

# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2016 Newsletter

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NOVEMBER MESSAGE SERIES

## Why Should I Give?

I GIVE IN *Response*

I GIVE TO MAKE A *Difference*

I GIVE TO RECEIVE A *Blessing*

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# Worshiping

## Thanks for Nothing!

I believe Hallmark would reject an idea I have for a Thanksgiving card, although I think it would be a good one. Picture it with me, front of the card would have a beautiful cornucopia with “Happy Thanksgiving” in big bold print. With a smile on your face you open the card to “Thanks for nothing!” Great idea, right? Hmm I am sensing skepticism on your part. Perhaps you work for Hallmark.

I am sticking the “Thanks for nothing” as a great theme for Thanksgiving. Instead of being thankful for all the things that you have, perhaps be thankful for the things you don’t have. The things you desperately wanted, but now you realize it is much better that you didn’t receive it. Let’s think of a few.

The girl you were sure was the only one for you, but in reality she doesn’t hold a candle to the one you now call your bride. The promotion you didn’t get – to the division that was sold the next year eliminating all positions. The deal on a new home that fell through...in 2008. That time the store had sold out all of the Betamax players and you settled for the VHS player. (If you don’t know what either of those are you will need to look it up in an encyclopedia – wait, I mean Google it.) The muscle car you could never afford and all of the speeding tickets you would have gotten with it. When you just missed getting tickets to the Cardinal’s season opener against the Patriots.

You no doubt have your own list going on in your head right now, things you desperately wanted or thought you needed. Now as you look back you wipe your brow and give a sigh of relief. Jesus once said; “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:11-13) I have always turned that around, what if your son asks you for a snake or a scorpion? No father would give their child something that would harm them. How much more does our father in heaven know what is good for us and what is bad for us, even if we ask for the bad.

This Thanksgiving as you express your gratitude for all that God has blessed you with, you might want to say; “Oh, and thanks for nothing!”

*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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

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

## Advent Worship Schedule

Advent starts on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Wednesday Advent services are: November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 and 6:30 pm.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 and 6:30 pm.

December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 and 6:30 pm.

Risen Savior is truly blessed with the volunteers that have offered to serve the Advent Meals. If you are planning on attending please sign-up the Sunday before, so we can plan for enough food.

Wednesday Advent Meals are in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm.

Schedule: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Meal served by **LWML**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Meal served by **The Perfect Place**

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Meal served by **The Early Learning Center**

## 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**.

# Parking News

The parking lot of the Church and The Pathway Center will be under construction during the first week of November. Please pay attention to the areas closed off and find another route to get where you need to be.

## RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

### RESURFACING SCHEDULE WO 105006



**Section 1** - This section is closed at 7am on Tuesday 10/25 and is opened by 2pm on Wednesday 10/26

**Section 2** - This section is closed at 7am on Tuesday 11/1 and is opened by 2pm on Wednesday 11/2

**Section 3** - This section is closed at 7am on Thursday 11/3 and is opened by 2pm on Friday 11/4



## \*\*\*\*\*WARNING\*\*\*\*\*

Do not drive on the fresh seal coat until the traffic cones and/or barricades have been removed. The sealer will splatter onto your vehicle, track onto your driveway, or if you walk in it, your footprints will stain both concrete and carpeting. It is very difficult to remove. Once the seal coat product has dried, it is permanent. Ace Asphalt will not repair damage to vehicles, concrete driveways or carpeting.

Sealing is a cost effective maintenance procedure that helps to prolong the life of the pavement.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this important maintenance program.

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## Growing

### Risen Savior Sunday School News



**Jesus and me**

aka Sunday School at Risen Savior

**About JAM!** Come join in the fun on Sunday mornings at **10:10am** 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. If you have any questions contact Shelley Nelson at [NelsonS@rslcs.org](mailto:NelsonS@rslcs.org).

# Ignite Confirmation Ministry



## Ignite Confirmation Ministry Has a New Home!

Ignite is a place where faith is formed and hearts are changed.

This year, our Ministry Action Team's goal was to create a comfortable environment where God's Word takes root, the Holy Spirit ignites faith and relationships are formed.

Volunteers worked to enhance the modular building where youth meet in newly upgraded rooms for times of instruction and fellowship. During instruction, youth gather in large groups for learning with up to 16-20 students and break into small group discussions of 6-8 students. They enjoy spending time together in this new space!

Instructional Sessions take place on **Sunday mornings at 8:30am** followed by Worship at **10:10**.

