

# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2017 Newsletter

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# Worshiping

## The Forgotten Month

November is like the forgotten month, nothing special going on. I can hear your objections already. “What about Thanksgiving?” you cry; how could I forget about Thanksgiving? I haven’t forgotten about Thanksgiving; it seems to me it’s more about the official start to the Christmas season than it is a day to give thanks for all that we have. Thanksgiving is the one day a year you want to make sure you get the newspaper, so you can view all the ads. A few years back, you had to wait until Friday to get all the super spectacular, never before seen, practically giving it away deals. Now, you no sooner eat your last bite of turkey and the stores are opening their doors. Therefore, Thanksgiving is like the official opening of the Christmas season. So, November is really the month you have to get through before Christmas finally arrives.

It seems like November gets gypped. September is the beginning of Fall and football! Lots to celebrate and get excited about there. October is filled with Oktoberfest celebrations and who doesn’t like brats, beer, and grown men confident enough to wear lederhosen?! October is also when we stop having triple-digit highs and the mornings/evenings are gorgeous! Lots to love about October. We already covered December with Christmas and, of course, January is all about a fresh start with a new year.

November needs its own, oh I don’t know.... (get ready for a shameless plug) ... **Novemberfest** on perhaps November 4th! It is my church after all, so you can’t blame me for giving it a plug and besides it’s brats and beer for those who didn’t get enough in October.

In reality, November doesn’t need a special day nor does any other month. In reality every month, every week, and every day is special in and of itself.

*“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:124)*

Which day is the Psalmist writing about? Today, tomorrow and the next day, because every day is a day that the Lord has made. No matter what may come of the day, it is a day that He created and we are privileged to live in. One day might bring pain, but that usually results in great strength. Another day may be filled with great joy and the memory of that joy get us through the pain-filled ones. When we open our eyes to see each day as one that God has made- it changes our whole perspective.

Holidays and special events are great and deserve special celebrations, but each day is an opportunity to live for the one who created it.

*Pastor Ron*

# Sunday Worship Services

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

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

Communion is given at ALL services on the 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**



## Service of Remembrance

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



## 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 **10:10am** service. If you can help, please contact the church office at **(480) 895-6782**.

## New Members Orientation

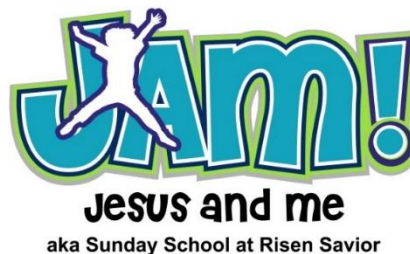
If you're interested in getting connected and finding out more about who we are at Risen Savior and joining our church, please call the church office at **(480) 895-6782**. The current New Members Celebration will be on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:10 am service**.

# Director of Family Ministry Update

The Director of Family Life Staffing MAT began with a list of 20 names of those certified in The LCMS as a DCE. After receiving information on each of the DCE candidates from our Pacific Southwest District Office they reviewed each candidate and put in a great deal of prayer asking God to lead them. This led to interviewing four candidates via video conference call. The next step will be to bring 2 or 3 candidates to our church where they will be meeting with the Staffing MAT and our current staff. Once God leads the Staffing MAT to a final candidate, their name will be submitted to the Governing Board with the recommendation that Risen Savior issue them a call to fill the position.

## Growing

### Sunday School Information



#### Risen Savior's Sunday School Ministry

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

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

### Ignite Confirmation Ministry

Ignite is where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. Serve at the Novemberfest - Help set up, clean up and serve food. **Sign up on Eventbrite**, search "**Serve at Novemberfest**". **Questions?** Contact Shelley at [NelsonS@rslcs.org](mailto:NelsonS@rslcs.org). or (480) 855-9264.



### High School Bible Study

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

# Group Bible Studies

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

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

## **Weekly Bible Study** – Led by Pastor Mark Hoffman

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

## **Men's Early Bird Saturday Gathering**

The Men's Early Bird Saturday Gathering will continue **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<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, please feel free to contact Chuck Deuth at **(480) 766-3626**.

