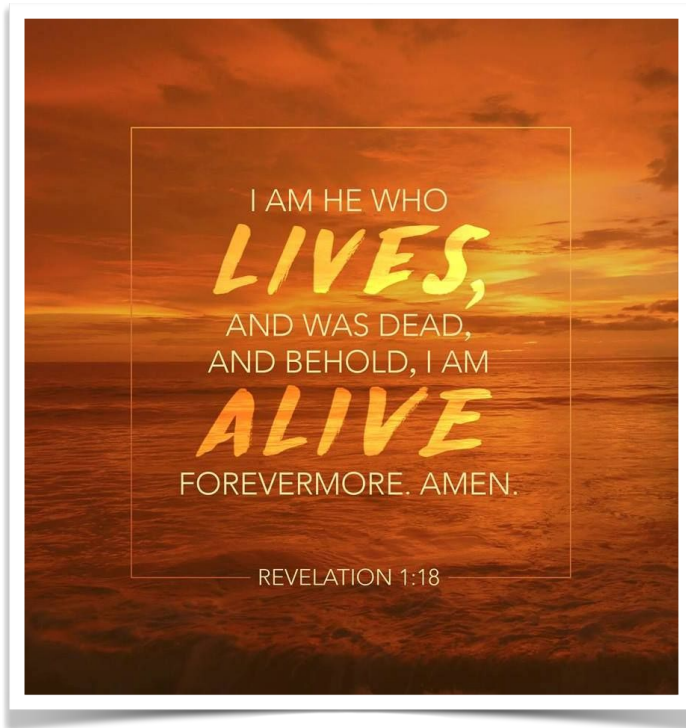




# RISEN SAVIOR

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April 2024



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# WORSHIP

## Sunday Service Times

**8:00 & 11:30 am - Traditional Worship in the South Building Sanctuary**  
**9:00 & 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship in the North Building Worship Center**  
*Livestream is available at 8:00 & 10:30 via youtube.com "Risen Savior Chandler"*  
*Communion is served at the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month*  
*and at every 11:30 am service.*

We hope you're enjoying "The Story" series so far. Now that you've had a reading break due to Easter, be ready to get back into Chapter 6 "Wandering" on April 7. If you have gotten behind in the readings, don't worry, there's plenty of time to catch up and review the sermons with the relevant chapter. If you still need a book, there are a few remaining in each building with a recommended donation of \$5.00 per book.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**NIGHT OF WORSHIP**  
*@ Risen Savior*  
April 28, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Join us on April 28 as we come together with youth from around the Valley for a night of worship.

## SERMON ARCHIVE

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our service times available, don't worry, the entire sermon is uploaded the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit [rslcs.org](http://rslcs.org) under "Sermon Archive" and you can view any of the previous sermons at your convince.

*Livestream  
Every Sunday!*

If you go on vacation, fall ill or miss church one Sunday, you can always join us live on YouTube.com "Risen Savior Chandler" or Facebook. If that still doesn't work for your schedule, we always upload the sermons the same day onto our website, [rslcs.org](http://rslcs.org), so you can watch anytime.

**Just because God  
hasn't removed  
your problem,  
doesn't mean He  
won't provide a  
way through it.**

**Admin Building Office Hours**  
M-Th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Fri. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Office is Closed 4/1

# CONNECT

## Refreshed for the Journey Capital Stewardship Campaign information

All members can expect to receive a phone call from another member (see the list below) to schedule a visit about the South Building renovation plans. Visits are approximately 30 minutes. These visits are extremely informative regarding the plans for the entire South Building. If you are excited about the campaign and ready for your visit, feel free to contact anyone on the list any time.

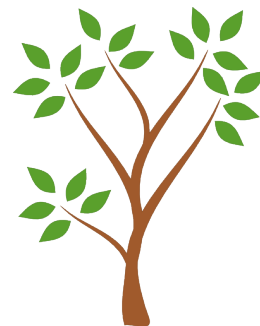
**Campaign Update:** The campaign pledges have reached \$2.2 million from 190 families who have already contributed or pledged. **THANK YOU** for your generosity and faithfulness! We will still be reaching out to each of you to reach the entire goal, to retire \$2 million in long-term debt costs. Additional **HUGE** news, we are able to announce that we have Risen Savior member donors who have offered to **MATCH** \$1 million, dollar-for-dollar, for all future gifts and pledges. Be sure to have your visit soon and be a part of this goal! Contact the Church Office at [info@rslcs.org](mailto:info@rslcs.org) if you have any additional questions.