- Youth in Grade 7 study the New Testament in the new Ignite Room.
- Grades 8-12 meet in the Youth Room for a study called "Lutheran Living".
- Students in Grade 6 gather in The Perfect Place to learn about the Old Testament.

## Youth Ministry

For Senior High Youth Group activities, parents and/or students may contact Laurel Miller at [millerl@rslcs.org](mailto:millerl@rslcs.org) to obtain more information.

## Small Group Bible Studies

**Adult Forum** - Led by Pastor Harold Teuscher

Next year is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nailing of 95 Thesis (statements) to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, by a Monk named Martin Luther. Many tourists from around the world will travel to Wittenberg to celebrate this event as the birth of the protestant church. Each year many protestant churches celebrate this event on the Sunday nearest October 31. During **November**, we will look at videos on the life of Martin Luther & his life-threatening confrontation with the leaders of the medieval European church over his clarion call that salvation is available to everyone – free & universal – as a gift of God's magnificent grace because of Jesus' suffering, death, & resurrection to pay the ransom for our sins.

In this Bible study we will examine the life & times of this religious reformer. From his humble beginnings in Germany to his tireless work of translating the Bible into the language of the people, Martin Luther inspired a Reformation that reverberates throughout Christendom to this day. Join us each **Sunday at 8:45am** in the Fellowship Hall for one hour with Pastor Teuscher as our leader.

# The Gospel According to John

and

# The Gospel According to Luke



Each of these 13-week studies will cover the entire book of one of the Gospels, with a focus on the book's background, message, and application to our lives. Participants can purchase a best-selling study guide/workbook for the class and home study, which includes the complete text of the Gospel, commentary and study notes for the scripture, and questions leading us deeper into our understanding of Jesus.

If you are interested in gaining a deeper knowledge of scripture, one of these classes will be perfect for you. The classes meet each **Sunday** morning in the Conference Room and are taught by Dr. Barry Ritchie. See below to decide which class time is the best fit for your Sunday morning worship schedule. So that we can get an accurate count, please let Barry know which class you'll be attending by contacting him either by phone at **480-839-1382** (leave a message if there's no answer) or email him at [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com). See you there!

## At 8:40 AM each Sunday morning: The Gospel According to John

***The Gospel of John was written to focus your attention on Jesus and what He has done for you.*** The Gospel of John focuses on Jesus as the Word, the Messiah, and the Son of God – the Word made flesh to bring the gift of salvation to all people. As Christians, we too need to focus on Jesus, the One who offers us salvation by grace through our faith in Him.

## At 10:10 AM each Sunday morning: The Gospel According to Luke

***The Gospel of Luke was written to spread and defend the Good News about Jesus to the entire world.*** This Gospel speaks to people unfamiliar with the Jewish background of Jesus and the apostles, showing that Jesus indeed is the Savior of all humanity. Luke helps us understand and communicate to each other – and to an unbelieving and sometimes hostile world – that Jesus truly came to reach everyone: rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, devout and unreligious.

## Grief Share Class

Whether you've had a recent loss, or are struggling with a past loss, you are welcome to join a Grief Share Class led by Pastor Mark Hoffmann. The class will be held **every Wednesday** in the Church Conference Room from **10:00am to 11:30am**, and will run through **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please feel free to join us.



# Men's Early Bird Saturday Gathering

The Men's Early Bird Saturday Gatherings continue **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays** of the month. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Deuth at **480-766-3626**.

## Calling All Solos

There are two events planned in November to put on your calendars!

- **November 5<sup>th</sup>** – If you have a ticket and are planning to attend the November Fest, a table will be reserved to sit at as a group. This should prove to be a fun time for all who attend.
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>** – **GAME NIGHT** starts at **6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will offer Yahtzee, Sequence, Hand & Foot, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, SkipBo and Mexican Train. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided.



