

# INFO

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I/We heard about Word of Life

from: \_\_\_\_\_

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- the pastor to call me
- to request personal, spiritual care
- to be baptized
- to receive foundational teaching

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## Building a bigger heaven and better lives!

July 12, 2026

### We Thank You Lord...

- for sending Your Word like rain into our dry hearts and making us beloved children of the Father;
- for those who are new to our community (VBS and 1<sup>st</sup> timers), and the people whose work enabled them to come;
- for healing for Nathalie Schwantes
- for the material blessings and resources You have given us to steward, and the Gospel You have invited us to share.

### We Ask You Lord...

- to place us where the Word falls, soften our hard places, loosen our thorns, and grow in us the fruit of faith;
- to bless Pastor Chris Holder as he assumes primary leadership of the ministry and mission of Austin Intercultural Mission (AIM) - that His work would glorify You and multiply faith;
- to guide Pastor Carlos Velazquez and his family as he considers a call to serve as Executive Director of LINC South Texas;
- to bring the sword to bear on evildoers so that the vulnerable have justice;
- to bless all leaders with Your wisdom - moving them to perform Your will;
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster;
- to mend broken and strained relationships, especially within families;
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for **Toby Molina, William & Andrew Mitschke, Mickey Molina, Jayme & Audry-Anna Edwards**, Emme (**Alsobrook**);
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Nicole (**George**), Anna Vandegriff (**Doublestein**);
- for thorough planning and worry-free anticipation for **Justin Neal** and **Anna Wimberley** as their wedding day approaches;
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder (**Mitschke**) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers;
- for the family and friends of Lauren Fitzgerald (**Phillips**) as they mourn her death
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal and comfort **Koen Slates, Jim Weissmann, Al Fennigkoh, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens**, Monte Easley (**Beveridge**), Audrey, Joshua Tolin (**Bruce**), Bill & Nadine Christiansen (**Christiansen**), Clarice Craigmile (**Craigmile**), Mary Lu, Patricia Pargmann (**Dominguez**), Debbie Arriaga, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (**Flowers**), James Guidry, Patty (**George**), Tracy Parks (**Hatfield**), Joshua Mitschke, Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan (**Mitschke**), Gerald Heflen (**Molina**), Marianne Powell, Tina Moss, Carson (**Nightingale**), Mark McQuaid, Deb Smith (**Paxton**), Phil (**Peterson**), Miriam Prieto (**Prieto**), Sylvia Rojas (**Stafford**), Sef Alvarado (**Stark**), John Moore, Bud, Riley (**Stemmermann**), Annabelle Ryan, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mandee, Beth Roberts, Debbie (**Stevens**), Andres' Garcia, Robert Maggiano, Naomi Reese (**Valentine**), Sharon Venable (**Venable**), Terry Walker (**Wagner**)
- to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley**, Lyndal Cadel, Guy Morgan (**Craigmile**), Pedro, Betty Ruff (**Dominguez**), Gladys (**Garcia Treviño**), Rosaria Pecas (**George**), R.D. Latimer, Leena Prindle, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (**Mitschke**), Becky Plumley (**Nichols**), Meredith Powell (**Nightingale**), Eddy & Chad Holloway (**Paxton**), Chuck Warner (**Pointer**), Maggie (**Weissmann**)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

Take this home to review and to reference for your prayers throughout the week.

July 12, 2026

# Word of Life Fellowship

Worship ● 9:00a & 11:15a

K-5th Sunday School ● 9:00a

Youth and Adult Bible Class ● 10:15a

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## The Gentle Kingdom:

*The Word That Makes the Soil Sing*

*Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

## The Wasteland Beneath the Noise

- You do not have to be a poet to know what a \_\_\_\_\_ feels like.
- You can feel it when the calendar is \_\_\_\_\_, but your heart is \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_, but often starved for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because the human soul cannot \_\_\_\_\_ itself.
- The earth \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Descending Word

- He sends the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Word comes \_\_\_\_\_.
- It does not stand above the field and \_\_\_\_\_ it about being dry.

- It \_\_\_\_\_.
- It \_\_\_\_\_.
- It \_\_\_\_\_.
- Most of the time, it feels like \_\_\_\_\_ after drought.

**The Generous Sower**

- The point is relentless \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Word keeps going \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Sower does not give up on the \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Mirror of the Soils**

- This is not a story about \_\_\_\_\_ people out there.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- But fields do not \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

**The Word Does the Work**

- The center of the story is not the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Word became \_\_\_\_\_.
- He wore the \_\_\_\_\_ on His head.
- He entered the dryness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is Christ given to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Adoption and Receiving**

- A child does not earn a place in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A child \_\_\_\_\_.
- Growth does not begin with \_\_\_\_\_.
- It begins with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Family Discussion Guide**

*Read*

Isaiah 55:10-13,  
Romans 8:12-17, and  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
*together.*

1. Where did you feel “dry” or worn down this week?
2. What kinds of “noise” crowded out God’s Word in your home, schedule, or heart?
3. Which soil image feels most familiar right now: path, rocks, thorns, or good soil?
4. Why is it good news that the power is in the seed and not in the soil?
5. What is one simple way our family can be “where the Word falls” this week?

**Close by praying:**

*Lord Jesus, send Your Word into our dry places, give us faith to receive what You give, and make Your life bear fruit in us.  
Amen.*

**Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**

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**Our Lutheran Faith:**

We believe that in Holy Baptism, God Himself acts - washing away sin, granting new birth by the Spirit, and uniting us with Christ’s death and resurrection. Baptism is not a symbol of our commitment, but a gift of grace in which God claims us as His own and makes us heirs of eternal life.

In the Lord’s Supper, Christ comes to us personally and bodily - His true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This holy meal is not merely a remembrance, but a participation in the very life of Christ, strengthening faith and binding us together in His love.

**Baptism and the Supper**

are pure Gospel - signs that do what they promise, delivering Christ’s forgiveness to sinners and certainty in our relationship with God.