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December 2017 Newsletter

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Worshiping

Christmas In The Valley

Christmas is different in the valley. I found that out five years ago when I celebrated my first Christmas in Chandler. I was in my church office putting some last minute touches on that evening's message when I heard what sounded like a lawn mower! "A lawn mower?" I thought, "Impossible". Many Christmas Eve's I have heard the groan of the snow blower out my office window, but a lawn mower? Never! Christmas is different in the valley.

My second encounter was when Harvey (who was serving as the Elder for the first service) said to me as I entered the Sanctuary; "Don't worry Pastor, we have the AC cranked up for the crowd that will be coming". I was used to the church being a little chilly on Christmas Eve, but for lack of heat not because of running the air conditioner. Christmas is different in the valley.

Finally, I realized at the last service of the evening that I had greeted folks wishing them a hearty "Merry Christmas" while standing on the sidewalk outside of the church....and I was not wearing a parka! Christmas is different in the valley.

Is Christmas different for you this year? Perhaps, this is your first Christmas away from family? You moved to the valley for retirement, a job transfer or just to enjoy the beautiful weather. Now reality is hitting home. The kids or your parents won't be sitting next to you in church this year or opening presents with you on Christmas morning. Christmas is different this year.

Maybe, this Christmas you won't have a loved one to celebrate with? Some cruel illness or other cause has taken them from you. As you try to get ready for Christmas, it just doesn't feel right. Traditions don't invoke the familiar warm sentimental feelings. You know others are alone, but that is not who you see. All you observe are happy, smiling and loving families. Christmas is different this year.

What I discovered five years ago is still true today-the circumstance in which we celebrate Christmas might be different, but what we celebrate remains the same. We celebrate the fact that we have a God who loved us enough to enter our world as one of us. God comes as a baby, born of Mary and yet, He is the savior of all. We celebrate that through Jesus we have a family of faith standing beside us in church. We are comforted by the fact that because He was born, our loved ones are with Him where there is no disease, pain, or sorrow.

Christmas in the valley might be different for you this year, but I pray that the joy of what we celebrate remains the same for you. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11). Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ron

Sunday Worship Services

7:30 am Traditional
8:50 am Contemporary – Praise Team
10:10 am Contemporary – Praise Team
11:30 am Traditional

Communion is given at ALL 11:30 am services each week.

Communion is given at ALL services on the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays.

Church office hours are **8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday**

The church office will be closed December 25th and January 1st.

Risen Savior's 25th Anniversary Celebration *“Celebrating God's Faithfulness”*



This event begins on **Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 pm** at the Oakwood Country Club. The celebration will conclude **Sunday, December 3rd with two 90-minute, special worship services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.** Looking forward to seeing each of you during this memorable weekend.

Service of Remembrance

The Caring Committee invites all friends and members of Risen Savior to attend our 3rd Annual Service of Remembrance on **Monday, December 4th at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Prayers, music and a message of hope and promise will be included. If you have lost someone dear to you, remember them by calling the church office and leaving their name for Pastor Mark. During the service each name will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory.



Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 6th and 13th, 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Advent Meals will be served before both evening services in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm. If you are planning on attending either meal, please sign-up the Sunday prior in the courtyard.

Meal Schedule: **December 6th** – Meal will be served by the **LWML** and all proceeds will be forwarded through the LCMS relief to hurricane victims. The menu will be croissant sandwiches, fruit and dessert. The meal cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for ages 3 – 12.

December 13th – Meal will be served by **The Perfect Place** and they are asking for good will donations.

ELC Christmas Program

This program will be on **December 20th at 6:00pm**. There will be a light meal served at **5:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a free will offering. The program will immediately follow in the Sanctuary. This is an open event, feel free to invite a friend.



Christmas Worship Services



Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve
(note: no regular morning services this Sunday)

12:30 pm - Traditional*
2:30 pm - Contemporary
4:00 pm - Contemporary
5:30 pm - Contemporary*
7:15 pm - Traditional*
9:00 pm - Traditional*

**denotes communion served*
All services will feature candlelight.

Christmas Day
10:30 am

On Christmas Day (Monday, December 25th) we will have one worship service at 10:30 am. Christmas hymns will be led from the organ and the choir will sing as well.