For questions or further information, contact Marjean Scheele **480-895-0716** or [mjeanschel@aol.com](mailto:mjeanschel@aol.com)



# Women's Ministries

## Grace Girls Study-Serve-Rejoice-Retreat September-December 2016

### Study:

#### "The Way-His Truth-My Journey"

Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm

Pathway Center at Risen Savior

Childcare available with rsvp

September 13th, 27th

October 11th, 25th

November 8th, 22nd

Thursday mornings, 8:45-11:00am

Perfect Place at Risen Savior

Childcare available with rsvp

September 22nd,

October 6th, 20th

November 3rd, 17th

December 1st

### Serve:

#### Circle of Healing

September: Hygiene products for all family members

October: Fall break snacks for kids, Halloween candy

November: Turkeys and complete meals (see list)

December: Christmas presents for ages K-Senior year (see list)

### Rejoice:

#### Grace Girls at Risen Savior

-Hear, Read, Study, Memorize, Meditate on God's Word

-Small Group atmosphere

-Fellowship with treats

-Prayer is woven in the time

-Women to walk alongside one another in times of joy, grief and daily life

-Worship is the course

### Retreat:

#### "A Mary Christmas"

December 6th, Tuesday evening, 6:15-8:30pm

Pathway Center at Risen Savior

Childcare available with rsvp

Light snacks, Christmas cookies, hot cocoa-coffee-tea bar

### Theme Verse:

John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### Theme Song:

"Here's My Heart" by

Lauren Daigle

"Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true. I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure, I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free, You are strong, You are sure, You are life, You endure, You are good, always true, You are light breaking through, You are more than enough, You are here, You are love, You are hope, You are grace, You're all I have, You're everything. Here's my heart, Lord, Speak what is true"

### PRAYERS:

For prayer requests, please email

Kathleen Ramirez:

kar054@wbhsi.net

### RSVP:

Please rsvp for the new study, retreat and any childcare needs, or to be added to our email list:

gracegirls@rslcs.org or

Annie Wolf at 480-203-1880

<http://www.rslcs.org/ministries/womens-ministry/>

## Interested in Serving as a Communion Assistant or Altar Guild Server?

These services are open to both men and women and there will be a training event on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. There will be a short study of the sacrament led by Pastor Burcham and then a procedural training by one of the Elders and Altar Guild leaders. At the end of the training you can decide if this is a place where you can serve at Risen Savior. **Please contact the church office if you're interested in this training session.**

## Interested in Serving as an Usher and/or Greeter?

Join us **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am** in the Perfect Place. This training session is for anyone interested in becoming an usher and/or greeter. We will go over the job duties and responsibilities and also Planning Center. **Please contact the church office if you're interested in this training session.**

**We are also in need of Nursery helpers for the 10:10 service. Please contact the church office if you are interested.**

## Sunday Volunteer Sign-up Process

Our Sunday morning volunteer positions are scheduled through Planning Center. **We are now using a new 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 learn to use 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. The rummage sale was a big success, many thanks to all the people who make this possible.

## 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 Screening continues 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 **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.

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](mailto:goodingpn@wbshi.com).

### 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 email prayer partners, please email [prayers@rslcs.org](mailto:prayers@rslcs.org).

## Advanced Directives Presentation

### **Advanced Directives – Have you considered everything?**

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care will be presenting and holding a Q and A session at Risen Savior, **November 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am** in the Fellowship Hall in regards to:

Advanced Directives – why everyone over 18 needs one.

The 5 Wishes you should consider.

Power of Attorney – the difference between Medical, Financial, Durable and why you need them.

Choices you can make now for personal care should you become ill – Personal care, Spiritual care, etc.

Where to keep your paperwork and whom to provide copies.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

RSLC is beginning a 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](mailto:goodingpn@wbshi.com).

## 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](mailto:prayerwarriors@rslcs.org).

# The Perfect Place

Hospice of the Valley recently held a seminar concerning dementia at the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church. Volunteers from Perfect Place were there as were members of the congregation and other residents of Sun Lakes. The participants came away enlightened, enthusiastic and appreciative of the information they were given. Perfect Place volunteers receive training periodically and will be busy this winter. Join us. We will have a complete list of seminars in next month's article.



The program which was titled *Understanding the Journey of Dementia* was directed by Maribeth Gallagher. Dr. Gallagher directs Hospice of the Valley's Dementia program which is the recipient of national and international awards for its innovative approaches to dementia care. Those in attendance were given information on the value of the caregiver role and managing the stress by understanding dementia and its progression from stage to stage. In addition, there were suggestions for making and maintaining meaningful connections with the person with dementia.

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.

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](mailto:ThePerfectPlace85248@gmail.com), 480-895-2892**

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

## Adjusting to the Holidays

When a family member is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias a new dynamic is added to holiday traditions. Join this interactive class for helpful hints to keep the holidays enjoyable. Enjoy refreshments and appetizers too!

