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March 2017 Newsletter

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Worshiping

I was just on Facebook and one of the side ads show an incubated Tom Selleck with the caption, “Hollywood Loses a Legend!” I thought “Oh no! Not Tom Selleck!” I love Magnum PI, Jesse Stone Movies, and most anything that has Tom Selleck starring in it and now he’s gone!?! As it turns out Tom is alive and well – I checked.

It is called “Fake News” and it is the topic of the day. It came to the forefront during last year’s election as false news stories were plastered all over the Internet. They looked legit and sounded legit, but they were completely bogus. The stories range from the ridiculous like “California Breaking Off Into the Pacific” or “New Government Program Gives Homeowners Thousands of Dollars” or “Patriots Come Back From 25 Point Deficit to Win Super Bowl.” Well, ok the last one was legit, but you have to admit that it sounds like fake news!

The real problem with fake news, in my opinion, is not the false stories. The real problem is we don’t know whom to trust? Where does one go to receive unbiased, truthful, and accurate news? It seems we cannot even rely on the major news sources. Last November I was flipping between CNN, MSNBC, and Fox as the polls were closing on the Presidential Election. All three were reporting the same numbers but to listen to the news anchors you would have thought there were two different elections happening. At first I found it humorous, but that soon turned to despair. Who can we trust? What is true and what is false?

I don’t have any answers about the reporting of the news, but I do know someone I trust and I do know a source that I trust. The person I trust is Jesus who said; “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6) The source that I trust is the Bible. “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (II Timothy 3:16). The Bible tells me the good news that there is God who loves me, in fact He loved me enough to send His Son to rescue me. The Bible lets me know that I can trust Jesus because He offered His life for mine.

This doesn’t solve the problem of where to get accurate and unbiased news of what is happening in our world. Yet, there is one teaching from scripture that if all of us could agree on and practice that would change our world. Jesus said; “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39). That would change how we handle our differences, what we say about one another, and even the news that is reported. That would be one piece of news I would like to read about.

Pastor Ron

Sunday Worship Services

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

Communion at ALL 11:30 services every week.

Communion at ALL services 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays.

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

Ash Wednesday and Lent

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**. It is a day to remember that from the dust of the earth we came, and to dust we will return, until we are resurrected on the last day when Christ returns. We will gather at **12:30pm** and **6:30pm** for worship that will feature the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Services

Lenten Service	March 8, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Traditional Service
Lenten Service	March 15, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Traditional Service
Lenten Service	March 22, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Traditional Service
Lenten Service	March 29, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Traditional Service
Lenten Service	April 5, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Traditional Service
Palm Sunday	April 9, 2017	7:30am/*11:30am 8:50am/10:10am	Traditional Service Contemporary Service
Maundy Thursday	April 13, 2017	*12:30pm/*6:30pm	Blended Service
Good Friday	April 14, 2017	12:30pm/6:30pm	Blended Service
Easter Sunday	April 16, 2017	*6:00am *7:30am/*11:30am *8:50am/*10:10am	Sunrise Service Traditional Service Contemporary Service

*Holy Communion Served

5:00pm Lenten Suppers by Mission Groups

Come join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before the Lenten Service. Lenten meal for adults is \$5.00, 4 to 12 years old \$3.00, 3 years old and under are **free**. Paid reservations are required and can be made for one or all after each service at the sign-up table located outside the church. Please purchase a ticket so that the cook knows how many meals to prepare. Any proceeds remaining will go to support the Missions of the various ministries.

March 1st – LWML, Pulled Pork Sandwiches

March 8th – Men’s Group, Soup and Chile

March 15th – The Perfect Place, Spaghetti and Meatballs

March 22nd – Ignite, Baked Potato Bar

March 29th - Staff, Barbeque

April 5th – Early Learning Center, Italian dinner

Nursery During Worship

Our Nursery is available at all services for children aged 0-3; 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 10:10am service. If you can help, please contact the church office at 480-895-6782.

Connections: New Member 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**. The new member classes began on Tuesday evenings from **6:30 – 7:30pm, January 31st** for 6 weeks in The Pathway Center. The dates in **February** are the **7th, 21st, and 28th**. There will not be a class on Valentine’s Day, **February 14th**.

