

## Scheduled & Ongoing Fall Events (continued)

### Welcome Luncheon

Formerly known as “A Taste of Word of Life” our Welcome Luncheon is a gathering with a light luncheon designed for those newer to attending WOLBC or newly visiting. Our Welcome Luncheon is a great time to get to know one another and to learn about our community and the ministries we provide. If you are new to the body of Word of Life you are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday service on the following dates: October 15th 2023, & January 7th 2024.

### Getting to Know WOL

Is our Membership class, led by Pastor Tim. Learn more about Word of Life: history, beliefs, structure, staff and what membership is about at WOL. This is the first step to begin the process of becoming a member, but the decision is up to you. We meet Sunday's October 29th & January 28th.

### Operation Christmas Child

Help give the gift of the gospel by packing a shoebox for a child in need. Shoeboxes arrive mid September and packing lists are available by the church office. See John and Connie Reich for more details and how you can be involved! John (989) 255-9868, Connie (989) 358-8898

### After Service Potluck (Quarterly)

Sign up to bring a dish to pass at the next quarterly potluck! Enjoy great fellowship and food with one another following Sunday services on November 19th, sign ups will be available a few weeks before.

### Christmas Party

Join us in December for a gathering for adults details coming soon! Keep an eye out for updates in our bulletin, and on our websites calendar to stay up to date.

# A Look into Fall at Word of Life

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## L.I.F.E. Tracks

At Word of Life, L.I.F.E. stands for Living Intentionally For Eternity. L.I.F.E. Tracks are the core training element of our Disciple Making Process. They are custom made to help us grow into fully devoted and fully developed followers of Christ, emphasizing the practical day-to-day aspects of L.I.F.E.

### The Quest

We are called to be, and make, disciples, but do we even understand what it means to be a disciple? We'll reflect on some core questions, see what the Bible has to say, use some video content, and consider what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll take a look back to the calling of the first disciples and the early church with an eye on the present, and also consider some different phases of discipleship with corresponding needs.

Whether you have walked with Christ for decades, are a new Christian, or are just exploring the faith, come and join us on this journey to which Christ has invited each of us. Take another step in Living Intentionally For Eternity. Led by Pastor Tim.

### A Witness's L.I.F.E

Is it possible to share the gospel with confidence? The answer is a resounding YES! A Witness's LIFE will prepare you to be Fully Devoted and Fully Developed Witnesses who actively engage in leading lost people to Christ, helping you obey Christ's command to be His witness (Acts 1:8).

A Witness's LIFE will equip you in 1) How to understand and share the Gospel Story, 2) How to share your Personal Story and 3) How to build relationships with lost people. You'll also discover your primary witnessing styles and receive a variety of witnessing tools and tips.

Led by Pastor Scott

## Scheduled & Ongoing Fall Events

### Potluck Prayer & Praise (Fellowship Hall, Monthly)

A gathering that meets on the last Sunday of the month from 5:00-7:00pm for a potluck with a prayer and praise time that follows. This is a great time of fellowship and coming together to pray as a large group for various needs!

### Fall Festival (Church Grounds)

An exciting event filled with food and fun activities! Bring friends and family October 1st, from 4:00—7:00pm to enjoy the festival or sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer and serve at one of the booths.

## Youth & Children's Ministries (continued)

### Youth Bible Fellowship (continued)

God's Word in real and tangible ways. This class is discussion-based, prayer-focused, and fun!

#### Axis (Wednesday's at 5:50pm, summer details may differ)

Axis Student Ministries is for students grades 6th–12th. A typical night involves fellowship and games, musical worship, and biblical teaching. Middle and High Schoolers join together for most of these activities but do have the opportunity to break away for separate small group discussions. Axis students are invited to participate in several big events throughout the year, like bike and rafting adventures, mission trips, service opportunities, and both winter and summer retreats. Axis is based on 1 Peter 2:9 which says that God has turned us from darkness into His light. As a generation, we give Him our praise. We challenge students to let their one life make a difference. You can find Axis on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and can check out our Resources and Links page on our website for updates and calendar events.

#### Kids Worship Too (KW2) at 10:45 AM

Starting again on September 10th, children entering 1st through 5th grade will have a unique opportunity to worship and learn during our 10:45 AM service. After joining their parents in the sanctuary, families have the choice to dismiss their children from service to KW2, an interactive teaching time geared for younger hearts and minds. Parents can pick their children up from KW2 in the Heritage Center Gymnasium following the worship service. Please stop by the stand in the foyer before the start of service each week to check-in for KW2. For questions about KW2, please contact Beth Dore at (231) 429-2489. KW2 is available from September through July.

