



Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

# Connect

March 17, 2024

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Have you missed any of the sermons in this series? Are there sermons you would like to listen to again? For sermon playlists, visit [www.LivingWordKaty.org/Resources](http://www.LivingWordKaty.org/Resources) and click on "Sermons".



Dinner Church embodies a transformative blend of spirituality and communal gathering, intertwining the sacred tradition of sharing a meal with the practice of worship. Gathered around the table, individuals come together to break bread, exchange stories, and cultivate connections. If you would like to sign up to help with dinner, please visit [www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events](http://www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events) and click on *Lenten Dinner Church*.



Or visit [LivingWordKaty.org/WELCOME](http://LivingWordKaty.org/WELCOME)

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- & MORE!



To support Living Word and our Special Appeal, please scan the QR code.

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Did you know that tracking worship attendance, while not exciting, is important? The Call Committee needs these numbers as they create our Congregation Profile, the Synod regularly asks for this information, and it helps us as we plan and evaluate worship and ministries. Starting on **March 17th**, we're asking members to check in when entering the church lobby. A laptop or iPad will be available to enter your last name, check your first name, and click "Sign In". We welcome your feedback as we test this new procedure. Look for the balloons and helpers in the church lobby!

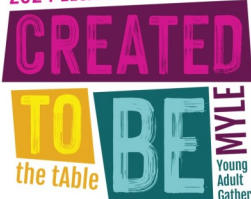
**Join us for Fellowship  
in the Life Center following worship**

## Help Decorate our Sanctuary for Easter!

*Click on "Easter Flowers"  
at [LivingWordKaty.org](http://LivingWordKaty.org)*

The sale of Easter flowers helps support functionally disabled adults at The Brookwood Community located in Brookshire, Texas. Place your order by **March 24** at [www.LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS](http://www.LivingWordKaty.org/EVENTS) by clicking on "Easter Flowers". Flowers may be picked up after the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



**Current 8th-12th graders!** In a few months, we are heading to New Orleans for the triennial ELCA Youth Gathering with about 15,000 of our Lutheran siblings from across the country! Service, speakers,

music and more! It's all happening July 15-20th. Interested? Check out the video and Parent Flyer at [www.livingwordkaty.org/discipleship/high-school](http://www.livingwordkaty.org/discipleship/high-school). Registrations and \$450 payment are due by **April 10th**.

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**JUNE 9TH - 14TH, 2024**

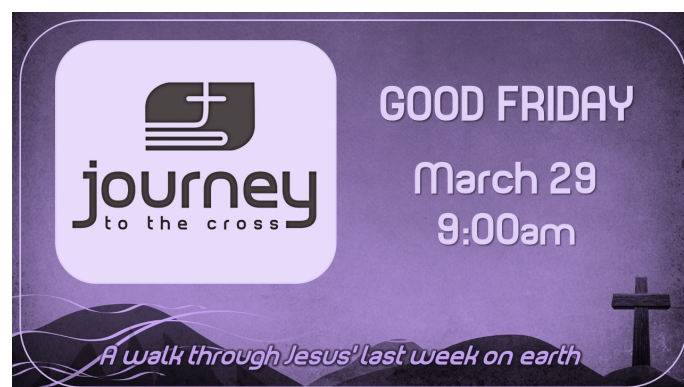
**ALL YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE - TALK TO MR. MARK OR PASTOR ARIEL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

**REGISTER AT: [WWW.LUTHERHILL.ORG](http://WWW.LUTHERHILL.ORG)**



All children from birth to 5th grade are invited to join us on the church lawn for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Don't forget to bring your Easter Baskets! The event will be held rain or shine. Please note that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held in place of Sunday School.



The event will be held from 9:00am to 11:00am with a breakfast following. Families may come and go during this time for an interactive experience of the last week of Jesus' life. There will be multiple stations to experience the different parts of the Holy Week story. In addition there will be a walk-through artistic interpretation of the Stations of the Cross in our outdoor Prayer Labyrinth.

Junior High and High School volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mark at [MarkDellagiacoma@LivingWordKaty.org](mailto:MarkDellagiacoma@LivingWordKaty.org).

## Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Would you enjoy working with Living Word's elementary aged kiddos? To learn more about this opportunity, contact Anna Skalka at [ajskalka@hotmail.com](mailto:ajskalka@hotmail.com).

