

# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Worshiping

## New Start

Have you ever noticed that Father Time is depicted as a very aged man on December 31<sup>st</sup>, but then at the stroke of midnight he is now a diapered baby with a bonnet on his head? First of all, what's with the bonnet on his head? Those went out decades ago. No parent is going to put a bonnet on their newborn baby. A little baseball cap, sure. A knit hat with the logo of their favorite sports team-you bet. A bonnet? Not a chance.

Anyway, back to the sudden change from old and decrepit to young and full of life. Now wouldn't that be great? On December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 pm you get up out of your easy chair, which sounds like a bowl of Rice Krispies with milk (*Snap, Crackle, Pop*). This is the **third** time in the last two hours that you left your easy chair, because you needed to use the bathroom! You don't grumble and you don't despair, because you know what midnight is going to bring. So you hobble to the bathroom and then return to your chair. Then it happens... the twelfth chime on the Grandfather Clock sounds and suddenly you're young again! No creaking joints or iron bladder.

Isn't this the allure of New Year's Eve celebrations? Not that we will go from being very old to very young in an instant, but that the New Year symbolizes hope and a new beginning. If we can make it until midnight and the clock chimes, we will have a fresh start. Maybe this year we won't have so many medical issues, we will be smarter with our money and our relationships will mend.

Of course the difference between 11:59 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup> and 12:00 am on January 1<sup>st</sup> is just one minute. Nothing magical happens. We pass from one day to the next and do our best to write the correct year when we date a document.

There is a source of hope, strength and courage - it's available at any time - not just once a year. It is not in Father Time, but instead in our *Heavenly Father*. The Prophet Isaiah said this:

*"but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint."*

Waiting for the clock to strike midnight will garner you nothing, but the passing of time. When we wait on the Lord we do not wait in vain. He has never broken a promise. Never! He promises to always be with us, to give us strength that we otherwise would not have and to give us hope for the future. In Him every day is a new start!

*Pastor Ron*

# Sunday Worship



Communion is given at ALL 11:30 am services each week.  
Communion is given at ALL services on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

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

## Fellowship

**Sunday Morning** - 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 to serve.

## 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

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**.

## Sunday School Information

### Families are learning about Jesus and growing in their love for Him!

- Children age 3 through Grade 5 go to **JAM!** Sunday School
- Youth in Grades 6-8 participate in **Ignite** Confirmation
- Youth in Grades 9-12 go to the **High School Bible Study**
- Parents are invited to join the **Book Club**



#### JAM! Sunday School

- 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

Come join in the fun on Sunday mornings at **10:10 am** as we learn about Jesus and know Him personally. All children Age 3 - Grade 5 are welcome. Check in near the Sanctuary, meet in second floor classrooms.

#### Ignite Confirmation

Ignite is where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. It sparks discovery, conversation, friendship and bible engagement. Ignite is a step in a lifelong walk with God.

Youth meet Sunday mornings from 10:10 am-11:10 am in the Ignite Room, Youth Room and Perfect Place.



#### Mark your Calendars!

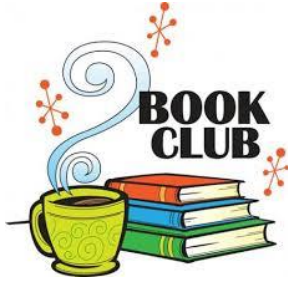
- **Confirmation Retreat**  
Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am-2:00 pm on **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Sacraments Retreat**  
Prepare to receive First Communion, 9:00 am-2:00 pm on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**



## High School Bible Study

All over the place right now, there are people who need you. Discover how much God loves you and cares about you! His good and perfect Word applies to your life today. Join Craig and Beth Dunning for Max Lucado's series **"Made to Make a Difference"**.

Sunday mornings from **10:10 am-11:10 am** in The Pathway Center.



## Book Club

Understand God more deeply while experiencing His power and presence in your daily life. Together we will explore the nature of God and gain new insights into His character.

Our first book will be *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer. Informative and inspiring, *The Knowledge of the Holy* Illuminates God's attributes--from wisdom, to grace, to mercy--and shows how we can more fully recognize and appreciate each of His divine aspects.

Join us for lively discussion in our new book club. It will be a great time getting to know one another and strengthening the bond we share in Christ.