A Christmas Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service at 12:00 pm. Reservations are required; please contact Jane Zehnder at (480) 802-5334 by December 17th to reserve your spot.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Services: Pastor Ron preaching

Sunday, December 24th

12:30 pm Traditional* 5:30 pm Contemporary*
2:30 pm Contemporary 7:15 pm Traditional*
4:00 pm Contemporary 9:00 pm Traditional*

**denotes communion served*

Christmas Day Service: Pastor Teuscher preaching

Monday, December 25th at 10:30 am Traditional without Communion

Nursery During Worship

Our Nursery is available at all services for children aged 0-3 years old; turn to your left when coming through the main front doors and follow the signs. For the safety of all our kids, please sign your children in and out. **Adult volunteers** are needed in the nursery during the **10:10 am** service. If you can help, please contact the church office at **(480) 895-6782**.

New Members Orientation

If you're interested in getting connected and finding out more about who we are at Risen Savior and joining our church, please call the church office at (480) 895-6782.

Please Welcome our November New Members



Christopher and Heather Duensing



Joan Laubenstein



Larry and Gwen Jacox



Diane Lydy



Warren & Sandy Kingsbury



Mac and LuAnn McCarty



Mojo Krup



David & Heather Melendez and family



Mary Root



June Shafer



Lyle and Carole Schossow



Lee and Deborah Stroh



Beverly Schueneman



Ralph Whitehead

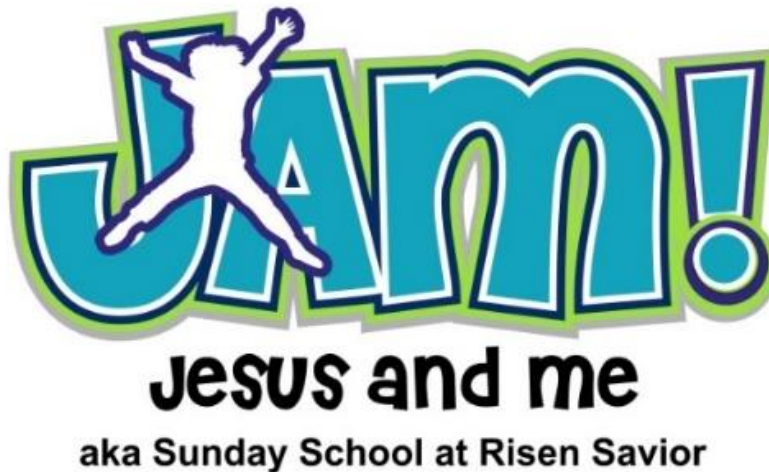


Jean Selle

Director of Family Ministry Update

Andy Frerich declined our call to be the Director of Family Ministry (DCE). For now, the Staffing MAT is going to hold off until the beginning of the new year to reconvene. To issue a call to an individual right before Christmas seems ill advised. If a call was issued, the candidate and their family would have to go through a difficult decision process in the midst of the busyness of the season. God has a plan for the next person to join our team at Risen Savior and in His time, He will bring that person to us.

Sunday School Information



Risen Savior's Sunday School Ministry

- Every lesson points to Jesus
- Highly interactive lessons come fully loaded with hands-on activities, video, music and discussion in both small and large groups
- Curriculum covers the entire Bible—Genesis to Revelation—in three years

Come join in the fun on **Sunday mornings at 10:10 am** as we learn about Jesus and grow in love for Him! All children Age 3 - Grade 5 are welcome. Check in near the Sanctuary, meet in second floor classrooms. **Questions?** Contact Shelley Nelson, nelsons@rslcs.org

Ignite Confirmation Ministry

Ignite is where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. **Questions?** Contact Shelley at NelsonS@rslcs.org. or (480) 855-9264.



High School Bible Study

Spend time together exploring God's Word. See how much He loves you and cares about you! His good and perfect Word applies to your life today. Join Craig Dunning at **10:10am on Sunday** in The Pathway Center. Questions? Contact Shelley at Nelsons@rslcs.org.

Group Bible Studies

Bible studies will NOT be meeting on **Sunday, December 3rd** due to our 25th celebration services at **8:30 am and 10:30 am**. Adult Forum also will not be meeting on **December 10th**, due to the Quilt and Bake Show in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum - Led by Pastor Teuscher

The Reformation started 500 years ago but, it has had an enormous influence on every area of life. We will examine the effects of the Reformation on the lands of Europe, England and the Calvinist Theology, which still affects Americans today. Class meets every **Sunday at 8:40 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Weekly Bible Study – Led by Pastor Mark Hoffman

What does 666 mean? What is meant by the four horsemen of the apocalypse? Come to a new Bible study and learn what the symbols in the book of Revelation mean and what we can learn and apply from this book to our daily lives. This study is on Wednesdays at **5:30 pm to 6:30pm**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend!