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John	Hall	(602) 743-1194	

### Care Ministry Meeting

April 2 at 6:30 pm in the SB Room 110.

This ministry hosts blood pressure checks, the Service of Remembrance, educational forums, Health Screenings, CPR classes, and more. New members and their ideas are welcome. This group meets the first Tuesday of the month. *Being a health professional is not required.*



Tickets are still available in the Church Office.

Join us for **Fiestaval!**

April 6  
5 - 8 pm

Tickets will go on sale March 10  
\$20 per person  
ticket sales will benefit Risen Savior Youth summer trips

VBS  
**SCUBA**  
June 24-28  
9 am - 12 pm

Registration opens  
**April 21**  
for kids and volunteers



*Welcome Party!*

April 21 at 5:00 pm in the North Building.

If you are new or newer, or just curious about Risen Savior, we invite you to join us for a "Welcome Party" in your honor. The Welcome Party is an informal opportunity for us to get to know you and for you get to know us. During our time together you will have the opportunity to; enjoy appetizers, learn a little about who Risen Savior is and what we are all about, meet the team and others just like you or see how you can get involved and take your next step. We would love to have you join us for this fun night together. RSVP is not required, but any questions can be answered by emailing michelle.burcham@rslcs.org.

**BAPTISM AT RISEN SAVIOR**

If you are someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782 or scan the QR code and complete the form.





**April 14 at 3:00 pm in the Worship Center.** Our Chamber Music Series concert will be a Musician's Choice concert. This popular concert is sure to offer variety and music that you haven't heard before. There is no charge for admission and donations are gratefully accepted. *The 2023-2024 Chamber Music Series has been generously sponsored by Desert View Family Medicine.*

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A TRIBUTE

Friday May 3 @ 7pm  
Sunday May 5 @ 2:30pm

Risen Savior Lutheran Church  
Worship Center  
23620 S. Alma School Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85248

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## How to Place a Prayer or Request a Pastor Visit

\*Submit a prayer request by emailing [prayers@rslcs.org](mailto:prayers@rslcs.org) or use the QR code below. Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided. To have someone pray with you by phone or in-person email [prayers@rslcs.org](mailto:prayers@rslcs.org).

\*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email [prayers@rslcs.org](mailto:prayers@rslcs.org). Please include the facility and contact number.

\*After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.



**Whoever sows  
bountifully,  
will also reap  
bountifully.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

### Random Fact #154

Jesus raised three people from the dead.

Luke 7:11-17  
Luke 8:52-56  
John 11



**His Story, Our Story**

**A five week course to help you grow in your faith walk**

*Begins Wednesday, April 3rd  
Offered at both 10 am and 6 pm  
North Building*

Seeing God In Our Story & Sharing It With Others



## *His Story, Our Story*

**Begins April 3 at 10:00 am OR 6:00 pm  
in the North Building.**

Our desire is for everyone to take their next step in faith through worship, connecting with others, developing their faith, and answering God’s call upon their lives. This is a 5-week course for those who desire to walk deeper in their faith. If this sounds like you, RSVP today. If you have questions, email [kevin.austin@rslcs.org](mailto:kevin.austin@rslcs.org).



## *Piece Maker Quilter’s*

**Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.**

This wonderful ministry gathers weekly to make quilts and other items for a variety of organizations in need. New people are always welcome, even with not quilting experience. Contact us if you are interested. Gale Solway 805.404.7604 or Dottie Mitchell 480.749.0977.



