



Connect

Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

February 16, 2020



So – reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!

Romans 15:7 (The Message)

Our theme for 2020 is *Let Your Light Shine*. Each month a theme will direct our focus, and in February the theme is *Welcome*.

Adult Reading List:

Wide Welcome: How the Unsettling Presence of Newcomers Can Save the Church by Jessicah Krey Duckworth

Sticky Church by Larry Osborne

Becoming a Welcoming Church by Thom S. Rainer

Children's Reading List:

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penford

Everybody's Welcome by Patricia Hegerty & Greg Abbod

Scribble Stones by Diane Alber

Visit www.LivingWordKaty.org/WELCOME for links to Pinterest, Spotify and Daily Prayers.

Choir Accompanist Needed

We are looking for one or more pianists who are interested in accompanying the Adult Choir. The time commitment would be Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45pm, and Sunday mornings services alternating 8:00 and 11:00am. Please email Barry Sames at barrysames@livingwordkaty.org.

Living Word Church Council Meeting

The Living Word Church Council would like to thank all members who came to vote on January 26th to pass the budget for 2020. God is at work at Living Word, and your commitment of time, talents and treasures is a vital part of our ministry!

The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, **February 18** at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please email council@livingwordkaty.org.

Next Sunday's Change Offering will be designated for BSA Scout Troop 820



Join the women of Living Word as we take time to get away with God at Camp Lutherhill in LaGrange, TX from February 28 (meet at church at 5:30pm) to March 1 (12noon). Join us for a refreshing weekend away as we explore the idea of our "Identity in Christ" through worship, fellowship, and study of God's Word. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another, have fun and grow together as sisters in Christ.

For more information and to register, visit the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click on "Women's Retreat".

Registration closes February 23, so don't miss out - register today!



Camp Living Word is a Christian day camp at Living Word for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. The camp is led by Lutherhill Ministries staff with the support of Living Word student and adult members. Campers will explore scripture through worship, Bible study, arts and crafts, music and more! We are offering two weeks of camp on **June 15-19** and **July 6-10**.

Registration will open on **February 17**. To register, visit the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click either June 15-19 or July 6-10.

LIVING WORD'S MUSIC DAY CAMP CAMP JAM



JULY 13-17 9:00AM TO 4:00PM
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 17

Camp Jam is Living Word's Music Day Camp and will be held **July 13-17** from 9:00am to 4:00pm. All youth ages 5 to 10 are invited to this immersion music program which will expose youth to a variety of musical instruments and ensembles!

Campers will attend all nine workshops offered which include percussion, dance, piano, recorders, guitar/ukulele, art, theater, voice and violin.

Registration will open on **February 17**. To register, visit the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click on *Camp Jam*.

**Join us for Fellowship
in the Life Center following worship**

2020 Giving

	JANUARY	FISCAL YTD
ACTUAL	\$105,758.27	\$1,476,039.05
ANTICIPATED	\$90,250.00	\$1,511,000.00

Announcements for Connect are due by 1 pm on Tuesdays

Please send them to utegustafson@livingwordkaty.org



The music ministry of Living Word is introducing a new music immersion program, GEMS! In these classes, students age 5 to 10 will learn in rotation ukulele, percussion, and violin.

Each GEMS class will meet on Sundays at 12:15pm to 1:00pm for 6 weeks in the sanctuary. Classes are free and have room for 10 youth.

Registration is currently open for the Ukulele Class which will meet from **February 16 to March 29**. To register, visit www.LivingWordkaty.org/Events and click on *GEMS Music Immersion - Ukulele Class*.



WANTED: Your Old iPad

Have you recently upgraded your iPad and don't know what to do with your old one? The Music Ministry would like to begin using iPads rather than printed music for the 9:15am praise band and musicians. We are asking for donations of old iPads which will help us save \$\$.

If you have an iPad to donate, contact Barry Sames at barrysames@livingwordkaty.org or simply drop it off at the church office front desk.

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

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Let the Good Times Roll!

The Gathering will host a Mardi Gras themed social on Thursday, **February 20**, in the Life Center. The Gathering team will meet at 8:30 am to put the finishing touches on Bourbon Street and hold a short planning meeting. The good times will begin at 9:30 with the arrival of the guests and conclude at 1:00 pm. Highlights of the day will include crafts, a sing-a-long, a musical program presented by The Learning Center, exercises, games and lunch.