Men's Early Bird Bible Study

The Men's Early Bird Saturday Gathering will continue **Saturday, December 8th and 22nd**, in The Pathway Center. Come early for coffee and donuts at **7:15 am** with discussion and Bible study from **7:30 am to 8:30 am**. This group meets the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Deuth at **(480) 766-3626**.

Calling All Solos

Solos is a group of singles that meet for activities each month. Both members and friends are welcome to participate in any or all activities.

December: Join SOLOS on **Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 pm** for **Game Night and Diamond Lake Luminaria** (you can opt out of Luminaria and do game night only). All Solos who want to see the Luminaria will meet in the church parking lot at **6:00 pm**. Everyone else will meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, snacks and beverages. This time it's the last names that start with L to Z's turn to bring snacks. Remember all singles are welcome from the church and community.

January: The **SOLOS January event** will be at **Barleens Arizona Opry for the Lunch Variety Show Spectacular**. The show is on **Saturday, January 20th**. **Doors open at 11:15 am, lunch is served at 12:30 pm and the show is from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. The opry is about 45 minutes away in Apache Junction. **Ticket cost is \$39.00**, which includes the show, meal, tax and gratuity. If you are interested in carpooling, meet at the church parking lot by 11:15 am. To make your reservation, contact **Irene** at **iolson@centurylink.net** or **(480)947-4515**. **Reservations are needed by December 15th**.



Women's Ministries

Grace Girls Update: It is with joy and thanksgiving we share the generosity of the Grace Girls group this past November. They provided over 30 complete Thanksgiving meals for the families in Circle of Healing. They filled boxes, brought in checks and they are filling bodies and souls with not only the bread on their table but with the seed of the bread of life from our savior, Jesus Christ!

Circle of Healing (COH) provides services and resources to homeless or low income at risk youth (K-12th grade), parents and elderly. COH services include education, violence/drug prevention education, cultural awareness, and positive character development, through crisis intervention, guidance, instruction, positive activities, and mentoring. The Grace Girls at Risen Savior along with the RS staff, RS fellowship team, RS Men's Group, anonymous members, their families and friends are the only active servants giving directly into this ministry at this time. Thank You for continuing to provide goods and gifts!

A special Thank You to our friends at Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School and Church who also joined us this year to provide Thanksgiving meals!

O Holy Night
the stars are brightly shining
it is the night
OF OUR DEAR
SAVIORS
Birth
Long lay the world
in sin & error pining
till HE appeared
and the soul felt His worth



Grace Girls

Christmas Retreat

“O Holy Night” - “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”
Isaiah 9:6

Tuesday, December 5th

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Pathway Center-Risen Savior Campus

23714 S. Alma School Rd, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Worship/Teaching/Small Group/Craft

Coffee and hot cocoa bar, Christmas cookies and light crackers

Grace Girls boutique/*checks only please*

Please bring one dozen stocking stuffers for the children in Circle of Healing

"We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19

Limited seating, so reserve your seat today!

gracegirls@rslcs.org

or Annie Wolf at

Grace Girls Ministries

(480) 203-1880

Pause, Pray, Rejoice!

Serving

Risen Savior Choirs

Risen Savior adult choir rehearses at **7:00 pm on Thursdays** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Questions? Contact Bill Bade at wlb7939@centurylink.net

Risen Savior Hand bell Choir rehearses on **Thursdays** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. We are in need of substitute bell ringers. If interested, please email Carla Robertson at organist@rslcs.org.

Caring Ministries Team

Seniors, if you are looking for information regarding transitioning into Independent or Assisted Living, contact PACE (People, Access, Community, Education) at **(480) 246-3515**. They will help you make informed decisions and their housing directory will help you narrow your options and make the process easier. You can also find them on the internet at www.seniorhousing.org.

Blood Pressure Screening are on the **2nd Sunday** of the month in the Church hallway. Our next meeting will be in the Church Conference room on **December 10th**. If you are interested in serving on the Caring Ministries Committee (you do not have to be in the medical profession), please contact: Nancy Gooding at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

Caring Ministries Emails

If you or someone you know would like to notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number. For prayer submissions to the News & Notes weekly prayer partners, please email prayers@rslcs.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit or crochet and wish to be a part of the team that knits or crochets these shawls, please contact Nancy Gooding at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

These shawls are given to shut-ins, someone grieving a loss, hospitalized, etc. If you know of someone, please contact Pastor Mark. Enclosed with each shawl is this lovely prayer.