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Thursday, November 3rd from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the  
**Chandler Community Center**

Wednesday, November 9th from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the  
**Scottsdale Mustang Library**

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**R.S.V.P**  
Val in Chandler at 480-718-9055  
Darlene in Scottsdale at 480-656-4084





### **A Note from your Pastor**

You can help a child in need receive a Christian education *at no cost to you*.

Dear Risen Savior Family,

Today's economy affects parents' ability to keep their children enrolled in Lutheran schools. That's why I am so excited to partner with Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization (ALSO). We can help families send their children to our Kindergarten here at Risen Savior where children grow in their faith each day.

Since 2002, ALSO has awarded more than \$2.3 million in scholarships which have been made possible by hundreds of people who contributed to ALSO.

In Arizona, taxpayers can ***redirect their tax dollars to create scholarships***. Every year, people make donations to ALSO and receive their money back when they file their state taxes. It is amazing to see how God multiplies!

I hope and pray that you will consider this opportunity to walk alongside ALSO. Watch for more information as our partnership with ALSO continues to grow. You can get further details online at [ALSOsto.org](http://ALSOsto.org).

Blessings,

Rev. Ronald Burcham

Senior Pastor, Risen Savior Lutheran Church



# Missions

## Lutheran Braille Workers

Believing labor is an act of love, a new “brand mark” logo has been chosen----LOVE WORKS.

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

Some of our snowbirds are returning and we are busy making prayer shawls, bandages and quilts for our annual sale on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have baked goods and the peanut brittle that everybody loves!

The prayer shawl ministry was started by Sister Carol and now is directed by the Caring Ministries Team.

This year we welcomed 2 new members and are always praying that some of our new members will visit and join our group. We have many homeless that need our prayers, quilts and food.

This year we will again have a beautiful quilt to raffle at our Quilt and Bake sale. If you get the lucky number it will bless your bed!

We meet every Wednesday all year long at **1:00pm – 4:00pm**. Contact Marie Kiehl at **480-883-0842**.



## Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML)

**LWML** monthly Bible study and meeting will be held on **November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in the Pathway Center. Please plan to attend. This group is not just for the older female generation. You are invited to participate in the Bible study and the meeting that follows to be informed of how this society supports missions.

LWML will be serving a meal in the Fellowship Hall on the first Wednesday of Advent – **November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**. Ticket sales will be on **Sundays** between services on **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. Price \$5 (age 13 and up); \$3 – (4-12); 3 and under free. Plan to attend a wonderful meal provided by “caterer Becky”.

LWML will once again support the children of the Lutheran Hispanic Ministries with Christmas gifts. Plan now as more information will be available for donations between **November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>**. See Sharon Kolanowski for details.

# LCEF

## Investments Help Build the Kingdom

Investments in Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provide resources for Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches, schools, universities, child-care centers and other ministries to expand the Kingdom.

Share your passion for ministry while earning competitive rates of interest. Learn more and view rates at [lcef.org](http://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](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 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.

## Chandler Salvation Army Support

The Chandler Salvation Army needs our help!

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**, Thanksgiving dinner: Helpers are needed to set up, serve, kitchen crew and kids corner. Call **Krysal Royce** at **480-963-2041, Ext. 201**.

Volunteers are needed at the Chandler Mall Angel Tree in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Bell ringers are needed at the kettles. If volunteers are not available, the Salvation Army has to hire bell ringers.

Many other Christmas volunteer opportunities are available. Call Joyce at Salvation Army, **480-963-2041**

The food drop-off for the Chandler Salvation Army is the first **Sunday** of each month. Please bring your non-perishables to the table 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.

# Miscellaneous

## Novemberfest

**Save the date!** Risen Savior's annual Novemberfest is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 per person when purchased in advance, or \$7.00 purchased at the event. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.rslcs.org](http://www.rslcs.org) (look for the Novemberfest link), in person at the church office or after services each Sunday of October. Chandler and Sun Lakes Residents are invited so be sure to invite your friends!



## Risen Savior Novemberfest

**Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Risen Savior Fellowship Hall &  
Outdoor Campus**

- Live Barvarian Oom-Pah Band • Door Prizes
- Brats or Hotdogs, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Non-Alcoholic Beverage, and Dessert included.
- *Beer & Wine \$2.00 each*

## Fall Festival Fun

The Fall Festival was a **BIG** success, great food, games, animals, bouncy houses, something for everyone and all enjoyed it!