## **Calling All Solos**

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



**Next Meeting-** The Novemberfest is this **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. If you would like to join other SOLOS in celebrating this annual event, purchase your ticket and look for the reserved table.



# Women's Ministries

**Grace Girls Missions:** Join us this Fall in Grace Girls for fellowship, prayer and the study of Isaiah! Pick a time/day that works for you. We meet every other week. **Thursdays, 9:00 am-11:00 am**, The Perfect Place, teacher is Dawn Hopkins. **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm**, Pathway Center North conference room, teacher is Ruth Ann Endicott. RSVP to Annie Wolf at (480) 203-1880 or [gracegirls@rslcs.org](mailto:gracegirls@rslcs.org). *Childcare is available upon reservation and request.*

A list of items for sponsoring a "Give Thanks" Dinner Boxes can be found on [rslcs.org](http://rslcs.org) under "Women's Ministry". Boxes are due back by **November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

### The Gospel According to Luke

and

### The Gospel According to Mark

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, the Life Application Bible commentary and study notes for the scripture, as well as 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 will be taught by Dr. Barry Ritchie. See below to decide which class time is the best fit for your Sunday morning worship schedule. Contact Barry either by phone at (480) 839-1382 (please leave a message if there's no answer) or send him an email at [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com). See you there!

**8:40 AM: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE. Movin' Up! - Luke 13:18-14:35** People often make distinctions among themselves based on status (wealth, family, power, health, etc.). Jesus wanted his disciples – and us! – to see things God's way: that such differences don't matter to God.

**10:10 AM: THE GOSPEL OF MARK – The Eyes of Faith (Mark 9-10).** Wrong expectations prevented many people whom Jesus met from seeing who he really was. Our expectations might also prevent us from seeing Jesus clearly—expectations about the way God will work or his plans for us. Let's examine our expectations and take a fresh look at Jesus through the eyes of faith.



## A Letter from Your Pastor

You can help a child 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) in helping families send their children to Kindergarten at Risen Savior where these little ones grow in their faith each day.

ALSO has already awarded more than \$2.8 million in scholarships since 2002. In fact, tuition was fully covered for all 18 students in Risen Savior's Kindergarten class last year.

ALSO has a vision to provide scholarships for as many students as possible, yet more scholarship applications have been received than ever before. We need your help.

Scholarships are made possible by thousands of taxpayers who contribute 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!

You can support the Kindergarten class at Risen Savior's Early Learning Center by giving to ALSO. Watch for brochures available in each pew in the Sanctuary. You can also make your donation online at **ALSOsto.org**.

I hope and pray that you will consider this opportunity to walk alongside us.

Blessings,

*Rev. Ronald Berchem*

## Risen Savior Choirs

**Come Sing With Us!** If you have been waiting for your chance to sing with the choir, but 7:30 am is too early for you, here's your opportunity to come sing with us on our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The service times for this special event will be **8:30 am and 10:10 am**. The choir will be singing at both of these services. Singers are asked to attend two Thursday evening rehearsals on **November 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church balcony. Let us know if you are interested by contacting the church office at [news@rslcs.org](mailto:news@rslcs.org).

Risen Savior adult choir rehearses at **7:00 pm 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 Screening 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 **November 14<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).

### 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 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).

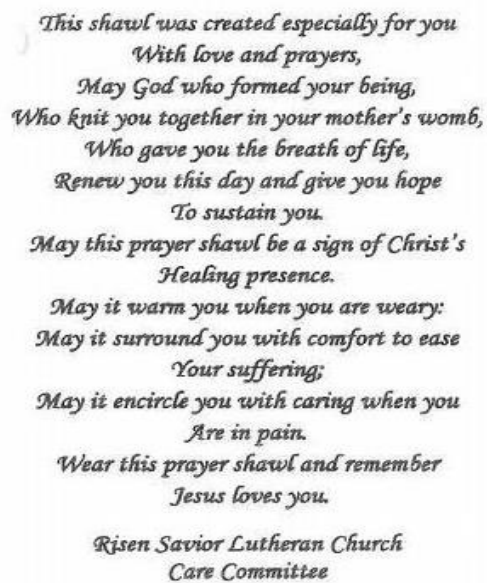
*Anyone can join this group and there is no cost to attend.*



## 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*

## 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.

## Church Rummage Sale

Thank you to ALL who donated items and the volunteers who gave their time and energy. Each of you helped make this a HUGE success and we raised over \$8,000!!