*This shawl was created especially for you
With love and prayers,
May God who formed your being,
Who knit you together in your mother's womb,
Who gave you the breath of life,
Renew you this day and give you hope
To sustain you.
May this prayer shawl be a sign of Christ's
Healing presence.
May it warm you when you are weary:
May it surround you with comfort to ease
Your suffering;
May it encircle you with caring when you
Are in pain.
Wear this prayer shawl and remember
Jesus loves you.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church
Care Committee*

Prayer Warriors

The Prayer Warriors will be meeting weekly on **Thursdays at 8:00 am** in The Pathway Center where they pray for everyone on our prayer list. They would also like to send cards to those in the military and on missions, so if you have an address for them, please include it when completing your prayer request or send it to prayerwarriors@rslcs.org.

Anyone can join this group and there is no cost to attend.

Altar Guild

If you would like to serve on Altar Guild and have questions, please contact Linda Peiffer at (480) 993-6083 or Joan Lange, (602) 405-8910.



Sunday Volunteer Sign-up Process

Our Sunday morning volunteer positions are scheduled through Planning Center. **We are using a tool in Planning Center called “Sign-up-Sheets”.** Rather than the office scheduling you, **now you will be able to choose which Sundays/service you’d like to serve.**

At the beginning of each month you will receive an email asking you to select which Sundays you would like to serve. These dates will be saved in your Planning Center account and you’ll receive reminder emails as the date approaches.

We know that some of our married couples that use Planning Center share the same email address. If you do, here’s what we need ONE of you to do: (One of you may keep your current password, but the other needs to create a new one). Enter the link to get to the sign-in page of Planning Center at <https://accounts.planningcenteronline.com>. Type in your email address and click the checkmark button. **Remember, if you share an email address with another Planning Center user, you must keep track of which account you’re accessing when you are signing up or making changes to your schedule.**

Another hint: any time you’re in Planning Center you can identify the account by looking at the top right of your browser window. **Thank you for your patience as we continue to learn this software.** Please call Susan Myres with questions, (480) 895-6782.

Fellowship

Sunday Morning’s - Join us for coffee and donuts in-between services on the patio. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and to sign up and serve.



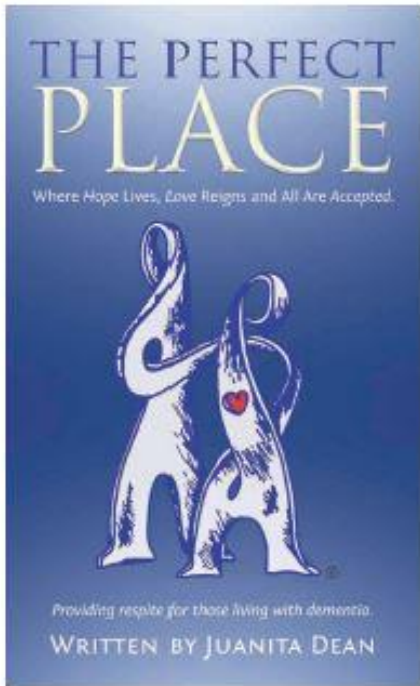
The Fellowship Committee invites you to join them for **Christmas Day Dinner on December 25th after service at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Reservations are needed by **December 17th.** Please sign up on the patio after services. Call Jane at **(480) 802-5334** with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

The Perfect Place

The Perfect Place is a recreational adult day care facility in Sun Lakes providing a safe, structured environment for socialization activities for seniors, thereby enabling their caregivers an opportunity for Respite. The staff and dedicated team of volunteers recognize the caregiver challenges and needs of their loved ones. Most of them have had a loved one for whom they were the caregiver. Realizing the challenges these caregivers face, The Staff took on the project of writing a book focusing in on the caregivers' journeys with their loved ones faced with dementia and other cognitive and neurological diseases.

We are excited to have completed this project, making it available to the community! Copies may be purchased by calling The Perfect Place office or by going to the website: <http://www.theperfectplacebook.org>.

OUR BOOK is NOW AVAILABLE!!



THE PERFECT PLACE
Where Hope Lives, Love Reigns and All Are Accepted.
JUANITA DEAN
Hardback 978-1-9736-0819-0 Paperback 978-1-9736-0820-6
E-book 978-1-9736-0821-3
Available now from
www.westbowpress.com
<http://www.theperfectplacebook.org>

*"Adult day programming is often a positive experience for both the person with dementia and the family.
The Perfect Place demonstrates how people with dementia and their families can thrive when care is well-planned and supportive."*

—Geri Hall, PhD, AARNP, GCNS, FAAN and
Advanced Practice Nurse for Banner Alzheimer's Institute

Yes! I would like to support THE PERFECT PLACE

Order your book from the WestBow Press web site:
<http://www.theperfectplacebook.org>

Hardcover: \$28.95 Softcover: \$11.95 ebook: \$3.99
Or

Place your order with THE PERFECT PLACE. We will order your book and you can pick it up at: 23914 S. Alma School Rd. (behind RSLC)
480-895-2892

THE PERFECT PLACE

Where Hope Lives, Love Reigns, and All Are Accepted provides an honest look at the challenges caregivers face when caring for someone with dementia. In it you will meet several incredible individuals who, when faced with their loved one's dementia diagnosis, did all of the following: struggled, cried, laughed, prayed, and reached out to find help at a place called The Perfect Place.