Growing

Risen Savior Sunday School News



Jesus and me

aka Sunday School at Risen Savior

All about JAM!

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.

Adventure at the Zoo

Families in JAM! went on an adventure at the Phoenix Zoo where children saw all kinds of amazing animals that God created!



Many thanks to our JAM! Ministry Action Team Leaders for making the Zoo Adventure possible: Jenny Balbarin, Alicia Endicott, Larry Miller, Laurel Miller, Shirley Miller, Muriel Nelson, Shelley Nelson and Troy Zirpel.

Questions? Contact Shelley Nelson, nelsons@rslcs.org

Ignite Confirmation Ministry

Week of Hope Mission Trip

Christ-centered service experiences to help youth grow in their relationships with Jesus and each other. 20 youth and six adult leaders from Risen Savior are going on the Week of Hope mission trip to San Diego.



Service

Serve at churches, food bank, homeless shelter and more!

Worship & Spiritual Growth

Begin each day with devotions and end each evening in worship.

Fellowship

Relationships form in planning, traveling and serving. We will enjoy a day at the beach after a week of hard work.

2 Ways You Can Join In

- **Pray** for God to meet people's needs, change our hearts and protect us as we travel.
- **Celebrate** with us as next summer when we share all that God will have done in and through us!

Questions? Contact Shelley at nelsons@rslcs.org or (480) 855-9264



You can make a difference!

Your tax credits help children attend Lutheran schools where they grow in their faith each day. It's no cost to you, yet priceless to a child.

Learn more at ALSOsto.org.

Small Group Bible Studies

Adult Forum - Led by Pastor Harold Teuscher

During **March** the Pastor's Forum, which meets at **8:40–9:40am on Sunday mornings**, will finish our preparation for celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will view and discuss a second video supplied by Lutheran Hour Ministries, which is an interplay of the personalities and events that led to the Protestant Reformation. We will see Luther's inner struggles of conscience and faith and his call for debate with the Medieval Pope and his scholars on the erroneous church doctrines & practices of purgatory, penance, indulgences, the treasury of merits of Christ and certain saints, Masses for the dead, and the institution of the Papacy.

Luther & other like-minded reformers had a misinformation overload on their hands which produced anti-scriptural teachings which falsely burdened the consciences of the faithful members of the medieval church. A cast of modern LCMS scholars share the results of their years of study of the history and theology of the church which will assist the class participants in their understanding of this critical period in the life of Christ's church. Pastor Teuscher and

his wife Julie will prepare a written handout which summarizes the video and will help the class understand how over the years the church had slowly strayed away from the teachings of the New Testament.

Sunday morning adult Bible studies – Led by Barry Ritchie

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 15th**, two new adult Bible studies (detailed below) will be meeting each Sunday morning. 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). 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 attest, you will find these classes fascinating, enjoyable, and enriching. We'll meet **Sunday mornings in the Conference Room**. If you're interested in attending, please let Barry Ritchie know of your interest by sending an email to britchie11@juno.com or by phoning him at **(480) 839-1382** (leave a message if there's no answer). See you there!

At 8:50 AM: The Epistles of John. Written to a group of small house churches by the last living apostle, these letters from John encouraged Christians to live as Jesus had taught. These short letters provide the inspired wisdom needed to live as members of God's family and fellowship, and also contain important warnings about how to avoid failure in our relationships with Jesus and our Christian community. This study will lead us through each of these three letters to know better what God expects of us, to deepen our faith in Christ, and to strengthen our community of faith here at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