# Eternal Life Lutheran Church Fall Festival

## Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 26, 2016

8:00am to 2:00pm

Eternal Life Lutheran Church-LCMS

7025 E. Main Street

(at Jefferson and Main Streets)

Mesa, AZ 85207

For more information, call 480-985-0224

❖ CAR SHOW

❖ CRAFTS (Still room for Arts & Crafts vendors)

❖ FOOD (Brats, hotdogs, and Sloppy Joe's)

❖ MUSIC

❖ KIDS GAMES

❖ "FABRIC HEAVEN"

❖ FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study: 8:15am

Sunday School 8:15am

Sunday Worship: 9:30am



"While we encourage all vendors to participate in offering crafts and art of a secular nature, we reserve the right to restrict material that is found to be offensive or that which promotes subjects that are in opposition to our mission or our core values. This is in concurrence with our Constitution and Bylaws."



Check the Information Booth for this form:

## LOOKING for Arts and Crafts Vendors

Eternal Life Lutheran Church presents

# Fall 2016 Arts and Crafts Festival

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016      8 a.m. to 2 p.m.      Eternal Life Lutheran Church

The Fall Arts & Crafts 2015 Fair included more than 40 vendors with products like:

Wood crafts	Doll Clothes	Candles
Baby Blankets	Plastic Canvas Art	Jewelry
Greeting Cards	Handmade pens	Christmas Stockings
Fabric purses	Quilts	Women's clothes
Table runners	Crocheted items	Wall art
Baby items	Stained glass decor	Silk Flowers

### Spaces are still available!!

Details and registration form are on the back of this flyer.

Questions? Contact Dona Kahler at [donamae3@cox.net](mailto:donamae3@cox.net) or 480-226-4302

Eternal Life Lutheran Church  
7025 E. Main Street  
Mesa, AZ 85207  
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# Holiday Boutique

**Do you have a craft or product to sell that will make a great Christmas gift?**

Epiphany Lutheran Church invites you to reserve a table for \$35/an additional \$10 for electric (if needed).

Keep your own profits.  
Family-appropriate items only.

Table reservations must be made by November 21. Space is limited

**When:** Saturday, December 3, 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Epiphany Lutheran Church  
800 West Ray Road, Chandler, AZ 85225  
(Alma School Road/Ray Road)

**Contact Sue Beyer at [sue@betterbuyerinsurance.com](mailto:sue@betterbuyerinsurance.com) for reservations or call 602-703-9945 for more information.**

# Operation Christmas Child



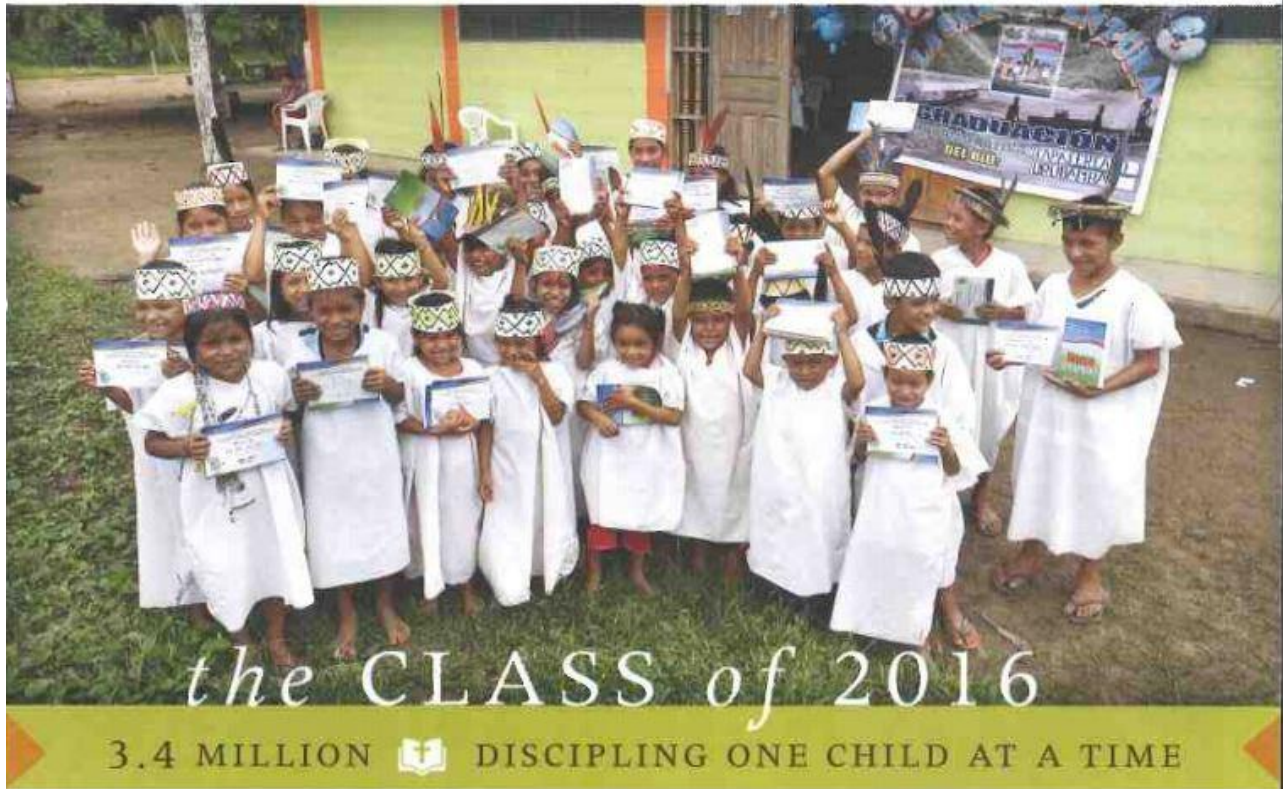
Operation Christmas Child is an extension program of Samaritan's Purse of which Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, is president. Operation Christmas Child has touched the lives of millions of hurting children since 1993 in 130 countries by distributing gift-filled shoe boxes and sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ in crisis areas around the world. People need to know that when they get involved in Operation Christmas Child, they are a missionary. Boxes are filled at the local level by contributors, church members or others who want to be involved. After shoeboxes are packed, sent off with prayer for overseas shipment, they travel by plane, boat and truck to countries where local churches receive them with joy. Every gift-filled shoe box provides these churches with an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship in places they otherwise might never be received. As a result, the Gospel is transforming children, families, and entire communities.