#### Kidville (Nursery through 5th grade)

We have special opportunities for our youngest family members to learn and grow both at the 9:00 AM hour and the 10:45 service time. Our infant and toddler nursery is open to children under 2 years of age. We also offer age appropriate classes for children 2 to 4 years old that lay a foundation of faith through caring teachers, a Biblical focus, and crafts that help the kids take home what they learn.

## Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs)

Our Adult Bible Fellowships are not just Sunday School classes—they are small communities of faith within Word of Life. Being in an ABF means being a part of one another's lives, staying in touch throughout the week, and encouraging each other to walk with the Lord.

*ABF's meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am in their respective rooms.*

### The Rock (Room 100)

The Rock is the best place to start if you are new to Word of Life or looking to get involved in an ABF for the first time. Like the wise man who built his house on the rock, this fellowship helps set the foundation of our faith for building great things. Led by an energetic and dynamic team, we have open, biblically-based discussions to answer your questions and help one another grow in Christ.

### The Bereans (Room 107)

Everyone is welcome to join the Bereans as we walk through the Scriptures and consider how we are called to live our lives today. Join for various in depth studies in the Bible.

### The Seekers (Room 110)

Come and discover something new with the Seekers. This fellowship explores God's Word through a variety of short studies as we seek after Him. Open to anyone, this group continually brings something new to your walk with the Lord.

### Young Adults (Room 101)

This ABF is specifically designed for our young adults, ages 19-30, whether singles, engaged, newlywed or young families. Join with open hearts for a journey through God's word. This study intends to build close fellowship, doing life together, finding fun activities the whole group can participate in while unpacking the truths God's word has for us, and putting them into action.

*If you have any questions or would like to connect with a group leader contact our main office for details: [info@wolbc.org](mailto:info@wolbc.org), or (989) 354-8019*

## Men's & Women's Ministries

### Family Fellowship (weekly on Thursdays at 5:30pm)

Family Fellowship is a ministry designed to lead families closer to Christ and provide a place to build community and grow closer connections amongst Christian families. This group places an emphasis on (but not limited to) families with younger children. Due to the unpredictable nature of raising young families, leadership is split between the core leadership families. The group follows a video teaching and then a core family leader teaches after the video. The discussion encompasses a short translation or summary of the material covered in the video, then a clear understanding and implementation follows biblical truths.

### Hospital Singing Ministry

Most weeks, a small, but friendly group of people meets up after the morning service on Sunday, in the lobby of MidMichigan Medical Center of Alpena. They gather some hymnals and sing 2-3 hymns and/or choruses at the ends of the hallways on multiple floors. A few patients and families may make requests or even join in. It may remind you of Christmas caroling, but with regular hymns. You can expect to spend around an hour at the hospital, depending on how much visiting with the team and patients you happen to do.

### Men's Bible Study

Men, join us Wednesday mornings at 7:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast (usually coffee and doughnuts) and a time of group study in God's Word. We are focusing on drawing out the meaning of the Scriptures and applying them to our lives.

### Every Man a Warrior

Is a group that challenges men to grow deeper in knowledge and grace of our Lord. This course speaks to every part of a man's life including his relationship with God, marriage, raising a family, work, money and getting through hard times. This opportunity comes once a year, registration begins in the fall. Workbooks are required and are available at the start of the course. This is a small group fellowship, so be sure to join early as the class is closed to newcomers after the first few weeks. See Chris O'Bryan at (248) 881-7039 for more details.

## Men's & Women's Ministries (continued)

### Women's Prayer Group

Each Monday morning, several of the ladies of Word of Life gather together to pray. Join your sisters in Christ as we lift our prayers and praises up to the God of heaven. We meet every Monday at 9:00 AM in the prayer room.

### Ladies Bible Study (Summer details may differ)

All women are welcome to join this caring group that seeks to know God's truth and to love one another as Christ has taught us. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 10:00am—12:00pm in room 110. Contact Carol Makowske for more details at (989) 358-2444

### Ladies Online Bible Study (Summer details may differ)

Join this group of ladies on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30pm to study the word of God and delve into fruitful discussions of the scripture. Contact Carol Makowske for more details at (989) 358-2444

### M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS is an international organization that encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:00am—11:00am. Childcare is provided and there is also a room for homeschoolers. Email their team for more details at [mopsalpena@gmail.com](mailto:mopsalpena@gmail.com)

### Women's Missionary Fellowship (Summer details may differ)

Meets the second Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. Women's Missionary Fellowship supports the compassionate work of God through His missionaries here and around the world. We pray for our missionaries, participate in community outreach, and take part in a card ministry. We also sew items such as baby blankets and diapers for missionaries and wrap band-aids for the White Cross.

## Youth & Children's Ministries

### Youth Bible Fellowship (Sunday's at 9:00am in Room 114)

Our YBF aims to allow both Middle and High School students the space to freely ask questions, share concerns, and learn to both understand and apply