

RISEN SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Connecting People to Jesus

GOVERNING BOARD NOMINEES

&

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

2017

Risen Savior Lutheran Church & School

Governing Board Nominees

June 25, 2017

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the people running for elected leadership positions. Before reading any further, please take a moment to pray for each of these men and women, and for our congregation. Please also consider how God may be prompting you to serve Him.

*Having gifts that differ according to
the grace given to us, let us use them:
if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;
 ⁷ if service, in our serving;
 the one who teaches, in his teaching;
⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation;
 the one who contributes, in generosity;
 the one who leads, with zeal;
 the one who does acts of mercy,
 with cheerfulness.*

Romans 12:6-8

Nominee:

Michael Oman

Occupation/Background:

Sales Manager at First American
Title – Phoenix 20+ years in Sales
and Marketing



How do you see your spiritual gifts contributing to the fulfillment of this position?

As a part of the board, I feel that faith, maturity, vision, and work ethic are core principles, which are represented by the top scores on the assessment. I am able to be a quiet counselor when appropriate or rotate to Evangelism and Instruction when an active role is necessary or appropriate.

My motivation for running for this position is:

I want to serve the church. If I were to campaign or be asked to "run" for a position I would decline to be selected. If selected by the board I will cheerfully serve and commit to the purpose and support the decisions made. God has placed me here for this time and for His purpose. I love the church and I love all of God's people.

My faith story or personal relationship with Jesus Christ is:

As a small boy, I attended Lutheran Church with my father's family and Catholic Mass with my mother in Minnesota. Many years later my parents were divorced and my father became

a born again Christian and I participated in Evangelical and Pentecostal services with him and his new family. Through many powerful messages, revivals, altar calls, first hand accounts of God's grace and power, I believe that I have a very personal relationship with God and his Son Jesus. I walk with Him everyday. I have been called to help others and be a pillar for many. During services at Risen Savior and at quiet alone moments nearly everywhere I have been, God gives me little visions of His perfection and is a constant advisor to my path. I make many mistakes but He is always there.

Past church activities/positions I've held throughout my personal history:

I have served as usher. I currently serve as Elder at Risen Savior.

I have volunteered for the CORE (Now Ignite) Confirmation class as an instructor at Risen Savior.

My favorite Bible verse is:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. . ." – Ephesians 2:8-9

I believe Risen Savior exists for this purpose:

To praise God. To help people find Jesus. To serve our neighbors.

If God chooses me to serve Risen Savior in this capacity, some things I would like to do include:

I would like to meet with and connect with more members of the church. Addressing ideas, concerns and ways to improve. I would like to help promote the church as a resource for the community of members. I would like to share future plans for the church with the membership when appropriate. I would like to help the church find new ways to serve others and our members. I would like to support the vision of the church. I would like to continue to support a desire for service among our church membership.

Nominee:

Michelle Steinmetz



Occupation/Background:

Stay-at-home mom; Home school educator; Business Manager

My top spiritual gifts are:

Faith; Intercession; Discernment; Leadership; and Healing.

How do you see your spiritual gifts contributing to the fulfillment of this position?

I feel my gifts of faith and prayer will be of great service to me in this position because I will continually pray to seek His will and guidance for our church, its members, and our community. Also, I believe my gifts of discernment and leadership are qualities that will be beneficial when helping to make decisions that impact our congregation.

My motivation for running for this position is:

I was not seeking this position, but in my prayer life I ask the Lord to lead me to the places where He wants me to serve and where I can share His love with others. I recently prayed for new opportunities where my family and I could serve Him. Soon after, this opportunity presented itself to me and I feel

this is an answer to prayer. I humbly seek His will and to the best of my ability try to be obedient to His calling.

My faith story or personal relationship with Jesus Christ is:

My grandmother was instrumental in helping me form a relationship with Christ. It was through her Christian example of daily living, her prayer life, along with her taking me to church and Vacation Bible School when I would visit her, that I was able to begin a relationship with the Lord. During this time I began attending a Lutheran church with a friend and became involved in the Sunday School program and the children's choir. My mom saw my interest in church life and this drew her back into wanting to be involved too, which in turn led my sister and father to church. With our family now participating in church I was blessed to be able to continue to grow in my relationship with the Lord, which in turn lead to my baptism.