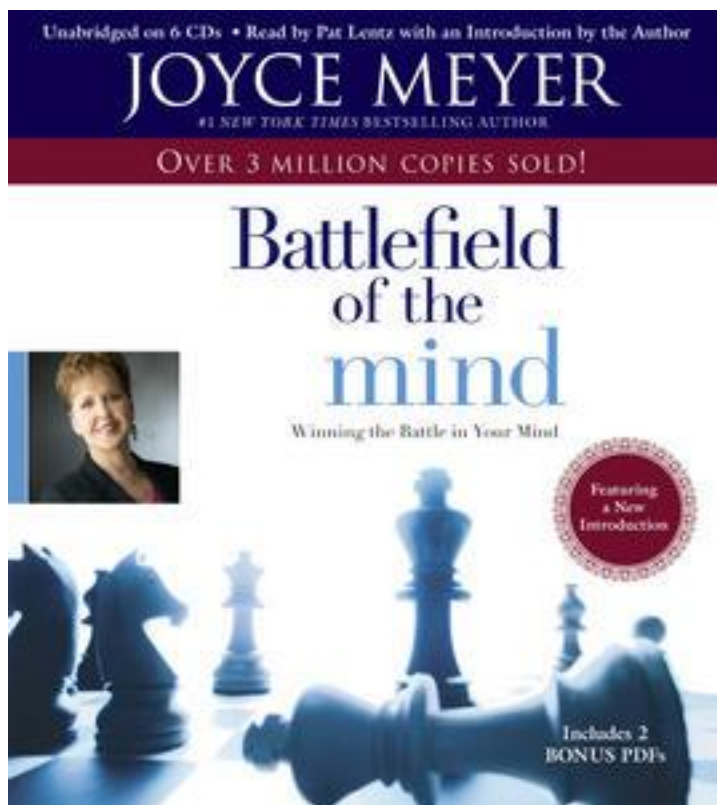
At 10:10 AM: The Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles ("Acts") provides the only detailed history found in the Bible of the early years of the church. Covering the first three decades after Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts provides an incredible panorama of life in the 1st century as Peter, Paul, 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", compelling the first Christians to sacrifice everything for that faith. 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.

Men's Early Bird Saturday Gathering

The Men's Early Bird Saturday Gatherings continue **Saturday, March 11th and 25th** in The Pathway Center. Come early for coffee and donuts at **7:15am** with discussion and Bible study **7:30am to 8:30am**. We meet the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Death at **480-766-3626**.

Women's Ministries

Join us in the New Year as we walk through the bible study of JAMES and the book study "Battlefield of the Mind". We will have weekly assigned reading in James as well as the book. 90% of our time in class will be walking through a study guide of James and 10% will be answering questions from your book reading. Our opening study will include a teaching on "Discernment", an overview of James and chapters 1-3 of the book. We continue on **Tuesday evening, March 14th and 28th or Thursday morning, March 9th and 23rd.**



Grace Girls 2017 Study "Battlefield of the Mind" By: Joyce Meyer

Tuesday evening opening: January 3, 2017, 6:30-8:45pm, The Pathway Center
Schedule: January 3, 17, 31, February 28, **March 14, 28**, April 11, 25, May 9, 23

Thursday morning opening: January 12, 2017, 8:45-11:00am,
The Perfect Place – Childcare provided
Schedule: January 12, 26, February 9, 23, **March 9, 23**, April 6, 20, May 4, 18

Please rsvp or sign up today: gracegirls@rslcs.org Annie Wolf at 480-203-1880
<http://www.rslcs.org/ministries/womens-ministry/GRACEGIRLS/Studies>

Calling All Solos

Starting last October, SOLOS have been meeting once a month. The activities have included a potluck, game nights, and the luminary walk followed by a chili feed. Numbers attending have been 12 to 20. Those attending find getting together with singles from our faith community to be a special experience.



March's activity is game night, scheduled for **Saturday** evening, **March 11th at 6:00pm** in our Fellowship Hall. Snacks are to be provided by those whose last names begin with M to Z (M-S bring a salty treat, T-Z something sweet). Drinks will be provided. All singles are welcome to attend this evening of fun and fellowship.

For questions or further information, contact Marjean Scheele **480-895-0716** or mjeanschel@aol.com

Serving

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

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.

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 continues on the **2nd Sunday** of the month in the Church hallway. Our next meeting will be in the Church Conference room on **March 14th**. 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@wbshi.com.

This screening could save your life! Learn if you are at risk, sign up for a Right Path preventive health screening, abdominal ultra sound screenings and cardiovascular screenings, a total of eleven for one price; **Tuesday, March 21st, 2017, 8:00am to 4:00pm** in the former Healing Center at Risen Savior. Appointment is necessary, call **602-254-7130** to make your appointment. Sponsored by the Caring Committee.