If you believe your family or caregiver would benefit from our program, contact The Perfect Place office and our staff would be happy to talk with you. Contributions from service organizations and personal donations focus on program development and offer much needed scholarships to those families faced with financial challenges and would otherwise not be able to bring their loved one to the program to gain that Respite. We offer a receipt as we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Missions

Barnabas Military Mission

There will not be a meeting in December, we will reconvene on **January 11th** in The Pathway Center.

Our current project is to organize a *STAND DOWN* for all Veterans, Active Duty, and Reserve military personnel. A *STAND DOWN* is a program that enlists the assistance of local businesses, medical professionals and others who provide services to our Veterans that include medical, dental, hygiene, haircuts and additional services that they usually do not get for themselves on a regular basis. It takes place one-two times a year in a large park or other accessible location.

Veterans and all interested individuals are urged to attend and bring a friend. (*This group meets the second Thursday of each month. There is no cost to attend*). For more information contact Herman Swanson at herm1956@gmail.com or (253) 820-2840.

Bring your best ideas on how to make this a real success!

Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Mission Workers have produced a Biblically themed calendar that allows those that are blind or visually impaired feel the illustrations that tell the story of God's love. If you would like either a Braille or large print calendar, provide your name, address and desired format to **Kay Wellik (480) 838-4552** or kwellik@cox.net. *There is no charge for the calendars.*

Lutheran Braille Missions workers meet every **Tuesday at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Piece Maker Quilters

15 quilts were given to The Salvation Army in November.

On display at our Annual Quilt and Bake Sale held on **December 10th** this year will be a wonderful scrap book that Marie Kiehl put together over the years showing what we are all about. Also on display will be samples of the bandages we make and send to Global Health Ministries.

Proceeds from the sale go towards batting and any supplies needed to continue our mission of providing quilts to those in need and postage to send the bandages for doctors who provide health care in poverty stricken countries.

If you would like to donate baked goods for the upcoming sale you may drop them off the day of the sale beginning at **7:00 am** or if you would like to make arrangements for someone to pick up the baked goods please call Sandra Devine **480-207-6177** or Barb Fox **480-814-8441**.

LCEF

Align Your Investments with Your Personal Values

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) empowers ministries to share the Gospel and build God's kingdom through Word and deed. An investment with LCEF puts your blessings from God to work for ministries, supporting what you value most. Making disciples is something we all can share through the LCEF ministry. There are a variety of LCEF investments to suit your needs. Find out more at **lcef.org** or call **1-800-843-5233**.



Active Duty Military Personnel

We would like to acknowledge and pray for all active duty military personnel associated with RSLCS. Please contact us on the prayer request line **prayers@rslcs.org**, on a pew card or by phone with their names. Cards will be sent if you include an address. First names are now posted in the display case outside to the left of the Narthex.

The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest



Showing kindness, doing justice and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve 10 counties across Arizona. Arizona non-profits do many things well that make this state a better place to live but we do this with the support of many partners. You are the rock stars. Thanks for creating the kind of community God envisions for Arizona. To learn more about the work of LSS-SW, please visit their website and subscribe to their e-newsletter, www.lss-sw.org.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)



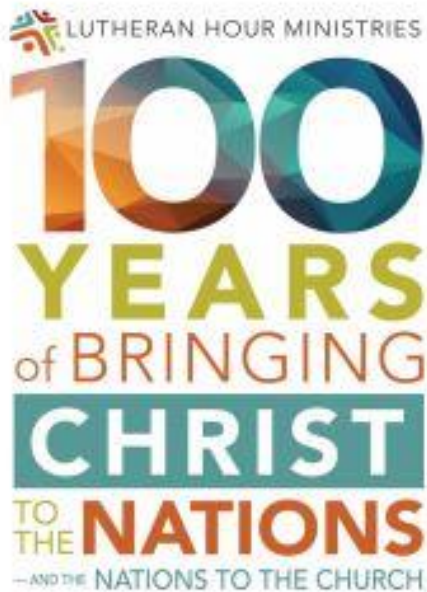
Membership in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League consists of women who are communicant members of the LCMS congregations and who participate by promoting the LWML programs. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Christian fellowship with other women of Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

The December meeting for LWML will be on **Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm** in The Pathway Center. The program will be a *Christmas Devotion, The MAGNIFICAT – THE SONG OF MARY*. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

The Lutheran Hour- Did you know that each week you may listen to The Lutheran Hour at your convenience? Please visit www.lhm.org and find the box labeled *This Week on TLH*. Then scroll down to the "Listen Now" tab. The radio program is available for your listening encouragement. Please share this information with your shut-in friends and neighbors.