Book Club meets **Sunday mornings from 10:00 am-11:10 am** The Pathway Center.

Note that *The Knowledge of the Holy* is available in paperback, as a pdf file and audio.



## Learning Styles

People learn in primarily three different ways, and most have one dominant learning style: auditory, visual or kinesthetic.

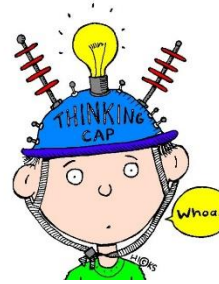
Risen Savior's JAM! Sunday School, Ignite Confirmation and Youth Bible Study reach kids with each learning style in every lesson.

- Videos, infographics and Bible timelines show God's good and perfect Word.
- Interactive learning in small groups and hands-on activities keep things moving for kinesthetic learners.
- Discussion in small and large groups connect auditory learners.

## Remembering What You Learn

Studies show that learning is one thing and remembering is another. *Engineering Education* magazine found that students retain only

- 10% of what they read
- 26% of what they see and hear
- 70% of what they say and
- 90% of what they say as they do something



Risen Savior's Family Ministry programs have been designed with learning styles and remembering in mind. Lessons are highly interactive and come fully loaded with hands-on activities as well as discussion in both small and large groups.

## ALSO's 2018 Challenge

At ALSO, we have a dream to award full-tuition scholarships to children attending Lutheran schools, and we need your help!

If you pay Arizona state income tax, you can redirect your tax dollars and create scholarships. You can help a child receive a Christian education at no cost to you.

Tax credit gifts of all sizes make a difference. From \$21.77, to \$217.70 and on up to \$2,177.00, every gift becomes a scholarship for a child to receive a Christian education.

At ALSO, we help you get the most out of the taxes that you already pay. You have until April 15th, or before you file your state taxes to redirect your state tax dollars. Get details at [ALSOsto.org](http://ALSOsto.org).



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## Group Bible Studies

### Adult Forum - Led by Pastor Teuscher

This month we will do a study of Christian denominations in America from a Lutheran perspective using a course entitled "One Christ – Many Creeds." This course is about what Lutherans believe and why they believe it. To assist us, we will look at the major American denominations and see how they differ with us on the basis of the Bible. We all want to be totally assured that when we die, we will go directly to heaven. The certainty of salvation comes only from God who sent His only Son into our world to pay for our sins. Let's make sure we have this straight. This study will assure you that our teachings are taken directly from the Scriptures. Join us **each Sunday at 8:40am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, call Pastor Teuscher at **520-316-0514**.



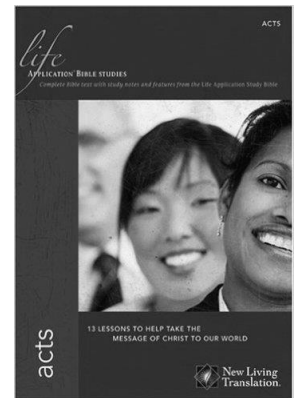
## Weekly Bible Study – Led by Pastor Mark Hoffman

What does 666 mean? What is meant by the four horsemen of the apocalypse? Come to the 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 **5:30pm to 6:30pm**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend!

### NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 14, 2018!

As one of your New Year's resolutions, why not deepen your understanding of Scripture and join others who are also interested in digging deeper into the Bible? Starting **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, two new adult Bible studies (detailed below) will be meeting **each Sunday** morning.

Led by Barry Ritchie, these classes will help you better apply the teachings of the New Testament to your life, work, and relationships. Using the *Life Application Bible Study Series method*, each of these 13-week classes will lead us through an important part of the New Testament. Copies of the study guide for each class will be available for purchase (\$6.00). The study guide includes our weekly lessons, the entire text of the Bible book (s) we'll study, as well as that book's *Life Application Bible Commentary* (including illuminating notes, application hints, maps, tables, personal sketches, and more). As previous attendees will tell you, you will find these classes fascinating, enjoyable, and enriching. We'll meet **Sunday mornings in the Conference Room**.