Caring Ministries Emails

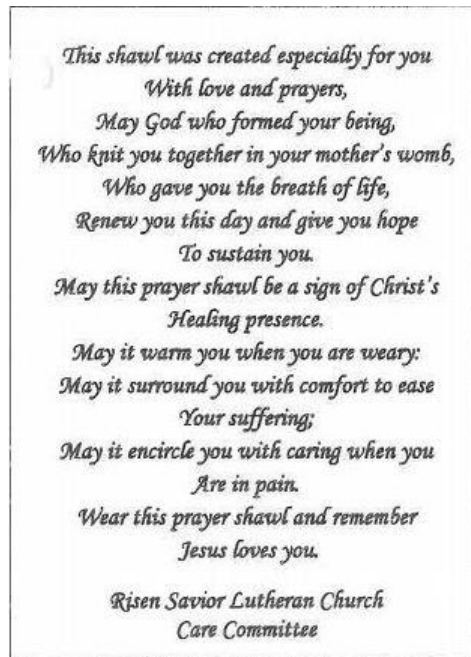
If you or someone you know would like to notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number. For prayer submissions to the News & Notes weekly email prayer partners, please email prayers@rslcs.org.

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@wbshi.com. 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.

Prayer Warriors

Prayer Warriors meet weekly at 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.



The Perfect Place

Thanks Volunteers with Tea

The incredible volunteers at Perfect Place were honored this week with an English/Irish tea at the beautiful home of Carol Pogatchnik. Carol and staff members created an aura of a high tea for all of us volunteers. We were treated to scones with clotted cream, tea sandwiches, fruit kabobs and then presented with a dessert tray of tiny pasties. Oh, and lots of tea. It was lovely. We all volunteer on different days so this was a chance to meet other volunteers and tell our favorite tales about volunteering. It was such a success we are thinking of a Spring Tea for the caregivers and their loved ones??????



NEW news... The Perfect Place is now in partnership with CEP (Creative Engagement Partners). There will be more about the other partners and the Spring Tea in next month's article.

The Perfect Place is located on the campus of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Sun Lakes. We are a nonprofit faith based adult care center. Our volunteers are knowledgeable of Alzheimer's, dementia, developmental disabilities, and various adult neurological challenges. Most of us have had a loved one for which we were a caregiver. We enjoy what we do.

If you believe your family or caregiver would benefit from this service contact Eileen Curran or Judy Waltersdorf at The Perfect Place. **480-895-2892**

Contributions from service organizations and personal donations to our scholarship fund allow us to provide financial assistance. Ask for a receipt. We are a 501c3.

ThePerfectPlace85248@gmail.com, 480-895-2892

9am-noon Mon, Wed, Fri – 1pm-4pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, All Day Option-Mon, Wed, Fri

The Perfect Place is again sponsoring one of Risen Savior's Lenten Dinners – **March 15th, 5pm – 6pm**. Spaghetti and Meatballs, salad, seasoned bread and a wide array of desserts are on the menu. Please plan to join us for dinner prior to worshipping at the **6:30** Lenten service. The donations we receive will be applied 100% to our expanding program...adding to our Scholarship Fund to support Caregivers and their loved ones who are financially challenged. We so appreciate your support and prayers for God's ministry here at Risen Savior. So, sign up and join us, we look forward to serving you!

Missions

Lutheran Braille Workers

Do you know someone who is blind or visually impaired? Lutheran Braille Workers produces a Biblically themed calendar that allows people who are blind or visually impaired to actually feel the illustrations that tell the story of God's love and salvation in the Scriptures. There is no charge for the calendars. If you would like to request either a Braille or large print calendar for friends or family, simply provide the name, address and desired format to Pat Bibler at **480-895-8788** or Kay Wellik at **480-838-4552**.

We meet on **Tuesdays, at 8:30 – 11:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us! If you have any questions call Kay Wellik at **480-838-4552**.

Piece Maker Quilters

The quilting group continues to be very productive. 18 quilts and 20 hats were delivered to Mana House. In 2008, a group of 14 veterans experiencing homelessness got together in Phoenix to help each other out. They continue that work today at MANA House (Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force) by providing transitional housing.