I continued my walk with the Lord by attending Confirmation classes and then being confirmed in our church. In my late teens I did experience a time of doubt, but through sincere prayer and total surrender, I turned my life back over to the Lord and He answered my prayers. It was with great clarity that I could see His presence in my life and He has continued to guide me and draw me close to Him. With my deepened relationship with the Lord I have been blessed to serve Him in many ways. Whether it was as a Campus Ministry Associate, sharing the Good News with college students, serving others at Cursillo as they experienced a special time with the Lord, or as a mom and

wife sharing His love daily with my children, husband, and those around us.

Past church activities/positions I've held throughout my personal history:

In college, I worked as the Campus Ministry Associate at Alleluia Lutheran Church in Tempe, AZ at the ASU campus. I have also served on numerous Lutheran Cursillo teams. Cursillo is a three-day weekend designed for personal spiritual growth, led by lay members in the church with support from pastors. I have served on the cook teams and the Rollo, or talk teams, on approximately 10 Cursillo weekends. I have also helped with Vacation Bible School at the churches we have attended and, for the last two years, my husband and I have taught Sunday School at RSLC.

My favorite Bible verse is:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

I believe Risen Savior exists for this purpose:

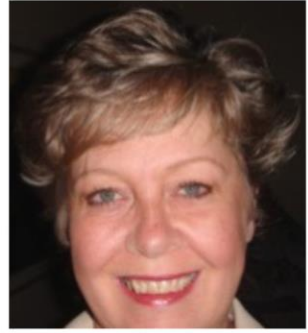
To share the Gospel and God's love with our members, our community, and the world. I believe Risen Savior is a place used by God to deepen our spiritual walk with Him where we can worship Him, learn and grow in His Word, and encourage and support our brothers and sisters in Christ in their walk with the Lord.

If God chooses me to serve Risen Savior in this capacity, some things I would like to do include:

I would like to focus on ways to continue to attract new people and grow our membership; especially in the area of younger families with school age children. I would like to see our children's programs grow in their work of fostering an environment that encourages our teenagers and young adults to continue worshipping at RSLC. The Sunday School and Ignite programs have been such a blessing to my children, and I would like to see these programs grow and thrive for years to come for our current and future members

Nominee:

Sue Strauch



Occupation/Background:

I retired in 2011. Prior to that, I worked at ASU as an Administrative Associate to the Commander of the USAF ROTC Detachment for 10 years. Prior to Aerospace Studies, I was the Program Coordinator of Admissions in the Graduate College at ASU. I worked in the Graduate College for nearly 10 years. Before working in higher education, I spent 20 years in commercial banking and finance as the Credit Manager in a large commercial bank in Ft. Collins, Colorado, and as a loan originator, processor and closer at a commercial bank in Scottsdale. I also worked as an Administrative Associate to the Regional Manager at Borg Warner Commercial Finance in Denver; as an Administrative Assistant to the Regional Manager at TransAmerica Commercial Finance in Denver and as a buyer at TransAmerica Commercial Finance floor planning in Phoenix. I spent time as an Assistant Credit Manager for a cabinet manufacturer in Mesa and as a Credit Manager for a wholesale carpet and video distributor in Denver. I currently hold a Federal/Department of Defense Secret Security Clearance that will expire in 2020.

How do you see your spiritual gifts contributing to the fulfillment of this position?

The power of prayer for others and myself have produced remarkable results. I feel comfortable talking about my faith with others and asking others to exercise belief and prayer when they find themselves in need of help. I'm able to recognize the spiritual gifts of others. I'm often sought out by others for prayers of healing. I take prayer requests seriously. I sometimes apprise others of spiritual dangers. I feel confident in directing others toward accomplishing goals. I have a knack for making others feel at home. I am able to speak boldly concerning what I feel is God's will in specific situations. I trust in the presence and in the power of God to do the impossible. I clearly know the difference between good and evil. I am happy to share with others about why I am a Christian. I feel blessed by helping others who are down and out.

My faith in God is undying; unwavering. I live by God's "golden rule". I make time for God every day. I've always been a leader and a doer. God has led me to supervisory and leadership positions in all the jobs I've held in my working life. I work and live by the Air Force Core values as well: Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence In All That I Do.

My motivation for running for this position is:

God has been working very hard in me for over five years now and has led me to this point. I nearly died five years ago from a blood clot in my heart and lungs. Such a circumstance is

considered non-survivable in the medical world. God's intervention kept me alive. I've felt since then that He had something big in store for me and have been asking Him to show what it is. I believe this opportunity is what He meant for me. I have served on the Governing Board for the past two years as Secretary. I take this duty seriously and want to continue in another three-year term.

