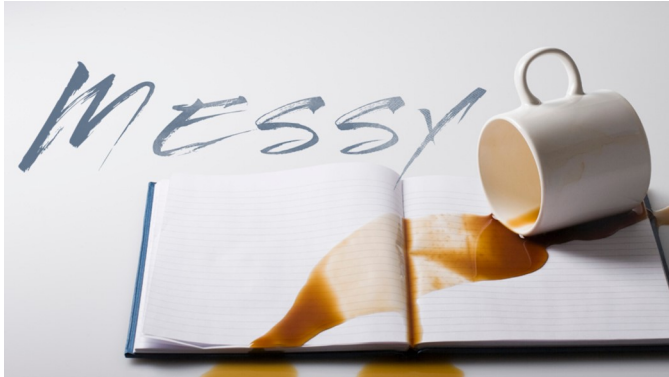




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Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

March 29, 2020



"Dust you are and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:19

Our theme for 2020 is *Let Your Light Shine*. Each month a theme will direct our focus, and in March the theme is *Messy*. Visit www.LivingWordKaty.org/MESSY for links to Pinterest, Spotify and Daily Prayers.



At Living Word
we **don't go to church**
we **are the church**.

The hope of Jesus Christ
has not been canceled.

After much deliberation and prayer, the pastors, staff and council of our congregation have decided to suspend all in-person worship at Living Word through the end of March or until further notice. We will offer worship via live stream through our website and Facebook page.

Our decision is based in love, not fear. It is based upon the clear biblical mandate to protect and honor the most fragile in our midst (See 1 Corinthians 13). It is a way for us to model love to our community as a "living expression of Christ in the world."

To view the live streams of worship, visit the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events. Click on the worship service and the link to watch will appear. If you miss a worship time, don't worry. Clicking on the link will take you to our Vimeo channel and you can watch the worship service at any time.

Virtual Events Online

Our campus may be "closed" for now, but there are virtual events you can participate in online. In addition to worship, this includes Bible Study with the Pastor, Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study, Story Time for children, Musical Moments and other events for children, youth and adults.

To see a complete list of these online events, visit our Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events. Click on the event you are interested in and the login link will appear. Please share these links with your friends and neighbors!

It's easy to join our mailing list!

Just send your email address
by text message:

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to **22828** to get started.



February Giving

	FEBRUARY	FISCAL YTD
ACTUAL	\$88,120.30	\$88,120.30
ANTICIPATED	\$109,850.00	\$109,850.00

Check the status
of Living Word events at
[www.LivingWordKaty.org/
EVENTS/CALENDAR](http://www.LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS/CALENDAR)



When you do your online shopping, remember to use AmazonSmile! Thanks to our charity partnership with AmazonSmile, a portion of all of your purchases of eligible items comes straight to our church. It only takes a few steps to set up your Amazon Smile account:

- √ Visit smile.amazon.com to set up your account.
- √ In the "Supporting" option, click "**Living Word Lutheran Church**".

Once you've selected us to benefit from your purchases, we will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of any item you buy that is marked as "eligible for Amazon Smile donation." It may not seem like a lot, but those dollars add up fast!



Did you know that your purchases at Kroger can benefit Living Word? Our church participates in the Kroger Community Rewards Program which means that a percentage of your purchase is returned to Living Word in cash. You may participate by enrolling in this program online now at Kroger.com. Simply go to the Kroger Community Rewards page and click the button to enroll in Community Rewards. Then either sign on to your existing account or create a new account. When you are asked for the organization, enter "Living Word Lutheran Church" which is organization number FF271. It's that easy! Now each time you shop using your Kroger account you will be giving to Living Word!

Community Outreach via Facebook

We are currently navigating the largest communication shift that churches have ever seen. Social media is an important communication channel, and you can help engage others in Living Word's ministry through our Facebook page.

The Facebook algorithm may be a mystery, but we know that Facebook shows individuals what it thinks they want to see. This is how you can help us reach even more people:

- If you have not already done so, be sure to "like" Living Word at www.facebook.com/LivingWordKaty.
- Set your Facebook notifications so you are aware of posts to the Living Word page.
- Be sure to "like" the post. It is better to comment on it, and the best reaction to a post as far as Facebook is concerned is if you share it.
- If you like, comment and/or share within an hour of when the post is created, that also makes a difference in terms of how Facebook displays the post in news feeds.

Let's see how many new "Likes" we can get!



For the current list of Living Word events, visit the "EVENTS" page at LivingWordKaty.org