 **PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

*Walk for Life*

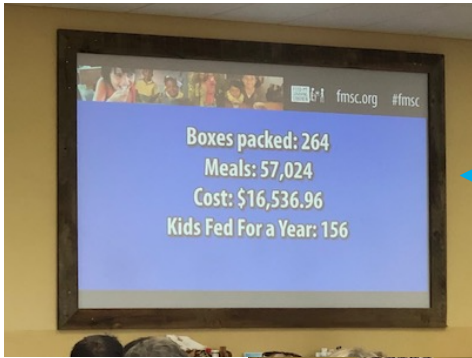
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024**  
At Valley Christian School  
Check-In: 8:15 AM  
Walk: 8:45 AM

This year, we celebrate all the Miracles that God is doing through the Pregnancy Care Center. This event is family friendly so come early and enjoy doughnuts, face painting, vendor tables, and fellowship. Your support will make a life-saving impact on families in our community and will help provide compassionate assistance to women and men who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.



GOD, LET  
YOUR VOICE  
BECOME  
THE  
LOUDEST  
ONE I HEAR  
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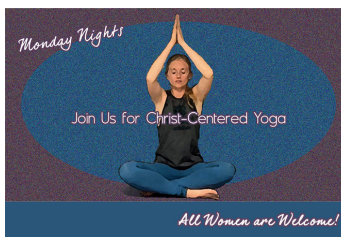




**MEALS PACKED  
SHIPPED TO  
GUATEMALA &  
EL SALVADOR**



Last month we held a community event at Feed My Starving Children, which was a huge success! As you can see from the numbers above, the volunteers are helping to feed the world one bagged meal at a time! Thank you to all who participated to help make a difference to feed children and families around the globe.



Women's  
Christ-Centered Yoga  
**NO Meeting April 1**  
Mondays at 6:00 pm in the  
NB.

Nurture your body, mind, heart and spirit. Please bring a mat (if you have one) and wear comfortable clothing. This group meets every Monday. RSVP, as space is limited, to Dawn at [dawn@inspiritusyoga.com](mailto:dawn@inspiritusyoga.com).



**"WE SHARE BECAUSE WE CARE"**  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
**April 13-14**

Summer is quickly approaching, which means many of you are planning your "escape" from the Arizona summer heat! You may also have extra food that you don't want to leave behind in your homes all summer, so instead, drop it off at the Food Drive!

Risen Savior is coordinating a non-perishable Food Drive with AZCEND to help with the needs of many people in the local area. The food pantries find it especially difficult to keep "stocked" during the summer months. We are seeking your involvement by inviting you to drop off any non-perishable foods to the North Building on April 13 between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Monetary donations can also be made at the Admin Building during the week of April 8-12 or on April 13 at the North Building food drop off area. Checks need to be made payable to "AZCEND". All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jayne at 602.625.1494 or Kay at 480.385.8549.



## HELP STUDENTS RECEIVE A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ... AT NO COST TO YOU!

When you give to ACSTO, you help provide tuition scholarships for students at Risen Savior Early Childhood Center and receive a **dollar-for-dollar** tax credit against your 2023 state income tax obligation.

You can give your 2023 tax credit donation any time up to Tax Day. (Your donation must be made prior to filing your taxes, but no later than Tax Day—whichever comes first.)



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE TODAY!**

[donor.acsto.org](https://donor.acsto.org)



### CONTACT US

480.820.0403

[www.ACSTO.org](https://www.ACSTO.org)



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NOTICE: A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of a donor's recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. A.R.S. 43-1603 (C). Any designation of your own dependent as a potential recipient is prohibited.

## Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in SB Rm 110.

This group meets weekly and all are welcome. If you would prefer to work at home, patterns and instructions are available outside the Fellowship Hall, and in a drawer under the bed in the First Aid room in the North Building. If you need yarn or have any questions, please contact Marion at 602.920.3319.

## VISITATIONS

If you or someone you know would like a visitation, please notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization or other care emergency by emailing [visits@rslcs.org](mailto:visits@rslcs.org). Be sure to include the facility and contact number.



## Blood Pressure Screenings

April 14 in the SB Narthex from 8:45 am—9:15 am & in the

NB First Aid Room from 10:15 am—10:45 am. Screening will be available the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving on the Care Ministries team, contact Nancy at [nancygooding59@gmail.com](mailto:nancygooding59@gmail.com).