20 quilts and 25 hats were delivered to the Phoenix Rescue Mission. The Phoenix Rescue Mission is a place of hope, healing, and new beginnings for men, women, and children in our community struggling with homelessness, addiction, and trauma.

17 lap quilts and 3 shawls were delivered to Desert Cove Nursing Center. Desert Cove Nursing Center's in-house rehabilitation and nursing team creates personalized treatment plans for each patient and resident, focusing on individual needs and goals.

8 Quilts were delivered to Salvation Army's Project HOPE (Homeless Outreach to Place and Empower) in Phoenix. It is a mobile outreach program developed in 1996 as a collaboration between The Salvation Army, the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and the Libraries Department.

25 quilts were delivered to Salvation Army Chandler. They are one of 29 Salvation Army social service agencies strategically placed throughout Arizona. Material and spiritual support is their standard - social services delivered with compassion is their model - anyone in need is the prerequisite. At The Salvation Army, the motto of "heart to God and hand to man" is put into action every day as they change lives, transform our community and remain a steadfast beacon of hope for those in need in Chandler and the surrounding areas.

Our thanks goes out to Lois Koskovich for her donation of beautiful fabrics which are used to make the quilt tops.

If you are in the area on **Wednesday** afternoons between **1:00 pm and 4:00pm**, please stop by the Fellowship Hall to see our group busy doing the Lord's work.

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.

Many thanks to all those who contributed items to the hygiene kits that the Pacific Southwest District LWML is collecting for needy people. We appreciate your generous hearts.

March 13th at 1:00pm the LWML will meet for Bible study and their business meeting at The Pathway Center. Nancy Corder will be leading the Bible study from the Winter LWML Quarterly. Please bring your Quarterly (there will be copies available of the study) and a Bible.

Saturday, April 8th at noon is the annual **Spring Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. 2017 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the LWML. We will be celebrating and thanking God for His blessing upon this organization. We invite all ladies to attend this very special event. Tickets will be on sale after **March 1st** and are \$20. A devotion, entertainment, and a speaker will be part of the program. Please join us.

LCEF

Y.I. Club: Where Saving Money is Fun... and Helps Others Learn About Jesus.

Sharing time with close friends and family is a valuable gift. Make the time you spend with the special young people in your life memorable and fun, because good stewardship begins with small steps... and a good role model.

Help the young people in your life experience the joy of investing for the future while empowering ministry through the Young Investors (Y.I.) Club. Investments through LCEF's Y.I. Club mean more. Invested funds make loans and services possible, which help keep ministries vibrant and reaching out with the Gospel. LCEF understands ministries and their unique financial needs.

Explore yiclub.lcef.org, LCEF's website for toddlers, tweens and teens, playing fun and educational games, and learning stewardship concepts.

For the latest rates call **1-800-843-5233** or visit www.lcef.org.



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.

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.

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 nonprofits 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.

Miscellaneous

Annual Church Picnic

Join us at Tumbleweed Park on **Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and fun for all ages. Activities include a Corn Hole tournament, bounce house, face painting, balloon creations and games!

Brass and Organ Concert at Risen Savior

On **Sunday, March 5th, at 3:00pm**, a brass quintet and an organist will present a concert of music from the Baroque and Classical musical eras. Bob Confare, a well-known and highly-regarded musician will lead the brass group. For many years, Bob served as the director of the Neighbors Who Care spring concert in Sun Lakes. Virginia Shobert, a classically trained organist will play organ pieces on our 3-manual Allen organ. A free will offering will be taken.

Mega Church Thank You



February 2, 2017

Pastor Ron & Michelle Burcham
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Dear Pastor Ron, Michelle & beloved friends at Risen Savior:

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you so much for being such wonderful hosts for the annual LCMS Mega Church Conference in Phoenix. I praise God for the welcome, warmth and hospitality you showed to the senior pastors of our synod's largest churches and their wives.

So many of our Mega Church pastors and their wives are truly blessed by this annual gathering. It's an awesome experience for them. Early in a new year, they are given a chance to get refreshed and renewed for their life of ministry. You were all a key part of offering that refreshment and renewal to these key leaders in our church body.