Our Sunday School teachers work on a rotation, and about 2 hours a week is needed. Sunday School meets from 9:15am to 10:15am, and most teachers arrive about 9:00am. Curriculum is provided, and materials will be prepped for you. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Anna Skalka at [ajskalka@hotmail.com](mailto:ajskalka@hotmail.com).

## Maundy Thursday Worship Services



March 28 at 12:00pm & 7:00pm

## Good Friday Worship Services



March 29 at 12:00pm & 7:00pm

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Call Committee has met three times since they were installed and have a fourth meeting scheduled for March 18th. They are currently working on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that will help potential lead pastor candidates discern if Living Word is where the Holy Spirit is calling them in their next call as a pastor. The MSP gives pastoral candidates a clear picture of Living Word. The profile is extensive, and the committee plans to complete the profile through prayer, discussion, and research over the next few months. This past week, they worked to define the nature of our community, leadership style, programming, and theological perspective. They will continue to update the congregation as they complete different sections of the profile and hit milestones in the process towards completion.

## Office Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a few hours during the week to spend volunteering at the church office? To learn more, contact Anna Skalka at [ajskalka@hotmail.com](mailto:ajskalka@hotmail.com). Some computer proficiency is required, however training will be provided.

## Cowboys and Horses and Steers, OH MY!



Stop any person in the country and ask them what they think of Houston. They may start talking about boots, spurs, ten gallon hats and six shooters! But Houston was never a cow town. We do, though, have the biggest Rodeo in all of the land!!

We will celebrate the Rodeo this month at the Gathering with the theme "Giddy Up Rodeo!" On **March 21st** we will host a social in the Life Center beginning with our guests arriving around 10:00am. Our Gathering Team will meet at 9:00am to discuss the itinerary for the day, welcome any new volunteers and plan for future events. On Wednesday the 20th at 1:00pm, we need volunteers to join us in decorating the Life Center for our celebration.

Our featured entertainment this month will be a two-parter. Up first will be a dancing troupe called "The Sistas" who will be dancing to some country music. After that our Living Word Quartet which includes, Art Hodgdon, Sandy Wills, Rochelle Lamport and Ephraim Danforth, will perform a medley of ABBA songs. Our event will also include a program presented by the Learning Center pre-school students, a visit from Mia and Sawyer the therapy dogs, exercise, and games. A delicious themed lunch will also be served by our dedicated meal team. During The Gathering, Mona Fogt will lead Common Ground, a support group established for family caregivers that offers emotional support, encouragement, friendships and helpful tips about self-care and caregiving.

We would for love you to be a part of the Gathering Team of Volunteers!! If you are interested in this very important ministry, please contact either Ken Skogen at 281-770-2836 or [ken@kenscogen.net](mailto:ken@kenscogen.net) OR Rochelle Lamport at 832-646-4344 or [rochelle\\_lamport@yahoo.com](mailto:rochelle_lamport@yahoo.com). If you would like to volunteer for the meal team that provides lunch for team members and guests, please contact Patricia Cornelius at 832-541-8692 or [pacornelius@gmail.com](mailto:pacornelius@gmail.com).

## easter SUNDAY

6:30 am – Sunrise Worship  
8:00 am - In-Person & Live Stream  
10:30 am - In-Person & Live Stream





# Upcoming Events

<b>SUNDAY 3/17</b>	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary & Live Stream
	9:15 AM	Sunday School	The Learning Center
	9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation	Martin Luther
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary & Live Stream
	5:00 PM	Grief Support Group	WEEK OFF
	6:00 PM	Confirmation	The Life Center
<b>TUESDAY 3/19</b>	9:00 AM	Piecemakers	Life Center
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Group	Grace Place
	4:00 PM	Youth Art Class	Martin Luther
	5:00 PM	Grace Notes Rehearsal	Worship Building
	5:30 PM	Jewels Choir Rehearsal	Worship Building
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/20</b>	9:30 AM	Wednesday Bible Study	Life Center
	6:00 PM	Lenten Dinner Church	Life Center
<b>THURSDAY 3/21</b>	10:00 AM	The Gathering	Life Center
	10:00 AM	Common Ground Caregivers Meeting	Martin Luther
	7:00 PM	Living Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY 3/22</b>	5:00 PM	Craftabaloo	Grace Place

## Living Word Lutheran Church

Pastor Ariel Otterstad, Associate Pastor  
Pastor Mark England, Interim Pastor

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