## Landscape Ministry

This group meets Thursdays at 6:00 am for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds. Contact Chuck for more information [cmdeath1@gmail.com](mailto:cmdeath1@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY PARKING

A friendly reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who

## Padre Dave's "Theology Thoughts" Blog



Thinking out loud about God, Christian theology and more specifically the evangelical catholic theology as lived out amongst we Lutherans; and my attempt to get you to relax and let God love you! Pastor Dave Poedle invites you to join him on this adventure through his blog... "Theology Thoughts" are his random reflections on topics that come to his mind on any given day. Visit <https://padrepoedel.substack.com>



# FINANCIALS

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## Did You Know?

We are changing how we report on financials. On a monthly basis you will see a high level overview of the activities of the month that will include a comparison to the previous year. Then, on a quarterly basis, there will be a more in-depth look at the financials. If you desire more detail on a monthly basis, please contact our Director of Operations, Susan Mello at [susan.mello@rslcs.org](mailto:susan.mello@rslcs.org).

### Monthly Financial Overview

#### Key Financial Indicators

	February 2024	Budget	Difference	February 2023	Difference
Operating Cash	(4,464)	NA	NA	(21,144)	16,680
Weekly Tracked Giving	41,163	41,250	(87)	26,196	14,967
Weekly Loose Plate	1,932	2,650	(718)	1,587	345
Net Income	1,167	(13,665)	14,832	3,221	(2,054)

# DEVELOP

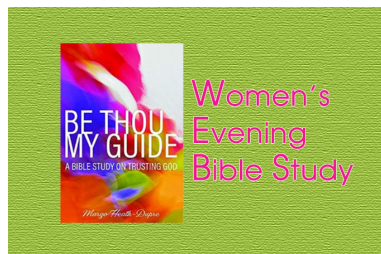
**NEW Study - "Understanding God's Law and Gospel"**  
Begins April 7 at 9:10 & 10:15 am in the Multi-Use Room. The Bible speaks two essential messages to us. The first message is the "bad news": the unchanging, unchangeable Law of God—a Law that accuses us and condemns us for our sinfulness. The other message is the "good news" of the Gospel—God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. This four-session class will help you better understand how Law and Gospel unfold within the Scriptures, explaining how the Holy Spirit works through both Law and Gospel to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and to keep them there. Everyone is welcome, RSVP to [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com) so enough materials will be available.



**Men's Early Bird Bible Study & BBQ with Pastor Kevin**  
April 27 at 7:30 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

**April 13** there will be a Men's Potluck at 5:30 pm in the North Building feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



## Quenched by His Word: Women's Evening Bible Study

April 9 & 23 at 6:30 pm  
in the South Building Rm 110.

Join us for "Be Thou My Guide: A Bible Study on Trusting God" written by Margo Heath Dupre. This group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month for Bible study and prayer. Contact 480.393.3801 with any questions.



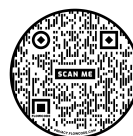
## Maricopa Bible Study: Good & Evil

April 1, 15 & 29 at 6:30 pm (RSVP for Address). This study meets every other Monday and just started a new study "Good & Evil". Contact Linda for more details and to RSVP 480.452.8980.



## What are Stephen Ministers?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are a member of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. You are not required to be a member of Risen Savior to meet with a Stephen Minister. Contact the Church Office at [info@rslcs.org](mailto:info@rslcs.org) for more information.



Use the QR code to check our calendar for a new Bible Study!

## Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Pastor Dave for new study each week. All adults are welcome!



## Prayer Warriors & Prayer Focus

Wednesdays at 9:30 am RSVP for Location.