I cannot say enough about the entire evening that we spent at Risen Savior on Thursday, January 26. The welcome reception, the dinner and the worship service were all wonderful experiences. The greeters, the servers, the musicians, the vocalists, the choir, the handbells, the pastors and everyone else involved helped to make it a powerful evening of feasting, fellowship and celebration...all centered in Jesus Christ our Savior. Everyone truly felt blessed by your church family!

So, Risen Savior congregation, on behalf of all who were in attendance at Mega Church 2017, please accept our sincere thanks for being such terrific hosts. May God continue to bless you as you bring forth "Streams in the Desert" in Christ's name to the people of your community.

God is good!


The Rev. Tim Runtsch
Mega Church Conference Chairman

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Cancer and the Church

Is it safe to say that every church has cancer on its prayer list? What if your church could touch lives of those coping with cancer both within and beyond your church walls? Meeting the needs of people affected by cancer is a unique ministry, mainly because the hospital stays are short, but treatment often lasts for years.

Jan and Jim Stewart, Cancer Companions Regional Representatives for AZ, will offer strategies for engaging volunteers to develop successful cancer ministries to impact your church and community through the Cancer Companions Program.

We welcome pastors, parish nurses, lay members, chaplains, hospice workers, Stephen Ministers, care teams, cancer survivors and caregivers.

Come join us for this seminar at Greenfield Lutheran Church, Gilbert, AZ., **Saturday, March 25th, 10am – 11:15am. Cost: Free**

Volunteers Needed to Tidy Up Sanctuary

Risen Savior is looking for someone to share volunteer duties to tidy up the Sanctuary on alternate Mondays. Duties would include: retrieving last Sunday's bulletins, News & Notes and readings from the lectern, Pastor's benches, Elder's Closet, prayer sheet on altar, reserve five copies of last Sunday bulletins and News & Notes for lost and found table and set out Portal of Prayers at welcome booth and on cabinets in back of church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office at **480-895-6782**.

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!

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

For those who have a change of contact information, please remember to advise the church office of your updated contact information so you can receive the news at Risen Savior. Call **480-895-6782** or email news@rslcs.org.

2017 Contribution Envelopes

Offering envelopes are still available. Please ask an Elder if you haven't picked up your envelopes and he will assist you.

Financial

Mortgage Burning Ceremony

What a fun afternoon! Burn the Mortgage was a great event celebrating God's provision and the generosity of the Risen Savior community.

We had the privilege of having some of the people with us on Sunday that led us through this journey. Pastor Jock Ficken, the original campaign manager, gave the Sunday morning message titled, LEGACY. Pastor Jim Pflueger and Shelly Schwalm, who carried us through the campaign during a difficult time, and Pastor Ron Burcham, who saw us through the end, all said a few words of thanksgiving and encouragement to everyone gathered.

There were balloons, fellowship, camp fires, s'mores, and of course, the Burning of the Mortgage. It was a fulfilling accomplishment to watch it burn and know that we at Risen Savior are now part of its LEGACY.



Risen Savior Foundation

Consider supporting RSLCS through its 501c3 Foundation. Gift planning through your wills and trusts will support the ministries of the church for years to come. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

For further information or to contribute to the foundation through your estate planning or gifts, please contact Foundation President, Chuck Deuth, at **480-766-3626**.

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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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.

Financial Summary for January 2017 and FYTD17:

- Giving Results
 - Giving continues to be strong.
 - Giving was over budget in January by \$1,352 and FYTD by \$48,183.
- Spending
 - Spending was slightly over budget in January by \$22.
 - FYTD17, expenses are *under* budget by \$60,164.
 - We are currently expecting to be at or slightly under budget on expenses by FYE17.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
 - The ELC Income was *under* budget by \$5,627.
 - Due to cost savings, ELC net income was *under* budget by \$2,452.
- Net Operating Cash is 22,174 which is a planned amount based on budget. Operating Cash increased in January by \$51,659. It is expected that Operating cash will continue to increase the next few months in order to cover deficits in the last two months of the fiscal year.

