will resume our regular "covid" worship scheduled next week with the traditional service at **8:30 a.m.** and the contemporary service at **9:45 a.m.** The 9:45 a.m. service is also live streamed. Be sure to wear a mask to worship and maintain physical distancing from those not in your household.



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!



Men's Bible Study

Join with other men for nourishment and encouragement. This group will meet at **8:00 a.m., Jan. 9**, at Word of Life.. Bring your Bible and a friend. If you're

able to stick around afterwards, volunteers help accomplish various odd jobs/outstanding tasks around the church. Questions? Mark Stemmermann, 210-508-2073