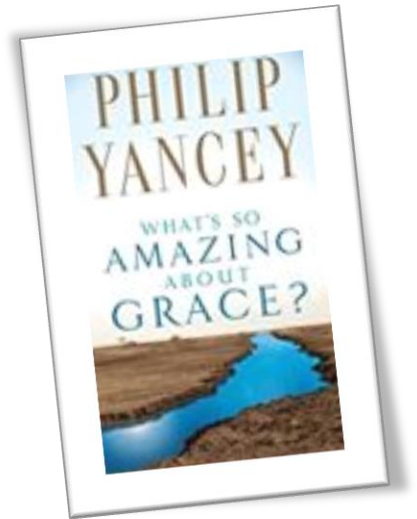
**8:50 am: The Acts of the Apostles.** The Acts of the Apostles (“Acts”) provides the only detailed history of the early years of the church found in the Bible. Covering the thirty years after Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts provides an incredible look at life in the 1<sup>st</sup> century as Peter, Paul, and the first Christians spread the Good News about Christ throughout the Roman Empire. We will read about the events that sent this message from Jerusalem to “the ends of the earth”, a message that compelled the first Christians to sacrifice everything for that faith... and compels us to act, as well. This class will lead us through the entire book of Acts to help us better understand *our* faith and *our* history, and to inspire us to greater devotion to Jesus and His church.

**10:10 am: The Letters of Peter.** Besieged on all sides, the early disciples faced threats from the Roman Empire and from those who would twist the story of Christ into a pagan form. Followers of Christ could easily have been defeated or diverted. A distinct minority in a pagan society, they could have capitulated to their culture. But, challenged by God through these holy writers and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they stood fast, even unto death. In a time when the surrounding culture presses the church for compromise, these letters will inspire and challenge us to be bold in our proclamation.

If you're interested in attending, please let Barry Ritchie know of your interest by sending an email to [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com) or by phoning him at **480.839.1382** (leave a message if there's no answer). See you there!

## **NEW Book Club**

This club will be held in Maricopa **every other Monday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm starting January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will study the book **“What’s So Amazing About Grace?” by Philip Yancy**. We speak of grace often, but do we understand it? More importantly, do we truly believe in it... and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words? In the book “What’s So Amazing About Grace?”, award winning author Philip Yancy explores grace at the street level. If grace is God’s love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? If Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace in a cruel and pain-filled world? Throughout 14 sessions, this study will help you to interact deeply with Yancy’s most personal and provocative book yet. Prepare to grapple with grace and “un-grace” on a personal level. You’ll consider how you can contend graciously with today’s tough moral issues and you’ll discover how you can become Christ’s answer in a world that desperately wants to know - What’s So Amazing About Grace?



If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, call Linda **480.452.8980** or Kathleen **480.223.3609**. Seating is limited, RSVP to get meeting location.

## **Men’s Early Bird Bible Study**

The Men’s Early Bird Saturday Gathering will continue **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays** of the month. If you have questions, contact Chuck Deuth at **480.766.3626**.

## **Women’s Ministries**

### **Grace Girls Update:**

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!



This January you can sponsor a winter coat for a child in Circle of Healing (k-12<sup>th</sup>). Rsvp to pick a son or daughter at **gracegirls@rslcs.org** or call Annie at **480.203.1880**.

### **Grace Girls January Meeting Dates:**

- **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am** in The Perfect Place with Dawn Hopkins
  - **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:30pm** on The Pathway Center with Ruth Ann Endicott
  - **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am** in The Perfect Place with Dawn Hopkins
  - **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:30pm** on The Pathway Center with Ruth Ann Endicott
- Join us for fellowship and prayer. RSVP to **gracegirls@rslcs.org** or call/text Annie Wolf at **480.203.1880**.



# Lutheran Women's Missionary League



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.

"Set Your Mind of Things Above" will be the Bible Study next meeting on **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the south conference room of The Pathway Center.** We will be planning more of the Spring Luncheon. Please consider serving as a Hostess for your table.

**SAVE THE DATE: LWML SPRING LUNCHEON** will be held on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Tickets are \$20.00. The Theme is: **"LOVE BEYOND MEASURE"**. The Program will be presented by the "La Mesa Homeless", which reaches out to homeless people with food, supplies and the Word of God. Proceeds will go to the La Mesa Homeless program and to the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Tickets will be on sale later this month.



*Many thanks to the LWML ladies who decorated our Christmas trees so beautifully this season!*

## Serving

### Risen Savior Choirs

Risen Savior adult choir rehearses at **7:00pm on Thursdays** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Questions? Contact Bill Bade at [wlb7939@centurylink.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.seniorhousing.org).

