

THIS WEEK at Word of Life

All events at church building unless noted otherwise.

Sunday, April 2

Confirmation

4:00 pm

Youth Group

4:45 pm

108 Rustic Trail, Cibolo

Questions? Tammy 801-682-7291

Wednesday, April 5

Good Friday Set-up

6:30 pm

Thursday, April 6

Music Team

6:30 pm

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Prayer Stations

7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8

Church Workday

9:00 am

Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service

7:00 am

Resurrection Celebration

8:30 am

9:45 am

Livestream available @www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

11:00 am

Breakfast Served

9:15—11:15 am

Easter Photo Booth

9:00—Noon

Easter Labyrinth

All day

NO Confirmation/NO Youth Group

Good Friday Prayer Stations

Friday, April 7

The Good Friday experience begins at 7:00 pm, Friday, April 7. Experience the power of God and connect with the events of Good Friday:

- Touch a thorny crown and remember the pain Jesus endured.
- Hammer nails into wood and seek God's forgiveness for your sins.
- Write your name in red and remember the price paid to save you.

Prayer station set-up will happen on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. If you can help, please come! Questions? Patti Mitschke at 210-862-2075.



Church Workday

Saturday, April 8

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed Sat, April 8 at 9:00 am to make Word of Life attractive and inviting for our Easter guests. We need folks to mow, trim, edge and sweep, set up chairs, set up the labyrinth, assemble a tomb, hang up eggs and add Easter color around the building. Questions: Patti Mitschke, 210-862-2075.



Resurrection Celebration—NEXT Sunday, April 9

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Sunrise Service

7:00 am

Celebration Services

8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am

Breakfast Served

9:15—11:15 am

Photo Booth/ Easter Labyrinth

All morning

Pick up invitations to share with family, friends, and neighbors.

Invite them all!



Word of Life Fellowship

April 2, 2023

8:30 Traditional

9:45 Contemporary

11:00 Contemporary

213 Coy Lane

Cibolo, Texas 78108

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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.

For Children

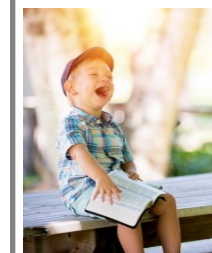
We are so happy you have brought your children to worship today. After the Children's Message in both contemporary services, children (Infants—6th grade) are invited to attend age appropriate Sunday school classes:

Movers & Shakers—Infant thru 3 yr old,

JAM (Jesus & Me)—4 yr old thru 3rd grade,

'Twins—4th thru 6th grade.

Children may be picked up 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 these bags to the "tree" after the service.

Building a Bigger Heaven in Texas

This week we're praying for missionary vicar Ryan Pennington and the people of Fortress as they reach out to people in Harker Heights, TX and beyond. We support their work through gifts given to Texas Partners in Mission (TPIM). For more information about Texas Partners in Mission, visit txlcms.org/tpim



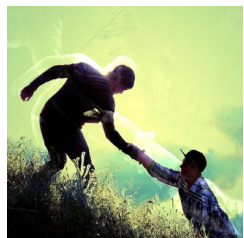
Our Neighbors in Cibolo

(neighboring areas are similar)

The people God is calling us to reach in Cibolo:

- are now predominately 40-60 years old; however, the age group projected to grow the most in the next five years is 0-20 year olds,
- are expected to grow in population 7.6% in 5 years,
- are mostly college graduates,
- are affluent, average household income of \$128,221,
- are more ethnically diverse than the US average,
- are more receptive to the faith than the US average,
- prefer activities which support faith development,
- prefer worship, music and architectural styles which are somewhat contemporary (Percept Group).

Please pray for our neighbors and join the Lord in reaching them. Easter is a GREAT time to invite your neighbors and friends to church. Take home several of the Easter invitations available in the lobby and share them this afternoon!



Care Contacts

Prayer Chain:

Jayne Edwards, 210-382-5711

Meals for Ill or Grieving:

Praying for a Leader

Hospitalization, Surgery,
Major Illness, Pastoral Care:
Pastor Ken, 210-862-7629

Did you notice we're "Praying for a Leader" for our meal ministry for those who are ill or grieving? This volunteer position requires only a short, occasional time commitment. If you are interested, talk to Tara Hatfield, Admin@WordofLife4u.com

Status of Jeffrey Reuter Call

Dear Word of Life Family,

I received the following email from President Mike Newman of our Texas District this week and he gave me permission to share it with you:

Greetings Ken,

After checking with (Placement Director) Glenn Nielsen, I've been informed that Jeff Reuter will be placed in another congregation. There was no error or shortcoming on the part of Word of Life. With the shortage of new grads and the high demand for pastors, Dr. Nielsen perceived that Jeff's gifts and personality match up better with another congregation—for the good of both Word of Life and Jeff. A wise person told me once, "Rejection may be God's protection." I think the Spirit has a better plan for Word of Life.

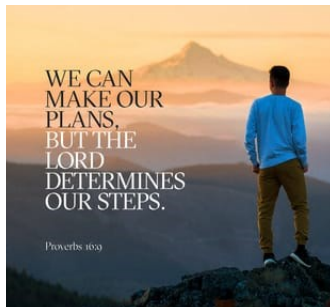
I had hoped it could work out, and I thank you and the people of Word of Life for taking a chance and shifting your plans to interview Jeff and offer him a call. It was a gracious and self-sacrificial risk. But, we've lost hardly any time, so I am copying Andrew Walker in my office in order to resume our work on a list (of pastors) from the field. The Spirit has the right man out there. We'll pray, watch and do our all to see God's will come to fruition among us.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Blessings and grace to you dear friend!

Rev. Michael W. Newman

President, Texas District LCMS



While I'm disappointed, I'm also confident "the Spirit has a better plan for Word of Life." Knowing about the shortage of pastors, I've attempted to moderate my expectations and those of our congregation. Some of us may need to express our disappointment, but I'm asking you to please help others see when God says "no" to our prayers (e.g. Jesus' delay in going to Bethany after he learned Lazarus was sick). He is saying, "Yes, I have something better for you, for my Kingdom and my worldwide mission." (e.g. Jesus' raising of Lazarus, people believing in Him, His death and resurrection to rescue us). Our team is much, much larger than one congregation. I trust President Newman, our call process and the Holy Spirit. Let's "pray, watch and do our all to see God's will come to fruition among us."

Be blessed and continue to be a blessing!

Pastor Ken <>><



Stephen Ministry

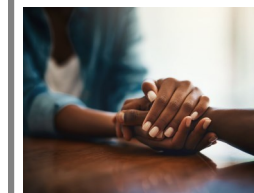
Stephen Ministers are trained in topics including listening, feelings, assertiveness, and confidentiality. They minister to people in transitional situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief and childbirth. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when

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. Want to know more? Please call Tammy Weissmann, 210-314-3754 or Becky Peterson, 210-240-7776.



GriefShare

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now.



If you've lost a spouse, family-member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have

many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. We plan to start a new group after Easter. Interested? Fill out the RSVP form so we may determine the best day for the group to meet. We're also looking for a co-leader for this group. If you have any questions, please connect with Jageé Valentine, 210-383-2864.