Share your faith story or your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

My entire life has been a test of faith. I was severely abused for 18 of the first 24 years of my life. I met my best friend in life, my husband Ken, when I was 25 years old. We married when I was nearly 29. The Lord took him from me very suddenly nearly sixteen years ago. I've been tested nearly every day of my life, but with His love and guidance I've managed to survive all of these trials and have emerged from a fog to see the brightest light imaginable. I just kept praying and never lost hope. He will always be with me, no matter how difficult the times may be. I love Risen Savior. I am emotionally overwhelmed each time I enter the door. This is truly my church home.

Past church activities/positions I've held throughout my personal history:

Altar Guild; Inreach; Risen Savior Ambassador, Usher, Finance Board, ALSO Board, Governing Board and Worship Assistant.

My favorite Bible verse is:

Many are the plans in a man's heart; but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. - Proverbs 19:21

I believe Risen Savior exists for this purpose:

I have belonged to several Lutheran Churches in my life, but Risen Savior is a totally different experience. I was drawn to Risen Savior, when the church I belonged to at the time was not fulfilling my spiritual needs. I needed something new. One Sunday morning I awoke feeling like I wanted to disappear, but on the same morning God's voice told me to get up, get dressed and go to Risen Savior for help. I never felt so welcomed anywhere in my life. I knew this was a place of complete spirit and love. To this day when I enter the building I'm totally overcome with emotion. I feel like God puts his arms around me and holds me tight while I'm there. I leave feeling cleansed. I often have tears, but they are good tears, tears of safety, love and salvation. I love this church and I believe it exists for the purpose of making all who enter feel loved and needed. We have a wonderful mission and purpose. I want to be a bigger part of it.

If God chooses me to serve Risen Savior in this capacity, some things I'd like to do include:

Make more of our members aware of the ministries we support to garner more volunteers for service

Proposed By-Law Changes

By-Law Change on Elder Election

In our current By-Laws the Elders are elected to three-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. This has proven to be a challenge with having 20 Elder positions. Keeping track of who is to be elected is challenging when some do not finish their term and others are appointed. Knowing that good men will term out of serving does not seem like a good organization of the Elders.

The Elders and Governing Board endorsed changes to the By-Laws that will eliminate the length of term of service and term limits. When there is an opening on the Board of Elders the current Board working in concert with the Pastors will present candidates to the Governing Board for appointment.

Below are the recommended changes. Words underlined are added to the current reading while words with a strike through are to be deleted.

ARTICLE II

CONGREGATION PROCEEDINGS

1. **Annual Meeting:** Proper notification for the Annual Meeting shall consist of a written announcement at Sunday worship services for at least two (2) consecutive Sundays prior to such meeting. In general, for purposes of order, Roberts' Rules of Order shall prevail. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall include:

- a. Approval of the annual budget
- b. Electing the members of the Governing Board and Board of Elders.

Nominations from the floor shall be accepted only if the nominee has given his/her consent to serve.

ARTICLE VI

THE BOARD OF ELDERS

1. **Responsibilities:** The Board of Elders shall:
 - Concern itself with the spiritual well-being of the entire Congregation and assure that worship is presented in an orderly and correct manner.
 - Serve as special assistants to the Pastor(s) and the professional staff; supporting them with prayer, helping them with special concerns in their ministry; and concerning itself with the spiritual, emotional and physical health and welfare of the Pastor(s) and their families.

Term of Office: The Pastors of the Congregation in concert with the current Elders will recommend Nominees for the Board of Elders to the Governing Board to be appointed. Each member of the Board of Elders shall serve a three-year term. Board Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms, and if appointed to fill a vacancy, may not stand for reelection if another term would extend their service to more than

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Voter's Meeting Agenda

Annual Voter's Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approval of Minutes (2015 & 2016)
- IV. Ministry Report
- V. Election of Governing Board Members
- VI. Presentation of By-Law Changes
- VII. Approval of By-Law Changes
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
- IX. Presentation of FY2018 Budget
- X. Approval of FY2018 Budget
- XI. Adjourn Annual Meeting

Annual Foundation Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Election of Directors
- IV. New Business
By Laws Amendment
- V. Adjourn Annual Foundation Meeting
- VI. Closing Prayer

Voter's Meeting
Sunday, June 25th at 1:30pm
Fellowship Hall