## 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.



## The Perfect Place



Our September focus group hosted five students from Forte College in the Phoenix area who demonstrated the health benefits provided by updated dental products and modern dental hygiene. Working with an older population presents specific challenges when addressing brushing teeth with and without adaptive equipment; dry mouth syndrome and denture care. This presentation was open to our friends, their families, our volunteers, staff and the public. Discussion was followed with a hearty question and answer session. There was a raffle and everyone walked away with something dental. Feedback was positive with

everyone looking forward to our next Friday Focus Group.

**SAVE THE DATE-November 11<sup>th</sup>** as The Alzheimer's Association is hosting its **2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's** at the Wesley Bolin Plaza 1700 W. Washington Street in Phoenix. Registration begins at **7:30 am**. Register online to join our team, The Perfect Place Pacers by doing a search for: 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's – Phoenix. Or, call Karen or Judy at **(480) 895-2892**.

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.

Contact **ThePerfectPlace85248@gmail.com** or **(480) 895-2892** with any questions.  
**9:00 am-noon Mon, Fri – 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, (All Day Options).**

# Missions

## Barnabas Military Mission

The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours (7:00 pm)** in The Pathway Center with a guest speaker from the *Arizona Stand Down*, Barbara Sesate of the Executive Committee. She will discuss the reasons for and the process of conducting a *Veterans STAND DOWN*. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

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

Veterans and all interested individuals are urged to attend and bring a friend. (*This group meets the second Thursday of each month. There is no cost to attend*). For more information contact Herman Swanson at [herm1957hood@gmail.com](mailto:herm1957hood@gmail.com) or (253) 820-2840.

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

## Lutheran Braille Workers

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

Here is an opportunity to be involved in a hands-on mission project. We are one of over 100 Lutheran Braille Work Centers that print Braille for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and thirty foreign countries. Our work center prints about forty books of Leviticus a month. Due to volunteer retirements and illness, we are in need of replacements to operate at full efficiency. Please prayerfully consider joining a dedicated group of workers to help the blind "Touch the Promises of Jesus." For more information, please contact **Kay Wellik at (480) 838-4552 or Lois Gaylord at (480) 825-6959**.

## Piece Maker Quilters

10 quilts were given to the Salvation Army in October.

The quilters are busy preparing for the Annual Quilt and Bake Sale to be held on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fellowship Hall from **8:00 am to 12:45 pm**.

This year we have a beautiful king size quilt for the raffle. Tickets will go on sale beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling tickets after each church service on the patio.

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

# 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.

"Hygiene for the Homeless" collection was a huge success this summer so it will now be an ongoing event. Chandler Christian Center received the previous collection, but a new organization will receive the next donation bundle. The basket will remain in the narthex for donations.

\$100,000 has been allocated to the LCMS International Mission Center, which is located in Mapleton, Iowa. The monies collected from **Mite Offerings** will serve as a support for missionaries who are home on furlough. The Mission Center provides language training, various types of insurance, housing, medical care, etc. for missionaries who serve LCMS missions throughout the world.

The November meeting of the LWML will be on **November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** in The Pathway Center. The Bible study will be from the Fall 2017 Quarterly and is "Jesus Christ Above All". There will be copies available of the study if you do not have a Quarterly. Through Bible study and discussion, we are encouraged to stay "focused on who we are and what we do". We keep Jesus Christ above all as we continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness". All women are welcome.

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

## LCEF

### Align Your Investments with Your Personal Values

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



## Active Duty Military Personnel

We would like to acknowledge and pray for all active duty military personnel associated with RSLCS. Please contact us on the prayer request line [prayers@rslcs.org](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.

