



Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

# Connect

February 24, 2019

As part of our VISION 2020 initiative, we are beginning to adopt a new holistic approach to Discipleship Formation. Beginning in February we will be using monthly themes to engage ALL Ages in discipleship, connecting sermons, Bible studies, worship, social media campaigns, service projects, discipleship ministry programs, churchwide events and much more. This is meant to be a more engaging way to take on our call as followers of Jesus and to learn new ways to connect with God, one another, and our community here at Living Word.



Our first theme for the month of February is: *Radical Hospitality*. We have many resources available to help you engage more fully in this theme. We hope that you will take advantage of, engage in, and more fully expand your understanding and execution of Radical Hospitality.

Future Monthly Themes: March/April: Go!; April: Journey; June: Closer Connection; July: Justice; August: Back to the Beginning; September: Vocation; October: Harvest; November: Taste and See; December: Hope.

## February Book Suggestions

*Radical Hospitality: Benedicts Way of Love* by Lonni Collins Pratt with Father Daniel Homan, OSB (This will inform our Sunday morning Adult Sunday School Class.)

*Hospitality: God's Call to Compassion* by Patty Pell (This will guide the Wednesday morning and evening Adult Bible Study classes.)

*Plunging into the Kingdom Way* by Tim Dickau

## Radical Hospitality

### ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY RESOURCES

**Facebook:** If you have not already followed us on Facebook, we encourage you to do so. We will be engaging in communication, prayer, and group discussions each week on our Facebook Page: "Living Word Lutheran Church".

**Instagram:** If you have not already followed @LivingWordKaty on Instagram, we encourage you to do so. In future months we will roll out some Photo-A-Day Challenges to engage our community in visual representations of our monthly themes.

**Spotify Playlist:** <https://tinyurl.com/y78lnn2d>

**Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/livingwordkaty/radical-hospitality](https://pinterest.com/livingwordkaty/radical-hospitality)

## Gospel Jazz Vespers

Our first Gospel Jazz Service will feature the gifted vocalist Barbara Walker. Ms. Walker will visit us from Philadelphia, a city with a long tradition of gospel music. The service will feature gospel music from greats such as Mahalia Jackson and Shirley Caesar. Jazz Communion will be given. Barry Sames, Director of Music, will lead the service with local musicians from the Houston area.



The service will be held on Sunday, **March 3** at 5:00pm. A reception will follow the service.

## Today's Change Offering will be designated for Christ Clinic

Christ Clinic in Katy provides comprehensive primary healthcare to adults in the Katy area who have no regular doctor, have no private insurance, Medicare or Veterans' medical benefits, and are low income.



# VISION 2020

*Growing deeper in faith, and broadening our reach  
to the world around us*

## VISION 2020 At a Glance

VISION 2020 is built around Living Word's core values of Welcoming, Equipping, and Sending, with goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound (SMART).

- ⇒ By December 2020, we will have a dedicated group of about 25-50 people meeting regularly in the Fulshear area committed to a new mission start in Fulshear.
- ⇒ By December 2020, Living Word will add an additional staff dedicated to starting a second worship campus in Fulshear.
- ⇒ By December 2020, 50% of our worshipping community will participate in weekly Christian Education and outreach activities.
- ⇒ By December 2020, Living Word's attendance will reach 600 in regular weekly worship.
- ⇒ By December 2020, 40% of our worshipping community will be under the age of 40.
- ⇒ By December 2020, we will develop vibrant ministry networks that connect 100% of all our seniors and those young at heart.
- ⇒ We will engage in ongoing intentional outreach to the unchurched, de-churched, under-churched, non-Lutherans, and those disenfranchised by organized religion.
- ⇒ By December 2020, 10% of our membership will be active tithers, and we will increase our yearly stewardship pledge participation to 30% of our membership.

## Food Drive for Katy Food Pantry

**Next collection date: Sunday 3/03**

The Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry is helping to meet nutritional, emotional, and spiritual needs by assisting families with supplemental food and personal care items. Please help make a difference by bringing your items to worship next Sunday and placing them in the collection barrels in the church lobby. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



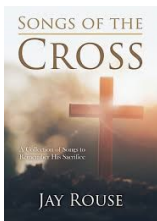
Lent begins with the imposition of ashes—a reminder of our shared mortality, and with a solemn call to fasting and repentance. These forty days are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us. Stay updated through this Lenten season by journeying with us in worship, through service projects, learning events and small group activities. Our theme through Lent is "GO". GO with God into the wilderness. GO with God into the harsh and parched areas of our communities. GO with God into the places where hope is faint. GO with God, who brings light and love. Visit our website [www.livingwordkaty.org](http://www.livingwordkaty.org) for more information and resources for our Lenten journey.