Blood Pressure Screenings are on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month in the Church hallway. Our next meeting will be in the Church Conference room on **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:goodingpn@wbhsi.net).



**Our Annual Blood Drive will be on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am - 12:00 pm.** There will be a sign-up table next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup> after services.



**CPR/AED/FIRST Aid Class sign-ups will be Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup> between services.** Classes will be held on **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the north conference room in TPC.** There are limited openings and cost is \$10.00. For questions or to sign-up you can email [kathydeuth@gmail.com](mailto:kathydeuth@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the **Sun Lakes Fire Dept.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**.



## Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Missions workers meet every **Tuesday at 8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall.  
**No meeting on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## 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 at **480-895-6782**.

## The Perfect Place

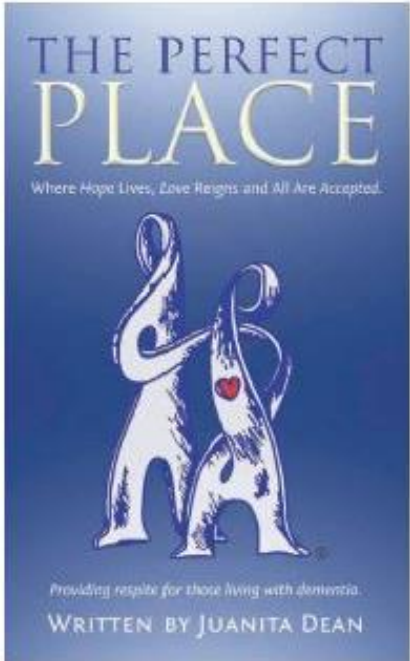
The Perfect Place is a recreational adult day care facility in Sun Lakes providing a safe, structured environment for socialization activities for seniors, thereby enabling their caregivers an opportunity for Respite. The staff and dedicated team of volunteers recognize the caregiver challenges and needs 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.

## Perfect Place Continued...

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.thepperfectplacebook.org>.

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.



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<http://www.thepperfectplacebook.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

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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



# Missions

## Barnabas Military Mission

Our current project is 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.

**January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> is the Maricopa County Stand Down at the Veteran Memorial Coliseum.** If you would like to volunteer to be a Guest Guide visit [arizonastanddown.org](http://arizonastanddown.org). Visit our website for the link; Click on the “Ministries” tab and then “Missions” tab.

There are various shifts available that you can sign-up for. If you have any questions about this event email Barbara at [arizonastanddown@gmail.com](mailto:arizonastanddown@gmail.com).

## Piece Maker Quilters

What a wonderful year 2017 was for the quilting group.

This year **Joan Laubenstein** won the quilt raffle.

The quilting group would like to thank the congregation for their support by donating baked goods for the bake sale and purchasing our quilts. The congregation purchased most of the baked goods, 52 quilts and other craft items. You have made it possible for us to continue our mission of providing quilts to organizations like the Salvation Army, Orphan Grain Train, Sequoia Charter School, The Homeless Veterans, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Desert Cove Nursing Center and The Pregnancy Center. Over 300 quilts and 550 hats were distributed to these organizations in 2017.

Our congregation along with Savers of Chandler has played a large part in our mission by donating gently used sheets, cotton fabrics, yarn and crochet thread.

Bill Pauley has been extremely dedicated to the success of our mission by setting up and taking down the tables for our group to use and making sure we have what we needed for the sale.

The Lord's work is so rewarding and if anyone would like to be part of our group please stop by the fellowship hall on Wednesdays to assemble quilts from 1pm to 4pm. (sewing is not a necessary skill). Any donations of cotton/cotton blend fabric, yarn, heavy crochet thread and gently used sheets would be appreciated. You may contact Sandra Devine at **480-207-6177** or Barb Fox at **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 more at [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or call 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](mailto: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](http://www.lss-sw.org).

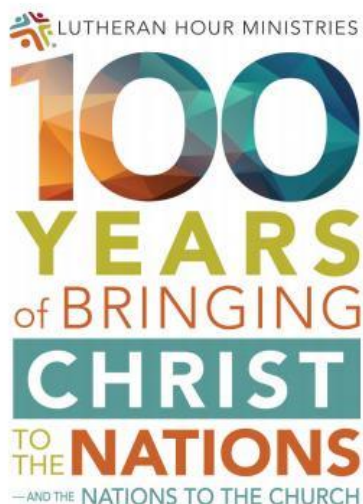
## Chandler Salvation Army Support

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.