Grand Canyon Lutheran Hour Ministries Rally

Save the date – the day will begin at **8:00am** and conclude by **3:00pm** with a free-will offering taken for lunch. The worship service offering is designated for the Grand Canyon District project in Paraguay. Keith Peterson will represent Lutheran Hour Ministries and provide an update on Paraguay



2018 Lutheran Hour Ministries **Grand Canyon District Rally**

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

Join us for a fun-filled and informative
day of activity.



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| 8:00am – 8:45am | Registration & Breakfast |
| 9:00am | Welcome |
| 9:15am | Paraguay Presentation |
| 9:30am | Presentation from J. Lampe
from the Bible Museum |
| 10:45am | Musical Concert
with International Emmy Award
winning Musician – Dr. Jesse McGuire |
| 12:15pm | Lunch |

To register/RSVP
Sharon Kolanowski
kolanosm@q.com
480-227-2844

Event to be held at:



Life in Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

14802 N. 75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381

Chandler Salvation Army Support

The food drop-off for the Chandler Salvation Army is the first **Sunday** of each month. Please bring your non-perishables to the **cabinet** located in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall. The donation box for clothing and small household goods for the Salvation Army is located in the northwest corner of the church parking lot.

The holiday season is almost here and the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for money counting, bell ringers or help at the Chandler Fashion Mall with the Angel Tree. Call **(480) 963-2041** to sign up, all age groups are welcome.

Social Media

Did you know that Risen Savior has a twitter and Facebook account? Be sure to “like”, “tweet” and “follow” us to stay connected!



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rslcs/>

Twitter: @RSLCS

Miscellaneous

Risen Savior Turkey Drive Update

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the Chandler Food Bank. We had another successful Risen Savior Turkey Drive last month! We collected 94 frozen turkeys and over \$3,500.00, which we estimate will provide the food bank with over **350** turkeys to be distributed to Chandler families on Thanksgiving. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts to provide food assistance to those who struggle to feed their families.

Operation Christmas Child Update



This year's Operation Christmas Child campaign was record breaking! We had **601** boxes returned, which was an increase from last year's **500**! These boxes will be sent to the Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Peru and Mongolia. A number of boxes will also go to Native Americans here in the United States.

Community Christmas Concert



*If You Appreciate Well-Performed Christmas Music,
and, If You Like to Sing Christmas Carols, then You
Will Love The...*

Community Christmas Concert

December 17th, 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm

ADMISSION FEE:
Two Cans of Food Per Adult
To benefit the Chandler Food Bank

Featuring the Risen Savior Concert
Choir and Bells, the Risen Savior
Worship Band, and more!



Timothy Moke
Renowned trumpet soloist



Patricia Snyder
Distinguished violinist

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is located in the hallway outside the Conference Room in the church. Please check it out - we have many lost treasures, one of them may be yours!

Free Community Center Activities

Open to the public and directly across Alma School from RSLC is the Optum Care Community Center, offering special senior classes by certified instructors. Four broad areas targeting Emotional, Social, Intellectual, and Physical needs include events and instruction opportunities weekdays on a drop-in or reservation basis. Find yourself involved in intriguing titles/subjects such as: BRAINSAVERS, FITNESS WORKSHOP, STRESS MANAGEMENT, MEDICARE 101, HEALTHY MINDS, MOVIE DAY, LIFE BIO, NUTRITION, ARTS & CRAFTS, YOGO, ZUMBA, TAI CHI, and more. Location: 985 W. Chandler Heights Rd, #12, **602-735-0006 or 0007**, open **8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday**. No fees or membership costs. Stop in for a tour or more information.

Monthly Newsletter Articles

Please have your newsletter articles into the church office by the **10th of each month**. Send your articles to news@rslcs.org. The newsletter will go out by the first of the month.

Update Contact Information

Please remember to advise the church office of your updated contact information so you don't miss any current events happening at Risen Savior. All updates should be sent to news@rslcs.org.