## 2018 Giving Statements

Your 2018 Giving Statement can be found in your mail folder in the lobby. Did you know you can also access and print your Giving Statement online? Go to our website [LivingWordKaty.org](http://LivingWordKaty.org) and click on "For Members".

**For the current list of Living Word events, visit the "EVENTS" page at [LivingWordKaty.org](http://LivingWordKaty.org)**

## Calling All Easter Cantata Singers!



We are beginning rehearsals for our Easter Cantata this week on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.

If you would like to be a part of this year's production, please contact Barry Sames at [barrysames@livingwordkaty.org](mailto:barrysames@livingwordkaty.org).

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## Ladies' Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The book of Genesis and Revelation are about faith and personal belief. Genesis is the past, and Revelation is about the future and the end times. In the study of Revelation, true believers of Jesus Christ should take heart in the fact that God is leading and in control.

Come join us on Tuesday evenings as we continue our study at 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Martin Luther room. All are welcome to come and participate in the study and discussions. For more information, contact Selina at 281-352-4712 or [selinapon@gmail.com](mailto:selinapon@gmail.com).

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## NEW Youth Choir!

Are you a Middle School or High School singer? If so, we need you! We have formed a NEW Living Word Youth Choir which will give you the opportunity to learn, perform and lead worship as a choir with songs ranging from pop to gospel! The choir meets Sundays from 12:15 to 1:15pm in the Micah Room.

To register, go to [LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS](http://LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS). For more information about this choir, contact Chelsea at [ChelseaLerner@LivingWordKaty.org](mailto:ChelseaLerner@LivingWordKaty.org).



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## Praise Dance Team All Ages Welcome!

Practices are held on Sundays after church from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

Practice Dates: February 24  
March 3, 24, 31

Performance: April 7 at 11 am service

Attire for Performance: Long White T-shirt and  
Black Pants or Leggings

To Signup – Please send an email to [praisedanceteamlwlc@gmail.com](mailto:praisedanceteamlwlc@gmail.com) with your name, child's name and age, and phone number.



**Youth Group** will meet on TODAY from 4:00-5:30pm. Anyone is welcome - any year, any background, any interests. Come experience new games, personal connection and fellowship, and challenging Bible study. We'd love to see you! Parents, please consider volunteering to either bring food or sit in on a youth group one week. Please e-mail Christian Capo at [ChristianCapo@LivingWordKaty.org](mailto:ChristianCapo@LivingWordKaty.org) for more information or to sign up.

**Journey to the Cross** is less than 75 days away! Sign up now to be an actor, a narrator, or a runner by emailing Christian Capo at [ChristianCapo@LivingWordKaty.org](mailto:ChristianCapo@LivingWordKaty.org). Practices will be March 24th, 31st, and April 7th.

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**Fellowship in the Life Center** following each service is an opportunity for you to meet others in our congregation and greet our worship guests. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know and make a new friend!

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## SUMMER 2019 Children's Ministry Opportunities

### June 9-14 - Summer Camp at Lutherhill

Register at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) with code Livingword-Katy for youth completing 1st grade - Jr. High.

### June 17-21 - Camp Jam

### July 15-19 - Camp Living Word Day Camp

For children Kindergarten-5th grade

### July 22-26- Camp Living Word Day Camp

For children Kindergarten-5th grade

To sign up for Living Word Children's Ministry e-mails, contact





# Upcoming Events

## SUNDAY 2-24

8:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School: Children and Youth	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Education	Life Center
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Praise Dance Team	Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Percussion Ensemble	Family Room
12:15 PM	Youth Choir	Micah Room
12:15 PM	New Member Class	Life Center
4:00 PM	High School Weekly Meet Up	Life Center
6:00 PM	Confirmation Learning Event	Life Center

## MONDAY 2-25

4:30 PM	Living Word Young Artists	Martin Luther
5:30 PM	Grace Notes Bell Choirs A & B	Narthex
6:00 PM	Jewels Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Grace Notes Bell Choirs C & D	Narthex

## TUESDAY 2-26

7:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Ladies' Bible Study	Martin Luther
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## WEDNESDAY 2-27

9:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study	Life Center
6:15 AM	Praise Band & Adult Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study	Life Center

## THURSDAY 2-28

7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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## Living Word Lutheran Church

Pastor Emmanuel Jackson, Lead Pastor  
Pastor Ariel Williams, Associate Pastor

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