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

## 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**.



# Operation Christmas Child

This year Operation Christmas Child began its 4th Annual Kick-Off Campaign last month. OCC is an extension program of Samaritan's Purse of which Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, is president. OCC has touched the lives of over 140 million children around the world since 1993. This ministry is often referred to as "The Shoebox Ministry". Shoe boxes are filled to capacity with all sorts of items for children ages 2-14. Last year alone, 11.5 million boxes went to children in over 100 countries. Along with the shoebox is an opportunity for children to become Christians and study the Gospel using the program called "The Greatest Journey". You can be a part of this ministry. Boxes are filled by you and delivered to the church on designated Sundays. These boxes are then placed in large packing boxes, trucked to distribution centers and then flown or shipped to 130 different countries. A check made out to Samaritan's Purse or cash for \$9.00 is requested to help defray the costs of shipping. If you choose not to pack a box, you can still make a donation. This can be in cash or check. All donations go to Samaritan's Purse. There will be an envelope at the display table in the narthex each Sunday from **now to November 12th**. Boxes can also be picked up on those dates at the display table. Last year we met our goal of 500 boxes. This year we're shooting for 600! I know this congregation can meet the challenge. **All boxes are due back by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Risen Savior's Pathway Center 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 for loading into a truck. This will happen during the week of **November 13th through the 20th**. If you have any questions, please call Suzi Poulsen at **(480) 699-3174 or (530) 863-8494**.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

With last year's Turkey Drive, we learned the impact that our efforts can have in providing needed food assistance to many of our less-fortunate Chandler neighbors. Over 500 families have already registered with the food bank requesting a turkey dinner for this year. Let's help meet the need!

Please bring a small to medium size frozen turkey or a check in any denomination to church on **Sunday morning, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Make the checks payable to the AZCEND, the parent co. of Chandler Food Bank.



**We will accept your donations near the entrance to the Sanctuary before and after all four services.** You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your donation. We will also be collecting turkeys and checks from members of the surrounding community in the Risen Savior parking lot from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** to accept turkeys and checks from members and guests before and after services. We also need volunteers in the afternoon from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm and 3:00 to 4:00 pm (1 hour shifts) to collect turkeys and checks from the public. **To volunteer, contact Bryan Newman at (480) 883-1880 or bnewman19@cox.net.**

This Thanksgiving, let's once again open our hearts and share God's blessings with those who struggle to put food on their tables while most of our pantries are full.



# Miscellaneous

## Novemberfest

This event is open to the community so feel free to invite your friends! Tickets are still available online at [rslcs.org](http://rslcs.org)- click on the event graphic on the home page.



### Risen Savior Novemberfest

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 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

Advance Tickets: \$5.00; at the Door: \$7.00

## Risen Savior's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### *"Celebrating God's Faithfulness"*



The weekend of celebration will begin on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm** with appetizers, a carved turkey/ham station, buffet dinner and entertainment at the Oakwood Country Club (*evening attire is recommended*). **Ticket cost for this event is \$30.00.** Tickets will be available after services **starting, Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** and will be available online at [rslcs.org](http://rslcs.org). If you would like to reserve a table for an 8-10 person group please email [news@rslcs.org](mailto:news@rslcs.org) **after** your tickets have been purchased. Childcare is available upon reservation by calling the church office at (480) 895-6782. **Please Note: The celebration will conclude Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with two 90-minute, special**

**worship services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am only.**

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

## Holiday Boutique-Bake Sale

Epiphany Lutheran Church invites the community to attend a holiday boutique/craft bake sale on **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 800 West Ray Road, Chandler, AZ 85225 (Alma School and Ray).

Over 30 vendors will have gift and decorating items available for purchase. Begin the holiday shopping season early. Baked goods will also be available for purchase. The public is invited to attend. Contact Sue Beyer at [sue@betterbuyerinsurance.com](mailto:sue@betterbuyerinsurance.com) or cell **602-703-9945** for vendor information if you would like to participate.



## 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.

## 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.

## Standing Stones Retreat Center

Standing Stones Retreat Center (SSRC), located in Wickenburg, AZ, continues to offer *18 Hour Visits* for people interested in touring their recently completed center and facilities. The visits include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, singing/ fellowship, an evening rest in private rooms with showers and morning devotions followed by breakfast. The visit begins at 4:00 pm and ends the next morning at 10:00 am. The cost is \$25 per person.