Last month, architect Kevin Callahan held a Design Workshop and made a presentation to over 100 Risen Savior members. He went over his design philosophy, displayed examples of his work and led a discussion on the proposed use of the north property. The meeting was very positive and generated a good deal of excitement from all who attended.



BUILDING UPDATE

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Pastor Ron shared that our current space restriction, particularly in worship space, is preventing us from continued growth. During our busiest season the 7:30 am and 10:10 am services are over capacity, the 8:50 am service is around 80% full, and the 11:30 am service is about 60% full. A second worship venue would allow us to grow in both our Traditional and Contemporary services. Once the north building is completed, we would offer two worship services in the current Sanctuary and two worship services in the new building. Ideally the earliest service time would be 8:00 am and the latest start time would be 11:00 am. In addition, having dedicated Sunday School class rooms and youth rooms will greatly enhance our Children and Youth Ministry.

Kevin introduced, what he calls Design Unfocus Groups (DUGs) at the meeting. DUGs are called “unfocus” groups because they will primarily concentrate on one aspect of the building design, but are also remaining cognizant of other functions and uses of the building. The four DUGS are:

- Worship

Members of this group are Joel Endicott, Pastor Ron, Shirley Moyer, Kristin Lill, Brad Cady, Bill Bade, Dan Torre and Kristina Winterstein.

- Adult Ministries

Members of this group are LeAnn Fekjan, Chuck Deuth, Bryan Newman, Pastor Mark, Ruth Ann Endicott, Stu Bennerotte, Nancy Gooding, and Guy Drake.

- Children/Youth Ministries

Members of this group are Crysall Jaso, Sue Strauch, Troy Zirpel, Craig Dunning, Linda Pauley and Susan Mello.

- Special Events/Facilities

Members of this group are Dick Antonio, Bill Pauley, Ed Schoening, Harvey Zehnder, Ron Jaso, Kathleen Ramirez, and Vicki Ayres.

The DUGs will meet a total of five times. In between each meeting, a cost analysis will take place. When they meet again the group will discuss the costs of what they are requesting for in the building. Choices will then be made and more ideas/options will be generated. At the end of the process we should have a good handle on costs and staying within the budget.

We will be sending out regular updates, such as this one, to keep all of you well informed of the progress that is being made to your home church. Stay tuned...

Financials

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

The following is a summary of financial activity for Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If you would like more detailed reports, please contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org.

Did you know?

You can make a tax free **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from your IRA? In the past, QCDs were an on again, off again benefit. With the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015, the QCD rules have finally been made permanent, making it easier to engage in proactive charitable giving strategies that help to minimize the taxes on an IRS's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) obligations. Please consult with your Financial and Tax advisors for more information.

Did you ALSO know?

You can help a child receive a Christian Education at no cost to you. You can redirect your state taxes to create scholarships. Please visit the **Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization** at www.ALSOsto.org for more details or contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org.

Financial Summary for October 2017:

- Giving Results
 - For October, Giving **exceeded** budget by \$1,570 and is **over** budget \$30,568 for FYTD18.
- Spending
 - Spending was **over** budget in October by \$2,299 and **under** budget \$32,498 FYTD18.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
 - ELC Net Income was **over** budget by \$845 for the month of October 2017. For FYTD18, the ELC net income is **over** budget \$8,431.
- Net Operating Cash is (\$876) which is a positive increase of \$6,166 from September 2017. As a reminder, we begin the fiscal year with a Net Operating Cash of zero. We expect Net Operating Cash to be negative until December or January. As a comparison to last fiscal year, Net Operating Cash for August 2016 was (\$29,969).

Financials Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Oct-17	Oct-17	\$ Over	FYTD18	FYTD18	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	117,580	116,010	1,570	426,938	396,370	30,568	1,403,050
All other income	4,373	4,020	353	16,406	16,040	366	48,200
Total Church Income	121,953	120,030	1,923	443,344	412,410	30,934	1,451,250
Early Learning Center	108,042	102,885	5,157	424,721	406,280	18,441	1,258,200
Total Operational Income	229,995	222,915	7,080	868,065	818,690	49,375	2,709,450
Operational Expenses	214,349	212,050	2,299	823,552	856,050	(32,498)	2,590,905
Net Income/(Loss)	15,646	10,865	4,781	44,513	(37,360)	81,873	118,545
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
October 2017							
Cash/Receivable Balance 10.31.17		582,545					
Restricted Assets		61,849					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		422,652					
Designated Programs		98,920					
Total Unrestricted Assets		521,572					
Net Operational Cash 10.31.17		(876)					
Cash/Receivable Balance 09.30.17		659,415					
Restricted Assets		57,525					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		429,201					
Designated Programs		179,731					
Total Unrestricted Assets		608,932					
Net Operational Cash 09.30.17		(7,042)					
Net Operating Cash Change		6,166					



