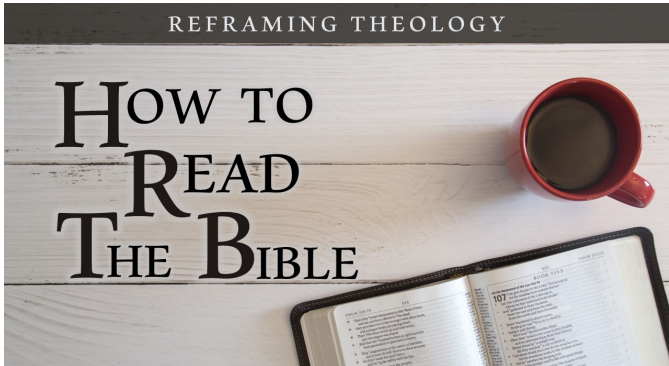




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Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

July 12, 2020



“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

Our overall theme is *Reframing Theology*. Our current focus is on *How to Read the Bible*.

READING LIST

Kids:

Spark Story Bible published by Sparkhouse

Spark Story Bible 2 published by Beaming Books

Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids published by Beaming Books

Adults:

Opening the Book of Faith by Diane Jacobson, Mark Allan Powell, & Stanley N. Olson

Making Sense of Scripture by David J. Lose

In Search of Paul: How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom by John Dominic Crossan & Jonathan L. Reed

The Five Books of Moses by Everett Fox

The Book of Psalms by Robert Alter

Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Biblical Terms by Rolf A. Jacobson

Visit www.livingwordkaty.org/reframing-theology for links to all resources.



Remember your Baptism! Experience all the fun of Splash Sunday in your home. Because it is still not safe for us to gather in large groups for social activities, we are encouraging all Living Word members to come together on **July 12** for a Virtual Splash Sunday. Click on *Virtual Splash Sunday* at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events for activities, a litany, and a Spotify playlist.

Activities are available for all ages. This is not just for children & families, so get ready to get wet and remember the gift of baptism!



Join Pastor Ariel & Mr. Mark online each Tuesday morning in July & August for Bible stories, music, prayer, and snacks! (Well - snack recipes!) A time for all ages to engage in faith & fun! The theme is *Let Your Light Shine Bright!* We will explore characters in the Bible who let their lights shine brightly and ways in which we can do the same, especially during these uncertain times.

Story, Song & Snack will be available at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events.



The Zoom Link can be found at LivingWordKaty.org/Events

Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and hang out virtually with your pastors on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. This casual, virtual hangout allows for wide-ranging, free-flowing conversation on a number of biblical and life-related issues. Join us from the comfort of your home by clicking the Zoom link at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events. Be sure to invite your friends. Looking forward to seeing you!

In-Person Worship Suspended

Due to the rising numbers of daily positive COVID-19 cases in Houston and our state of Texas, we have decided to again suspend all in-person worship and ministry at Living Word until further notice.

We will continue our virtual worship services at 9am & 10am and will continue all the other virtual ministries. We have many great resources for growth and discipleship. Please visit our website at www.livingwordkaty.org/Events for more information.

We are acutely aware that the most vulnerable among us during this pandemic are the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. We have a team of volunteers standing by to support our seniors and elderly by purchasing groceries, picking up prescription drugs, offering care and support or running quick errands. Please email galirivera@livingwordkaty.org if you need support with meals, groceries etc.

Now, more than ever, the church needs your financial support. Your generous financial support makes it possible for us to fulfill our mission, especially during this time of fear and anxiety. Our church must remain a voice of hope and comfort. Your financial generosity enables us to be a place of hope and compassion. You can give online www.livingwordkaty.org/Giving or you can mail your gifts to Living Word Lutheran Church at 3700 S Mason Rd. Katy TX 77450.



Looking for a way to keep your faith active and engaged this summer? Join the Summer Reading Challenge at www.LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS.



Living Word and Lutherhill Ministries have joined forces to create a Virtual Day Camp experience that is FREE for all. Each day will offer camp songs, Bible stories, arts & crafts, solo challenges and spirituality practices.

We'll explore the theme *VISION 2020: To See as God Sees*. To see the intricate beauty and grand majesty of creation. To see all people made in the image of God. To see and embrace who God created us to be.

Happy campers can join the fun each day, or spread out the experience over several weeks - choose your own adventure. You can invite a friend from your neighborhood to join you. Or, virtually gather with your church family to follow along together.

The link for Virtual Day Camp can be found at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events.

Giving Update

	JUNE	FISCAL YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 92,464	\$843,723
ANTICIPATED	\$102,000	\$619,244

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



“Apply in July”

for a Living Word Endowment Grant

The Living Word Endowment Committee is pleased to announce we will be accepting applications for 2020 grants during **July 1 through July 31** for both of our Endowments.

The Living Legacy Endowment seeks to provide funding to new or expanding ministries at Living Word, as well as support to local and global initiatives. The Education Endowment aims to financially assist Living Word members (or their relatives) studying to be ordained as an ELCA pastor/deacon/chaplain; or other students attending an ELCA affiliated college or university. Electronically-fillable PDF application forms (including instructions) may be found at our church web site www.LivingWordKaty.org/Living-Legacy. Please email completed application forms to the church office at LivingWordKaty@LivingWordKaty.org.



Kindred Lutheran and Montrose Grace Place are both in desperate need of disposable masks that they can pass out to their members/clients who are experiencing homelessness. This is a particularly vulnerable population with little to no access to face masks, hand sanitizer, and other hygiene items to help them remain safe.

We are asking anyone who is able, to order some face masks and have them shipped to Living Word. (3700 S. Mason Rd. Katy, TX 77450). The link to order can be found by clicking on *Masks for Our Ministry Partners* on the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events. We will safely get the masks to our partners so they can get them into the hands of people in need.

During these times of physical distancing this is a small way that we can **Let Our Lights Shine!** and continue to be a **Living Expression of Christ in the World!**



We are offering a Summer Service Project Kit that includes supplies for your family to complete service projects at home for others in our community.

To reserve a kit, please visit www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click on *Summer Service Project*.

Hurricane Season 2020

Hurricane season on the Gulf Coast is here, and we all need to prepare. It is important that every household has a “Hurricane Kit” prepared prior to needing it. Don’t wait until a storm is on the way and there are shortages of supplies. For a good reference about what you should include in your Hurricane Kit go to FEMA’s WWW.READY.GOV.



Faith & Fitness

Join Pastor Emmanuel each Monday, Thursday and Friday morning at 7:30am for inspiration and exercise tips to stay in shape during COVID-19. Pastor Emmanuel will be Live on Facebook at this time. Or, go to our Facebook page (LivingWordKaty) at any time to watch the video.





Upcoming Events

SUNDAY 7-12

	Virtual Splash Sunday	
9:00 AM	Traditional Live Stream Worship Service	Online
10:00 AM	Blended Live Stream Worship Service	Online
4:00 PM	Young Adult Group	Zoom

MONDAY 7-13

7:30 AM	Faith & Fitness	Online
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TUESDAY 7-14

9:00 AM	Story, Song & Snack	Online
11:00 AM	Musical Moments	Online

WEDNESDAY 7-15

9:00 AM	Coffee with the Pastors	Online
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THURSDAY 7-16

7:30 AM	Faith & Fitness	Online
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FRIDAY 7-17

7:30 AM	Faith & Fitness	Online
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Living Word Lutheran Church

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