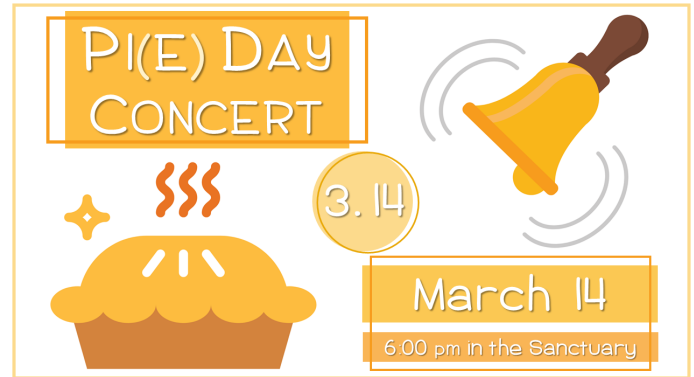
The Gathering team will meet at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, **February 19**, to convert the Life Center into the Big Easy complete with beads, crowns, masks, green, purple and yellow balloons and brightly colored tablecloths.

The Gathering, a Living Word Outreach Ministry, is a social event for men and women with early to moderate memory loss and is held on the third Thursday of the month. The Gathering allows family members a few hours of relaxation as they know their loved one is in a safe, caring environment. For more information contact Mary Lou Volan at 281-578-9878 or mlvolan@gmail.com.

Men and women, as the Gathering's guest list continues to grow so does the need for volunteers. What does being a part of this ministry entail? The word that comes to mind is friendship. Gathering team members visit guests, assist with crafts, sing, play games and make a lot of new friends; our guests and their families soon become our extended family. Come visit the Gathering, if even for an hour or so, and you will find a room filled with happiness and excitement—plus you will enjoy a delicious lunch.



Lent begins with the Imposition of Ashes, a reminder of our shared mortality. We offer two Ash Wednesday services on **February 26** at 12:00pm and 7:00pm which will include imposition of ashes and communion. Or, arrive any time between 5:00am and 7:00am for imposition of ashes before you begin your work day.



We are celebrating our favorite dessert and mathematical number on **March 14** (3.14) with the Pi(e) Day Bells Concert. This presentation of sacred and secular handbell music will be played by the Living Bells. The talented group of musicians will entertain you with some pie-related songs such as the Peacherine Rag and Pi-rates of the Caribbean plus a few sacred pieces we have been playing in church and workshops. Come on out, listen to our delicious concert and stay for some pie afterwards!!



Join us this Lent for Lenten Dinner Church beginning at 6:00pm in the Life Center. Dinner Church is a worship experience shared over a meal that includes communion, scripture, reflection, and prayers.

Individuals and families of all ages are invited to participate in this gathering modeled on the early church. Invite others and come share a meal of soup, salad, and bread. All are welcome!

We are in need of community members with a love of cooking to help prepare and serve meals for our weekly Lenten Dinner Church. We ask that volunteers bring a large pot of soup or chili. To volunteer, please visit the Events page at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click on *Lenten Dinner Church*.

The New Issue of *Living Lutheran*
can be found in the brochure stand in the lobby



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY 2-16

7:45 AM-12:30 PM	Sunday Nursery	Learning Center - Room 15
8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Education	Life Center
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Diamonds Youth Praise Team Rehearsal	Micah Room
12:15 PM	GEMS Music Immersion - Ukulele Class	Martin Luther Room
6:00 PM	Confirmation Learning Event	Life Center

TUESDAY 2-18

9:00 AM	Piecemakers	Life Center
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Group	Grace Place
4:00 PM	Art Class	Martin Luther Room
5:00 PM	Grace Notes Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:45 PM	Jewels Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Living Word Church Council	Conference Room
7:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Ladies' Bible Study	WEEK OFF
8:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 2-19

9:30 AM	Wednesday Bible Study - Morning	Life Center
7:00 PM	Wednesday Bible Study - Evening	Life Center

THURSDAY 2-20

8:30 AM	The Gathering	Life Center
10:00 AM	Support Group for Memory Loss Caretakers	Micah Room
5:00 PM	"Esther" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study	On-line

Friday 2-21

4:00 PM	Craft Hullabaloo	Life Center
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Living Word Lutheran Church

Pastor Emmanuel Jackson, Lead Pastor
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