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense

	Jan-17	Jan-17	\$ Over	FYTD17	FYTD17	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	124,852	123,500	1,352	724,973	676,790	48,183	1,257,400
All other income	4,038	3,720	318	29,448	26,000	3,448	44,600
Total Church Income	<u>128,890</u>	<u>127,220</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>754,421</u>	<u>702,790</u>	<u>51,631</u>	<u>1,302,000</u>
Early Learning Center	<u>97,488</u>	<u>103,115</u>	<u>(5,627)</u>	<u>671,089</u>	<u>676,350</u>	<u>(5,261)</u>	<u>1,214,700</u>
Total Operational Income	226,378	230,335	(3,957)	1,425,510	1,379,140	46,370	2,516,700
Operational Expenses	<u>195,552</u>	<u>195,530</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1,355,381</u>	<u>1,415,545</u>	<u>(60,164)</u>	<u>2,404,595</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>30,826</u>	<u>34,805</u>	<u>(3,979)</u>	<u>70,129</u>	<u>(36,405)</u>	<u>106,534</u>	<u>112,105</u>

High Level Statement of Operational Cash

January 2017

Cash/Current Assets 01/31/17	488,872
Donor Restricted Funds	233,261
Board Designated Funds	<u>233,437</u>
Net Operational Cash 01/31/17	22,174
Cash/Current Assets 12/31/16	426,453
Donor Restricted Funds	218,992
Board Designated Funds	<u>236,946</u>
Net Operational Cash 12/31/16	(29,485)
Net Operating Cash Change	<u>51,659</u>

Happy Birthday

Dick Bergerson	03/01	Marjean Scheele	03/09
Bob Brower	03/01	Jim Torre	03/09
Richard Edinger	03/01	Taylor Cole	03/10
Mary Murdock	03/01	Danielle Cole	03/10
Calista Pagnard	03/01	Caden Correll	03/10
Nancy Russell	03/01	Robert Kurz	03/10
Ken Loop	03/02	Leonora Blakely	03/11
Lola Schmidt	03/02	Trevor Primrose	03/11
Marcia Hinze	03/03	Sandra Swoverland	03/11
Pauline Snodgrass	03/03	Madison Burcham	03/12
William Becker	03/04	Mary Engel	03/12
Frieda Lehr	03/04	Diane Dugstad	03/13
Roger Bergerson	03/05	Darlene G. Dunn	03/13
Jillian Endicott	03/05	Eric Karst	03/13
Robert Otto	03/05	Robert Myczek	03/13
Megan Proulx	03/05	Diane Nelson	03/13
George Ritchie	03/05	Andrew Mettenbrink	03/14
Anthony Young	03/05	Jean Dietz	03/15
Justen Kim	03/06	Cassandra Kuerner	03/15
Laura Ross	03/06	Teagan Tollefson	03/15
Julie Souther	03/06	Zachary Miller	03/16
Patricia Bibler	03/07	Charles Myers	03/16
Garrett Oman	03/07	Barbara Stewart	03/16
Barb Otto	03/07	Gary Weber	03/16
Bill Insel	03/08	Patti Kroeger	03/17
Don Kalscheur	03/08	Jessica Schaefer	03/17
Toni Kalscheur	03/08	Josephine Tietbohl	03/17
Marianne Perkins	03/08	Anthony De Vito	03/18
Benjamin Rosenberg	03/08	Hazel Thurow	03/18
Marilyn Steen	03/08	Elisha Wirth	03/18

Corrine Paulson	03/19	Kent Dugstad	03/24
Hilary Samples	03/19	William Jansen	03/25
Donald Swoboda	03/19	Shannon Barden	03/26
Eleanor Jokisch	03/20	Marlin Coffee	03/26
Billie Schricker	03/20	Carl Kuchenbecker	03/26
Kasch Frank	03/21	Gladys Prochaska	03/26
Jan Jensen	03/21	Lyle Ried	03/26
Colton Karst	03/21	Jim Van Houten	03/27
Robert Plowman	03/21	Beverly Winterstein	03/27
Elaine Culp	03/22	Karen Kozik	03/28
Crystal Jaso	03/22	Roxanne Schmidt	03/28
George Lyons	03/22	Joan Scott	03/28
Austin Miller	03/22	Madelaine Balbarin	03/29
Brianna Samples	03/22	Stuart Bennerotte	03/29
Russ Grgich	03/23	Bob Miller	03/29
Brian Irick	03/23	Kristine Stevens	03/29
David Nolte	03/23	Sophia Long	03/30
Gunnar Schmidt	03/23	Mary Fitzke	03/31
Peggy Vernon	03/23	Susan Lockman	03/31
Beverly Burkhart	03/24	Molly Meyer	03/31