Risen Savior has decided to become a part of this ministry. Our campaign will run from **October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>** of this year. Boxes and "How to pack a shoe-box" pamphlets can be picked up at the church in the narthex on Sundays after or before each service on **10/23, 10/30, and 11/6**. Boxes are due back by **11/13**. A check, made out to Samaritan's Purse, or cash for \$7.00 is requested for each box packed to pay for shipping and handling. Donations are also accepted. Please make that check out to Risen Savior Lutheran Church and indicate in the memo section of the check - OCC - Operation Christmas Child. There will be an envelope at the display table for check donations.

Risen Savior will also be acting as a relay center for the Southeast valley where other churches will be bringing their boxes to us for transport to another destination. This will happen during the week of **November 14<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to help in this operation or between services on the collection Sundays, please contact Suzi Poulsen . Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child boxes and donations are due back at the church by **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions call Suzi Poulsen at **1-480-699-3174**.

# THE GREATEST JOURNEY



Beyond their joy over the wonderful gifts hidden inside colorful packages, the children who receive “Operation Christmas Child” shoe boxes, are invited to attend a Bible study and discipleship course entitled “The Greatest Journey”. It is 12 weeks of engaging lessons where they learn Bible stories, memorize scripture and discover how they can share the Gospel with family and friends. Samaritan’s Purse trained 370,000 volunteer teachers who taught classes to over 1.2 million boys and girls this last year in 71 languages. Each class has a graduation ceremony and each child is given a New Testament Bible.