The center also offers week long consulting for pastors and parish workers who are suffering from burn-out, stress, depression or other conflicts. Many pastors feel “refreshed” after their time at SSRC and have continued in their ministry.

Risen Savior's next visit is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Persons interested in being a part of this experience can call Dennis or Jayne Westlind at (480) 802-0994 or email [dwestlind@cox.net](mailto:dwestlind@cox.net) or Kay or Mike Thayer at (480) 883-8317 or email [kaythayer@q.com](mailto:kaythayer@q.com).

# BUILDING UPDATE

Have you been wondering “what is the plan for the land Risen Savior purchased a few years ago?” Or maybe you are just now hearing that the land north of the building was purchased? Either way, we have begun the next exciting steps in the planning/building process.

The RSLC Building Committee was recently formed to discuss the utilization of the master site and to hire an architect for the north building design. The committee has submitted Request for Proposals (RFP) to several architect firms in the Phoenix area. Once the RFPs are returned for review, the committee will narrow down the options and schedule interviews towards the end of the month.

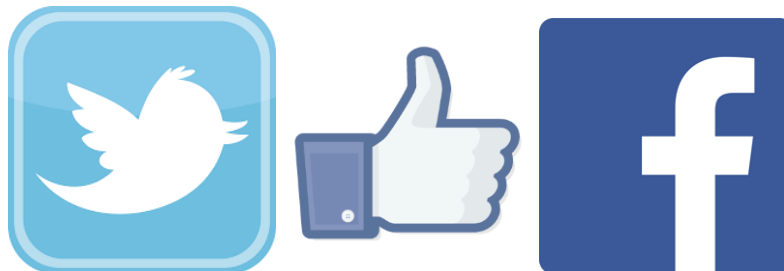
Here are the members of the RSLC Building Committee:

Dick Antonio  
Pastor Ron Burcham  
Chuck Deuth  
Joel Endicott  
LeAnn Fekjan  
Crystal Jaso  
Bill Pauley  
Sue Strauch

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

## Social Media

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



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

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# Financials

## Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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

### Do you know?

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

### Do you "ALSO" know...

You can help a child receive a Christian Education at no cost to you. You can redirect your state taxes to create scholarships. Please visit the **Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization (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).

### Financial Summary for September 2017:

- Giving Results
  - For September, Giving **exceeded** budget by \$6,354 and is **over** budget \$28,997 for FYTD18.
- Spending
  - Spending was **under** budget in September by \$15,991 and **under** budget \$34,771 FYTD18.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
  - ELC Net Income was **over** budget by \$4,932 for the month of September 2017. For FYTD18, the ELC net income is **over** budget \$7,718.
- Net Operating Cash is (\$7,042) which is a positive increase of \$19,065 from August 2017. As a reminder, we begin the fiscal year with a Net Operating Cash of zero. We expect Net Operating Cash to be negative until December or January. As a comparison to last fiscal year, Net Operating Cash for August 2016 was (\$36,502).

# Financials Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Sep-17	Sep-17	\$ Over	FYTD18	FYTD18	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	93,114	86,760	6,354	309,357	280,360	28,997	1,403,050
All other income	3,940	4,020	(80)	12,033	12,020	13	48,200
<b>Total Church Income</b>	<b>97,054</b>	<b>90,780</b>	<b>6,274</b>	<b>321,390</b>	<b>292,380</b>	<b>29,010</b>	<b>1,451,250</b>
<b>Early Learning Center</b>	<b>129,469</b>	<b>123,990</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>316,679</b>	<b>303,395</b>	<b>13,284</b>	<b>1,258,200</b>
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>226,523</b>	<b>214,770</b>	<b>11,753</b>	<b>638,069</b>	<b>595,775</b>	<b>42,294</b>	<b>2,709,450</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	<b>197,749</b>	<b>213,740</b>	<b>(15,991)</b>	<b>609,229</b>	<b>644,000</b>	<b>(34,771)</b>	<b>2,590,905</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>28,774</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>27,744</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>(48,225)</b>	<b>77,065</b>	<b>118,545</b>
<b>High Level Statement of Operational Cash</b>							
<b>September 2017</b>							
Cash/Receivable Balance 09.30.17		659,415					
Restricted Assets		57,525					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		429,201					
Designated Programs		179,731					
Total Unrestricted Assets		608,932					
Net Operational Cash 09.30.17		(7,042)					
Cash/Receivable Balance 08.31.17		655,386					
Restricted Assets		59,812					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		439,635					
Designated Programs		182,046					
Total Unrestricted Assets		621,681					
Net Operational Cash 08.31.17		(26,107)					
Net Operating Cash Change		19,065					