# 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.



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

**To register/RSVP**  
Sharon Kolanowski  
kolanosm@q.com  
1-785-366-6701

Event to be held at:



14802 N. 75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381

# Miscellaneous

## 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.

## 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**.

## 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!



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# BUILDING UPDATE



Last month was the first meeting with the Design Unfocus Groups (DUGs) and architect Kevin Callahan. The four DUGs are:

- Worship
- Adult Ministries
- Children/Youth Ministries
- Special Events/Facilities

The DUGs will meet a total of five times by the end of February 2018. 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.

Kevin produced a variety of blueprints to show the many building options that are available for the north lot. Some of the choices discussed were; size, location of the building on the lot, along with many design options that will tie in all three buildings and their needs. The design of the north building will encompass the necessity for a larger worship space but, also the need to have a multi-use building. The pictures below show some examples of what options were discussed and will provide a frame of reference at future DUG meetings.

We will continue to send out regular updates, to keep all of you well informed of the progress that is being made at your home church. Stay tuned...

## Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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

### Did you 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 (ALSO)** at [www.ALSOsto.org](http://www.ALSOsto.org) for more details or contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at [mellos@rslcs.org](mailto:mellos@rslcs.org). Please make sure to list **Risen Savior Lutheran School** as your recommended school. If your donation is made by December 31, 2017, it may also be eligible for a Federal Tax deduction in addition to an Arizona state tax credit.

You may contribute to ALSO up until April 15, 2018 to receive an Arizona state tax credit on your 2017 Arizona taxes.

### Financial Summary for November 2017:

- Giving Results
  - For November, Giving **missed** budget by (\$757) and is **over** budget \$29,771 for FYTD18.
- Spending
  - Spending was **under** budget in November by (\$15,487) and **under** budget (\$34,165) FYTD18.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
  - ELC Net Income was **over** budget by \$4,968 for the month of November 2017. For FYTD18, the ELC net income is **over** budget \$13,399.
- Net Operating Cash is \$14,540 which is a positive increase of \$15,416 from October 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. This year, Risen Savior has been blessed to have a positive Operating Cash at the end of November. As a comparison to last fiscal year, Net Operating Cash for November 2016 was (\$50,211).

# Financials Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Nov-17	Nov-17	\$ Over	FYTD18	FYTD18	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	107,663	108,460	(797)	534,601	504,830	29,771	1,403,050
All other income	7,661	4,020	3,641	24,068	20,060	4,008	48,200
<b>Total Church Income</b>	<b>115,324</b>	<b>112,480</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>558,669</b>	<b>524,890</b>	<b>33,779</b>	<b>1,451,250</b>
<b>Early Learning Center</b>	<b>106,252</b>	<b>102,885</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>530,973</b>	<b>509,165</b>	<b>21,808</b>	<b>1,258,200</b>
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>221,576</b>	<b>215,365</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>1,089,642</b>	<b>1,034,055</b>	<b>55,587</b>	<b>2,709,450</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	<b>196,683</b>	<b>212,170</b>	<b>(15,487)</b>	<b>1,019,930</b>	<b>1,068,220</b>	<b>(48,290)</b>	<b>2,590,905</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>24,893</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>69,712</b>	<b>(34,165)</b>	<b>103,877</b>	<b>118,545</b>
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
November 2017							
Cash/Receivable Balance 11.30.17		587,531					
Restricted Assets		48,630					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		426,213					
Designated Programs		98,148					
Total Unrestricted Assets		524,361					
Net Operational Cash 11.30.17		14,540					
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)					
Net Operating Cash Change		15,416					