## 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**.

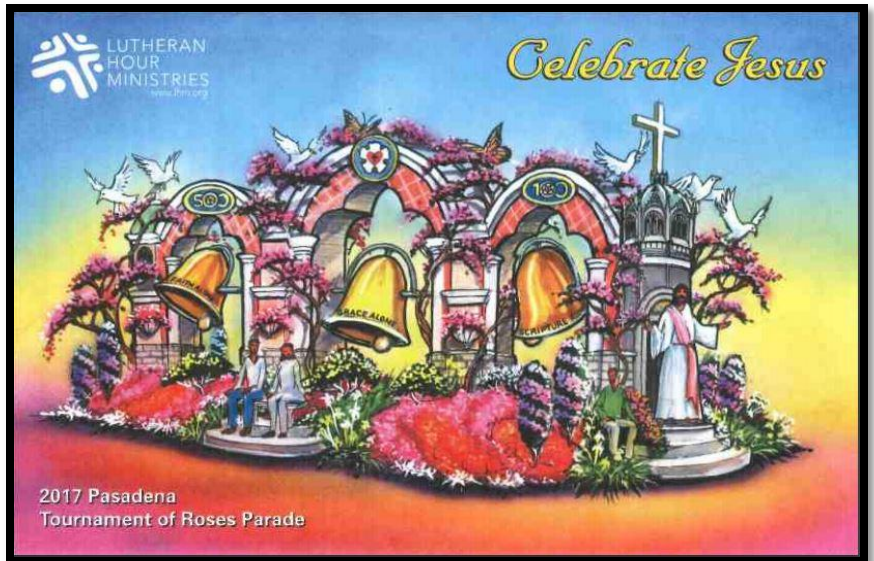


# Lutheran Hour Ministries

The 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade theme is “Echoes of Success” and the theme of the LHM float is “Celebrate Jesus.”

Join the Petal Pushers departing **December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016** for 6 days, 5 nights in southern California.

The mission of the Lutheran Hour Ministries is “To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media.”



For more information email [chairman@petalpushers.org](mailto:chairman@petalpushers.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Come celebrate 100 years of the Lutheran Hour Ministries with the Grand Canyon District LHM. We are excited to announce that both Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, the speaker of The Lutheran Hour and Dr. Paul Maier will be presenters at the celebration which will be held on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ. In addition to emphasizing the past, present and future of the LHM, the Reformation Mission will also be presented.

The day will begin with registration at **8:30am**, a free-will offering will be taken for lunch and we expect to conclude at approximately **3:00pm**. For reservations contact Kathy Baumhofer at **480-759-1147**.

## **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 **10<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Send your articles to: [news@rslcs.org](mailto: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](mailto:news@rslcs.org).



## Pathway Update – Payoff the Mortgage

The current balance of the TPC mortgage is **\$117,000**. Please note every contribution given toward the ‘Burn the Mortgage’ drive is applied directly to the principal. Working together we will ‘Burn the Mortgage’ in 2017.

## Risen Savior Foundation

Does your will reflect your current intentions? Consider RSLCS Foundation, Inc., for a portion of your estate. A bequest in your will does not involve an immediate donation and it can be changed at any time. 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 **detailed** reports are available to members and attendees of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Please contact Susan Mello, our Business Manager, to receive this information. Susan’s email is: [mellos@rslcs.org](mailto:mellos@rslcs.org)

- Statement of Financial Income and Expense
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Cash Flow

### Financial Summary for September 2016 and FYTD17:

- Giving Results
  - For September, Giving exceeded budget by \$5,614. FYTD17, Giving is over budget by \$16,132.
- Spending
  - Spending was *under* budget in September by \$24,876 primarily due to timing differences for expenses budgeted for September that were paid in October.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
  - The ELC Net Income was over budget by \$2,764.
- Net Operating Cash is (\$55,017) which is a planned amount based on budget. This number should begin to decrease beginning in late November.



High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Sep-16	Sep-16	\$ Over	FYTD17	FYTD17	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	78,874	73,260	5,614	246,117	229,985	16,132	1,257,400
All other income	4,107	3,720	387	14,556	11,160	3,396	44,600
<b>Total Church Income</b>	<b>82,981</b>	<b>76,980</b>	<b>6,001</b>	<b>260,673</b>	<b>241,145</b>	<b>19,528</b>	<b>1,302,000</b>
<b>Early Learning Center</b>	<b>109,748</b>	<b>107,590</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>289,800</b>	<b>286,290</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>1,214,700</b>
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>192,729</b>	<b>184,570</b>	<b>8,159</b>	<b>550,473</b>	<b>527,435</b>	<b>23,038</b>	<b>2,516,700</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	<b>193,538</b>	<b>209,585</b>	<b>(16,047)</b>	<b>575,349</b>	<b>606,445</b>	<b>(31,096)</b>	<b>2,404,595</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(809)</b>	<b>(25,015)</b>	<b>24,206</b>	<b>(24,876)</b>	<b>(79,010)</b>	<b>54,134</b>	<b>112,105</b>
<b>High Level Statement of Operational Cash</b>							
<b>September 2016</b>							
Cash/Current Assets 08/31/16		490,506					
Donor Restricted Funds		241,904					
Board Designated Funds		290,997					
Net Operational Cash 08/31/16		(42,395)					
Cash/Current Assets 09/30/16		467,256					
Donor Restricted Funds		235,662					
Board Designated Funds		286,611					
Net Operational Cash 09/30/16		(55,017)					
Net Operating Cash Change		(12,622)					