Shirley Kovac	12/01	Edward Treadway	12/09
Derek Baker	12/02	Sandra Worden	12/09
Janet Fasciana	12/02	Christine Kuzmovich	12/10
John Musa	12/02	Sandra Riley	12/10
Scott Tanabe	12/02	Harold Simonek	12/11
Lois Gaylord	12/03	Belinda Anderson	12/12
Pam Johnson	12/03	Rich Hambleton	12/12
Bonnie Clark	12/04	Andrew Torre	12/12
Joseph Bibler	12/05	Patricia Adamovic	12/13
Christine Hippensteel	12/05	Leo Grau	12/13
Catherine Last	12/05	Darleen Lindstrom	12/13
Lynn Coffee	12/06	Melissa-Rose Nelson	12/13
Mel Girl	12/06	Lance Otolski	12/13
Matther Gloyd	12/06	Thomas Tagatz	12/13
Lee Kroeger	12/06	Lindda Gallipo	12/14
Courtney Morgan	12/06	Angela Hice	12/14
Carla Robertson	12/06	Tracy McAllister	12/14
Doug Friesen	12/07	Leigh Dow	12/15
Pamela Grue	12/07	Karen Mahoney	12/15
Sharon Kolanowski	12/07	Maureen Milne	12/15
Daniel Moody	12/07	Michael Nigbur	12/15
Marlene Britten	12/08	Christa Carey	12/16
Marlys Long	12/08	Wil Liske	12/16
Bryan Newman	12/08	Bob Harms	12/17
Robin Nolte	12/08	Harvey Mcdonald Jr.	12/17
Kami Padilla	12/08	Emma Moody	12/17
Guy Drake	12/09	Peter Moody	12/17
Ava Olson	12/09	Richard Storck	12/17
Tanner Stevens	12/09	Lois Ahrens	12/18

Jerry Anderson	12/18	Carl Johnson	12/26
Tillie Fortner	12/18	Thyra Jolliff	12/26
Russ Foy	12/18	Patricia Park	12/26
Bill Costello	12/19	Edwin Schoening	12/26
William Garcia	12/19	Patsy Shockley	12/26
Daniella McLean	12/19	Ingrid Morgan	12/27
Jon Myres	12/19	Jackson Zeller	12/27
Steven Perkins	12/19	Donna Connors	12/28
Emma Reinke	12/19	Ginny Marr	12/28
Nicole Dunham	12/20	Benjamin Balbarin	12/29
Leo Mahoney	12/20	Jennifer Brown	12/29
Naomi Myers	12/20	Adam Chavira	12/29
Paul Seifert	12/20	Rowin Floth	12/29
Micah Snodgrass	12/20	Tatum Graham	12/29
Stacy Tremewan	12/20	Roger Johnson	12/29
Kalie Fauth-Brawner	12/21	Bud Koyen	12/29
Juliane Frank	12/21	Barbara Maeder	12/29
Kathryn Stark	12/21	Riley Steinmetz	12/29
Gary Templin	12/21	Karen Jacusis	12/30
James Foldenaur	12/24	Luella Lassanske	12/30
Brenda Hoese	12/24	Josiah Musa	12/30
Nancy Corder	12/25	Darlene Schultz	12/30
Connie Cox	12/25	Michaela Lembericki	12/31
Lindsay Gloss	12/25	Robert Moyer	12/31
Linsey Mettenbrink	12/25	Vera Stoll	12/31
Paula Roush	12/25	Shannon Zemlock	12/31



Bud & June Clark	12/30/1944	Charles & Janet Fasciana	12/11/1988
Hal & Sherry Simonek	12/29/1953	Patrick & Kelley Mitchell	12/26/1992
Don & Toni Kalscheur	12/27/1956	Ken & Jeane Loop	12/23/1995
Mel & Rae Jean Hennig	12/12/1965	Arlan & Judi Fuhr	12/11/1999
Jiom & Joyce Zwar	12/17/1965	Lance & Amy Otoliski	12/18/1999
Pete & Jeani Karubox	12/31/1968	Damion & Marilee Smith	12/02/2000
Victor & Jane Jimenez	12/28/1970	Ryan & Crystal Schrimsher	12/02/2006
Karen & Leo Mahoney	12/23/1972	Brian & Billie Schricker	12/06/2007
William & Marilyn Russell	12/28/1975	Mark & Janet Creger	12/28/2010
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