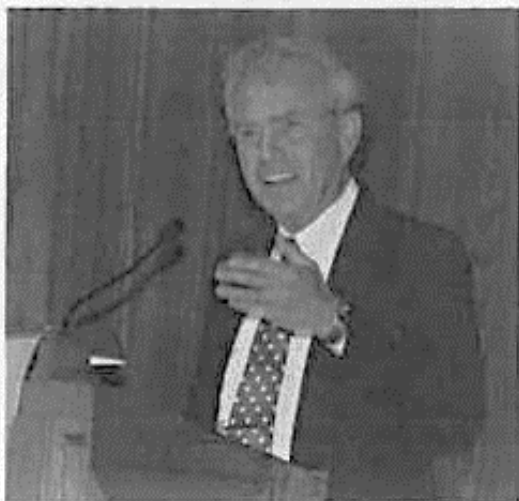
Mikayla Dulaney	01/01	Rebecca Derr	01/11
Jodee Fritz	01/01	Nancy Watkins	01/11
Jan Kabele	01/01	Erin Fitzharris	01/12
Austin Culp	01/03	Jo Keuer	01/12
John Della Chiesa	01/03	Bailey Swallows	01/12
Dorothy Mitchell	01/03	Josie Barden	01/13
Kenna Mitchell	01/03	Lexi Cassidy	01/13
Ron Mitchell	01/03	Jimmie Dean	01/13
Joyce Zwar	01/04	Colton Gloyd	01/13
Don Archibald	01/05	Lois Howe	01/13
Sheila Hurst	01/05	Jay Kunka	01/13
Madison Mitchell	01/05	Linda Martin	01/13
Kristin Lill	01/06	Judy Roxburgh	01/13
Connor Mclean	01/06	Louise Longlet	01/14
Michael Shockley	01/06	Claire Ritchie	01/14
Angelina Virgo	01/06	Leona Wolf	01/14
Marcia Weiss	01/06	Kinzi Zirpel	01/14
Robert Connors	01/07	Tracy Hippensteel	01/15
Teresa Golichowski	01/07	Ron Schaab	01/15
Donna Kerr	01/07	Jayne Westlind	01/15
Walter Moore	01/07	Julia Golichowski	01/16
Kathleen Lund	01/09	Ann Korpalski	01/16
Wendell Robson Sr	01/09	Victoria Lopez	01/16
Michael Thayer	01/09	Doug Newland	01/16
William Ellis	01/10	Bev Carlson	01/17
Megan Padilla	01/10	Edna Hayn	01/18
Zoe Schildhauer	01/10	Margaret Kelly	01/18



Linda Pauley	01/18	Eva Ellis	01/25
Beth Zych	01/18	Warren Cole	01/26
Bodil Ehlbeck	01/19	Pete Karubos	01/26
Aaron Wolf	01/19	Patrick Mitchell	01/26
Henry King	01/20	Aaron Olson	01/26
Christopher Lopez	01/21	Carol Rittenback	01/26
Kathleen Newman	01/21	Julie Constance	01/27
Makena Erickson	01/22	Mojo Krup	01/27
Roger Osten	01/22	Gary Voelker	01/27
Charles Poulson	01/22	Robert Abersold	01/28
Bron Steinmetz III	01/22	Arnie Hastings	01/28
Marie Wallick	01/22	Sophia Cowan	01/29
Jeffrey Wirth	01/22	James Arthur Jr.	01/30
Kristy Ausdemore	01/23	Betty Jo Burke	01/30
Richard Brettfeld	01/23	Louise Keyack	01/30
Caitlin Bump	01/23	Chris Kibler	01/30
Kevin Lantz	01/24	Amelia Wolf	01/30
Gary Lawrence	01/24	Craig Dunning	01/31
Andrew Dunning	01/25		



Larry & Beverly Mueller	01/22/1949	Jerry & Joan Letnes	01/26/1991
Dick & Shirley Meyer	01/01/1959	Sheila & Mike Hurst	01/25/1995
Floyd & Louise Longlet	01/07/1961	Craig & Beth Dunning	01/06/1996
Kent & Diane Dugstad	01/12/1961	John & Sharon Tarvin	01/03/1998
Bill & Barbara Niemeyer	01/31/1966	Augustine & Tracie Padilla	01/16/1998
Jerry & Gloria Anderson	01/28/1967	Dan & Justine Torre	01/15/2000
Andrew & Donna Kerr	01/27/1973	Jill & Ramon Lopez	01/03/2003
Ron & Cheryl Schaab	01/23/1976	Bob & Kristen Mclean	01/16/2005
Larry & BJ Schuller	01/01/1977	Tammy & Derek Dumelle	01/26/2013
Leonard & Lois Vostrejs	01/01/1983	Laura & Cody Ostrand	01/17/2016



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