



Connect

Living Word's Weekly Newsletter

June 29, 2025



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in learning more about assisting with Sunday School this fall, please contact Pastor Jeff.



Scan our QR Code:

- CHECK IN
- GIVE
- EVENTS & SIGN UPS
- WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- & MORE!

Or visit LivingWordKaty.org/WELCOME

Our QR code allows you to access important information about Living Word and also allows us to get to know you. After you use your cell phone to scan the code, tap "CONNECTION CARD" to let us know you attended worship today. Scanning the QR Code allows you to give, see upcoming events, request prayers, volunteer, signup for our email list, or let us know if you would like to join Living Word!



We Need Your Help!

Do you knit or crochet? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of more handmade shawls to bless those in need of comfort and prayer. Any pattern is welcome, and Living Word will provide the yarn. If you'd like to lend your time and talents to this meaningful ministry, please contact Kathy Aaron at kathy2911@sbcglobal.com or call 713-858-6072 for more information.

Praise Team Singers Needed!



Living Word's Praise Team is looking for singers to be in our rotation. You don't need to know how to read music, and there's no regular commitment, as the teams rotate singers as available. Try something new this summer, enjoy singing with the Praise Team! Contact Barry Sames at BarrySames@LivingWordKaty.org to learn more.

CAMP JAM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To make this year's Camp Jam a huge success, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are calling all inspired, engaging and excited young leaders to volunteer for Living Word's Camp Jam. We have all kinds of volunteer opportunities, including to serve and lead! You don't have to have a music and arts background to volunteer, so scan the QR code and review the opportunities. Pick the areas where you can thrive and make an impact on our young campers!



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Please send them to
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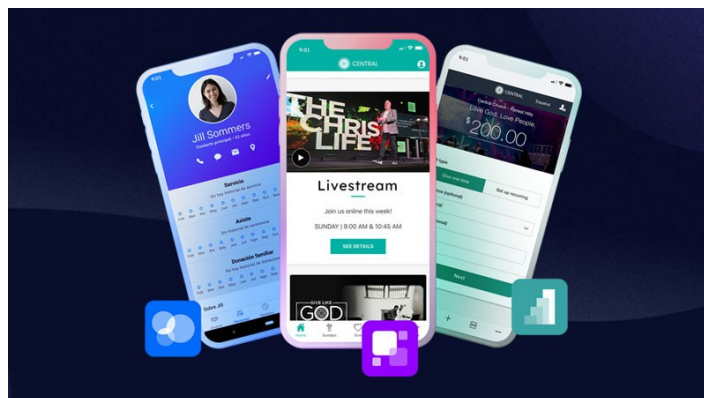
Registration is open for Camp Jam, Living Word's Music Immersion Day Camp! This year, Camp Jam will be held for **only one week**, from **July 28th to August 1st**. All children ages 5 to 10 years old are invited to register for an exciting week of fun and music immersion. **Spots will fill quickly, so register soon!** To register scan the QR code or click on *Camp Jam Registration* at www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events.



The New Issue of *Christ in Our Home*
can be found in the brochure stand in the lobby
Pick up your complimentary copy today!

Our Piano is Getting a Makeover!

After 10 years our piano is in dire need of a polishing/rebuffing. The Music Ministry is asking for any donations to cover this cost. If you are feeling led to help us with this, please contact Barry Sames at 832-808-6717 or email at BarrySames@LivingWordKaty.org.



We're excited to share that Living Word is transitioning to **PushPay/ChurchStaq**, our new church management and giving platform. This upgrade will streamline how you give, register for events, and stay connected. Be on the lookout—emails will be going out in the coming weeks with easy steps to set up your account. Thank you for walking with us through this transition!



Living Word is seeking a detail-oriented and trustworthy individual to serve as our next Bookkeeper. If you or someone you know has experience in financial record-keeping and a heart for ministry, we'd love to hear from you! To apply, submit your resume in one of the following ways: drop it off at the Church Office, email it to livingwordkaty@livingwordkaty.org, or mail it to Living Word Lutheran Church, Attn: Director of Operations, 3700 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450. Questions? Call 281.392.2300 and ask for the Director of Operations.

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



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY 6/29	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary & Live Stream
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary & Live Stream
TUESDAY 7/1	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Group	Conference Room
FRIDAY 7/4	ALL DAY	Office Closed - Independence Day	

Living Word Lutheran Church

Pastor Jeff Bergeron, Lead Pastor
Pastor Ariel Otterstad, Associate Pastor

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Our Ministry Partners

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod | Katy Christian Ministries | Christ Clinic | Upbring
Treehouse Campus Ministry at Texas A&M University | Lutherhill Ministries | Luz Divina Church - Peru
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic | Living Water International | Acts of Wisdom
Zoe Empowers | The King's Embrace | Tree4Hope | Bright Stars of Bethlehem



Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time.

Make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting

Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives.

Living Word will be training another class of Stephen Ministers from September 2025 to March 2026. Stephen Minister Applications are in the Narthex at Kiosk #1. They are due on June 30th. Please place the application in a sealed envelope with "Deliver to Sue Carlson" written on it. Turn in applications to Darcee Huttenhoff at the church's front office.

Join a worldwide tradition of caring ministry

Congregations all over the world use Stephen Ministry, and have trained hundreds of thousands of Stephen Ministers who have gone on to care for millions of hurting people. It's this ongoing tradition of "Christ caring for people through people" that you'll join as a Stephen Minister.