# Happy Birthday

Marie Brockmiller	11/01	Michelle Kasel	11/10
Maria Buck	11/01	Lindsay Proulx	11/10
Charles Deuth	11/01	Trent Cowan	11/11
Herb Lienenbrugger	11/01	Romell Ritchie	11/11
Anna Pahlow	11/01	Marion Myczek	11/12
Connor Ross	11/01	Reid Schrimsher	11/12
Kristina Winterstein	11/01	Kimberly Abersold	11/13
Dakota Hurst	11/02	Rose Hull	11/13
JoAnne McCay	11/02	Deb Jacusis	11/13
Gunter Peters	11/02	Kimberly Norris	11/13
Suzette Schulze	11/02	Angie Johnson	11/14
Darrel Maaske	11/03	Lisa Mullings	11/14
Benjamin Jimenez-Silva	11/05	Patrick Trempe	11/14
Isabella Meloy	11/05	Dennis Watson	11/14
Irene Olson	11/05	Mark Creger	11/15
Tyler Primrose	11/05	Sue Hart-Laws	11/15
Hailey Rucas	11/05	Karen Norris	11/15
Carol Salazar	11/05	Don Badger	11/16
Dawn Baker	11/06	Linda Cassetti-Davis	11/16
Joyce Riffel	11/06	Matt Kerwin	11/16
Aubrey Elting	11/07	Maycie Petrie	11/16
Jaidyn Myres	11/07	Robert Frossard	11/17
Dick Pahlow	11/08	Chloe Olsen	11/17
Michelle Timm	11/08	Deborah Winsberg	11/17
Savanna Baker	11/09	Polly Giessing	11/18
Jeff Hacker	11/09	Karen Graham	11/18
Griffin Wirth	11/09	Aline Moody	11/18
Ralph Annen	11/10	Dan Baker	11/19
Sandra Crickette	11/10	Jenny Balbarin	11/19
Donna Hines	11/10	Tammy DuMelle	11/19

Lue Fisher	11/19	Alice Kurz	11/25
Catherine Hill	11/19	John Lee	11/25
Glen Hove	11/19	Michael McCain	11/25
Lois Koskovick	11/19	Dani Schulze	11/25
Michael Meltebeke	11/19	Jennie Wallick	11/25
Emily Golichowski	11/20	Tony Virgo	11/26
Hannah Jaso	11/20	Michael Wallick	11/26
Douglas Kraus	11/20	Richard Antonio Sr.	11/27
Yvonne Kutach	11/20	Ginny Nelson	11/27
Lee Bergelin	11/21	Thomas Deckard	11/28
Tara Bump	11/21	Michael Oman	11/28
Joseph Jaso	11/21	Esther Probst	11/28
Jacob Kasel	11/21	Millie Wittwer	11/28
Hunter Spivey	11/21	Jamey Carty	11/29
Lois Willis	11/21	Stephanie Cowan	11/29
Ernest Matuschka	11/22	Sophie Myers	11/29
Brandon Mullings	11/22	Len Skeate	11/29
Lauren Mullings	11/22	Virginia Swoboda	11/29
Staci Stern	11/24	Karen Insel	11/30
Janice Foldenaur	11/25	Kathy Jorgensen	11/30
Vicki Jung	11/25	John Kibler	11/30

# Happy Anniversary

Jack & Edna Cunningham 11/01/1947

David & Nancy Ohlund 11/04/1978

Erv & Shirley Jacob 11/05/1949

Kenneth & Suzi Poulsen 11/11/1978

Keith & Pauline Snodgrass 11/16/1958

Lou & Linda Martin 11/01/1982

Wayne & Nancy Stahl 11/01/1960

Donald & Catherine Moore 11/16/1991

Gary & Carol DuBois 11/24/1962

Thomas & Lisa Mullings 11/06/1993

Jerold & Sandra Worden 11/24/1962

Jason & Kim Buchanan 11/24/1995

Ron & Chloe Olsen 11/24/1963

Jon & Susan Myres 11/29/1997

Marlin & Lynn Coffee 11/25/1967

Steve & Julie Souther 11/29/1997

Donald & Shirley Kovac 11/29/1968

Darrick & Laura Ross 11/09/2002

Bob & Anita Miller 11/30/1968

Shaun & Maegan Booth 11/22/2006

Paul & Catherine Last 11/30/1974

Stevan & Erica Slijepcevic 11/29/2014

Jeffrey & Vicki Jung 11/05/1977

Brian & Susan Tormey 11/21/2015

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