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Nadine Walch	03/03/1951	Clint & Nancy Watkins	03/28/1987
Robert & Frieda Lehr	03/11/1956	Anthony & Teresa De Vito	03/08/1991
Bob & Donna Harms	03/28/1959	Michael & Laura Oman	03/15/1997
Arnie & Julie Hastings	03/06/1965	Barry & Jill Correll	03/31/2001
Walter & Ann Shepherd	03/21/1969	John & Emily Musa	03/09/2002
Michael & Nancy Everson	03/02/1970	Jay & Linda Gallipo	03/12/2011
John & Mary Freund	03/25/1972	Adam & Tara Chavira	03/19/2011
Donald & Lariat Windisch	03/23/1975	Chris & Lindsey Reuter	03/10/2012
Tom & Roxanne Schmidt	03/01/1980	Paul & Gwen Vining	03/22/2013
Frank & Nancy Farmer	03/25/1983	Harvey & Holly Mathistad	03/28/2015

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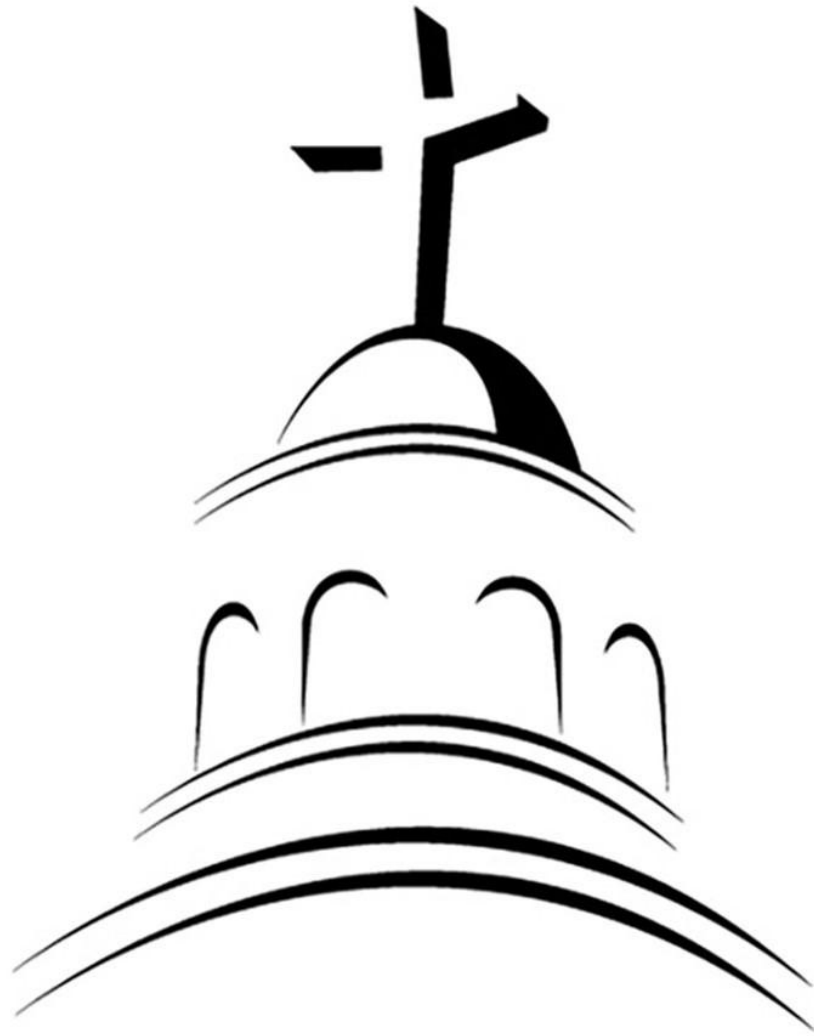
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