Help our congregation ensure that no one suffers alone

Caring for one another is a hallmark of the Christian faith. As a Stephen Minister, you will play a crucial role in helping our congregation carry out that mission so that, even if we can't take away their pain, those who are suffering know our church truly cares.

Learn what to say and do, and what not to say and do, to care effectively for people who are suffering.

Stephen Minister training teaches highly practical caregiving and relational skills that equip and empower you with everything you need to effectively care for others. In addition to preparing you for caring ministry, these skills can help you deepen and enhance relationships in all facets of your life with family, friends, coworkers, and others.

Be involved in meaningful ministry that uses your spiritual gifts.

Serving as a Stephen Minister gives people an opportunity to put their spiritual gifts into action—gifts such as faith, mercy, compassion, and encouragement. Ministry that draws on your gifts is personally fulfilling and touches people's lives in powerful ways.

Deepen your faith as you see God at work through your ministry.

Providing care while trusting in God is at the core of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers regularly say how their faith deepens as they experience training, learn to use distinctively Christian caring tools, and witness God at work in the lives of their care receivers.

Be part of a group of caring Christians who support each other as they care for those who are hurting.

One of the blessings of being a Stephen Minister is being part of a community of people who care, all of whom lift one another up as they strive together to provide the best possible ministry. The strong relationships you'll form are both rewarding and a great source of support.

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All event volunteer opportunities and
event registrations are available on the
“EVENTS” page at www.LivingWordKaty.org.
Simply click on the event!

“For Members” Webpage

Accessing your member information and giving information from the “For Members” page of our website requires a login to ShelbyNext. Your Username is your first name and last name separated by a period.

Forgot your password? Use the Password Reset to get a new one! Questions? Contact Julia in the church office at JuliaWiseman@LivingWordKaty.org.

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!

We're currently seeking dedicated volunteers to join us for all our Sunday Services. If you're eager to get involved, scan the QR code on the front page of CONNECT and click on “Worship Volunteers”. Or, on the homepage of our website www.LivingWordKaty.org click on “Volunteer Opportunities” then “Worship Volunteer Signup”.

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Living Word participates in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** which means that a percentage of your purchase is returned to Living Word in cash. During the last reward period, 42 households participated and Living Word received \$94.66.

If you are not currently participating, you can enroll in this program online now at Kroger.com. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. 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!

Our YouTube Channel

Our live streams and past worship services can be viewed at our YouTube channel **LivingWordKatyTX**. You can access YouTube directly, or go to our channel by clicking the YouTube icon on the homepage of our website www.LivingWordKaty.org. **Don't forget to subscribe so you don't miss any new videos!**

Your donations will help support the Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry! Please drop off your items in the barrels in the church lobby.

We're currently seeking dedicated volunteers to join us for all our Sunday Services. If you're eager to get involved, do any of the following:

1. Scan the QR code in CONNECT and click on “Worship Volunteers”.
2. Go to www.LivingWordKaty.org/Welcome and click on “Worship Volunteers”.
3. On our website www.LivingWordKaty.org click on “Volunteer Opportunities” on the homepage, then “Worship Volunteer Signup”.

For any inquiries about volunteering or available roles, feel free to reach out to Ephraim Danforth at ephraimdanforth@livingwordkaty.org.

Your donations will help support the Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry! Please drop off your items in the barrels in the church lobby.

For a list of most needed items, visit www.LivingWordKaty.org/Events and click on “Food Drive for Katy Food Pantry”. Also, this is a good opportunity to recycle your plastic grocery bags because the food pantry can use those as well!

Little Free Library

The Living Word Little Free Library is located in the church lobby and is a ministry of Living Word. A free library is a “take a book, leave a book” style free book exchange. Living Word will provide child, family and adult friendly books and resources free for the taking.

If you have books that fit that description that you would

like to share with others you can bring them and place them on the shelf as well.

If you have any questions about the Living Word Little Free Library, please contact Mark Dellagiacomma.

*"Every lovingly crafted stitch contains a special prayer --
That God will send His peace to you
and keep you in His care.
As the shawl drapes 'round your shoulders
in morning or at night,
know that He is with you always
to make your burden light."*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Living Word invites you to share these shawls, free of charge, with your friends and family who may be in need of God's loving care. Where do you find the shawls? They are on the shelving unit in the church lobby. **Please sign the Shawl Registry Book** located on the shelf when you take a shawl to give someone so that that the recipient can be added to the prayer list.

The ministry has also added making Prayer Beads. Shawls go to people undergoing medical procedures, having surgery, fighting cancer, during bereavement, for meditation, marriage and the birth of a child. The shawls are for any occasion of sorrow or celebration. The Prayer Beads are for meditation and prayer.

Interested in joining? The group meets next on **June 6** at 10:00am in Grace Place. Bring your shawl projects to work on and share your current project progress and patterns. New members are welcome!

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Community Outreach via Facebook

Social media is an important communication channel, and you can help engage others in Living Word's ministry through our Facebook page. 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!

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Living Word offers Stephen Ministry to provide confidential, one on one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. If you are experiencing any of life's challenges and are hurting, then give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister. Please contact Sue Carlson at scarlson225@gmail.com for more information.

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