Marie Brockmiller	11/01	Ralph Annen	11/10
Charles Deuth	11/01	Marsha Bown	11/10
Herb Lienenbrugger	11/01	Sandra Crickette	11/10
Anna Pahlow	11/01	Donna Hines	11/10
Connor Ross	11/01	Michelle Kasel	11/10
Kristina Winterstein	11/01	Lindsay Proulx	11/10
Dakota Hurst	11/02	Trent Cowan	11/11
JoAnne McCay	11/02	Romell Ritchie	11/11
Gunter Peters	11/02	Marion Myczek	11/12
Suzette Schulze	11/02	Reid Schrimsher	11/12
Darrel Maaske	11/03	Kimberly Abersold	11/13
Terese Virgo	11/03	Rose Hull	11/13
Irene Olson	11/05	Deb Jacusis	11/13
Lisa Olson	11/05	Angie Johnson	11/14
Dawn Baker	11/06	Thomas McLean	11/14
Bill Pennings	11/06	Patrick Trempe	11/14
Joyce Riffel	11/06	Dennis Watson	11/14
Lisa Spencer	11/06	Mark Creger	11/15
Millie Torre	11/06	Don Badger	11/16
Aubrey Elting	11/07	Linda Cassetti-Davis	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

Dan Baker	11/19	John Lee	11/25
Jenny Balbarin	11/19	Michael McCain	11/25
Tammy DuMelle	11/19	Dani Schulze	11/25
Catherine Hill	11/19	Jennie Wallick	11/25
Lois Koskovick	11/19	Ava Garcia	11/26
Michael Meltebeke	11/19	Rita Rinas	11/26
Luana Senske	11/19	Tony Virgo	11/26
Emily Golichowski	11/20	Michael Wallick	11/26
Hannah Jaso	11/20	Richard Antonio Sr.	11/27
Douglas Kraus	11/20	Ginny Nelson	11/27
Yvonne Kutach	11/20	Michael Oman	11/28
Lee Bergelin	11/21	Millie Wittwer	11/28
Tara Bump	11/21	Jamey Carty	11/29
Joseph Jaso	11/21	Stephanie Cowan	11/29
Jacob Kasel	11/21	George Duffield	11/29
Hunter Spivey	11/21	Len Skeate	11/29
Lois Willis	11/21	Virginia Swoboda	11/29
Ernest Matuschka	11/22	Karen Insel	11/30
Janice Foldenaur	11/25	Kathy Jorgensen	11/30
Vicki Jung	11/25	John Kibler	11/30
Alice Kurz	11/25	Leonard Langley	11/30



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Lou & Linda Martin	11/01/1982
Wayne & Nancy Stahl	11/01/1960
Douglas & MaryJo Newland	11/03/1990
Bill & Nancy Pennings	11/03/1973
David & Nancy Ohlund	11/04/1978
Erv & Shirley Jacob	11/05/1949
Jeff & Vicki Jung	11/05/1977
Darrick & Laurie Ross	11/09/2002
Michael & Donna Andrews	11/11/1994
Ken & Suzi Poulsen	11/11/1978
Don & Catherine Moore	11/16/1991
Keith & Pauline Snodgrass	11/16/1958
Brian & Susan Tormey	11/21/2015
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Jerry & Sandra Worden	11/24/1962
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Mark & Kristi Garcia	11/27/2000
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