If you have a passion for talking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer for a specific topic, all you do is add this prayer to your prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week this month is:

**April 7** Give thanks to God for His Son Jesus, that we can bring our concerns and confessions to Him and He will hear, and we will receive His forgiveness, mercy and grace. (Romans 3:25-26), (Matthew 27:51), (1 Peter 1:3-5)

**April 14** Let us pray that the Lord grants us the spirit of self-control, so that we may live our daily lives in obedience to God's commands. (2 Timothy 1:7), (Titus 2:11-12), (2 Peter 1:5-6)

**April 21** Thank and praise God for His patience with us and pray to grow the fruit of patience in our lives through study of His Word. (Genesis 18:23-32), (2 Peter 3:9), (Ephesians 4:1-2)

**April 28** Do not be anxious, but with praise and thanksgiving we urge you to seek God's guidance in fervent prayer for our Nation every day, especially on the National Day of Prayer, May 2. (Philippians 4:4-7), (Psalm 33:12), (2 Chronicles 7:14), (Psalm 22:28)



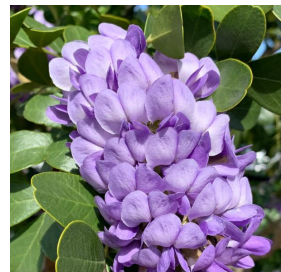
## LWML Monthly Meeting

April 11 at 1:00 pm in the SB Room 110.

Join us for our monthly general meeting and fellowship. All women are welcome.

## LWML Mission Grant Update

For anyone wishing to donate funds to give to the \$2,350,000 goal of supporting many LCMS mission projects around the world: Please use the "designated" offering envelope and place it in the offering basket on Sunday morning. Please write in memo "LWML"



*"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom."*  
Isaiah 35:1

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Thursdays at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Join Women's Ministry for "The Story" book's 31-session series, church-wide experience. Discover the heart of God's Upper Story-His masterplan unfolding in the lives of the Bible's characters as well as in your own life-and experience the joy that comes as you align your story with God's!

RSVP anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.



**Women's Ministry Guest Speaker**  
**Lynne Hartke, "Spiritual Practices"**  
**Verse Mapping and Bible Journaling**

April 4 at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

We hope you can join us for fellowship, coffee and muffins, sisterhood connections and prayer. RSVP to anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

# YOUTH AND TEEN INFORMATION

## NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

Available on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 am services in the North Building

## SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGE 3-GRADE 6)

We continue our study of "The Story" book series, the youth will be learning the full story of the Bible too! Join us weekly for lessons targeted at each age group as they learn and explore the greatest story ever told!

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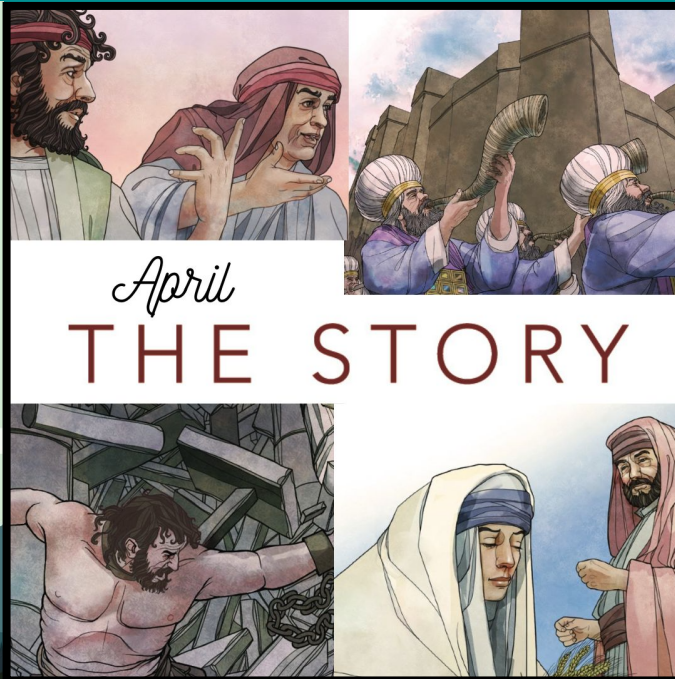
**MAY 24 - 26**

**TONTO RIM CHRISTIAN CAMP**

**REGISTRATION CLOSING APRIL 28  
SIGN UP NOW**



Contact Jill Lopez [jill.lopez@rslcs.org](mailto:jill.lopez@rslcs.org)  
for more information



## April THE STORY

**IGNITE PRE-CONFIRMATION (GRADES 6-8)  
MEETS SUNDAYS AT 6:00 PM IN THE NB.**

**IMPACT (Grades 9-12) MEETS SUNDAYS AT  
7:00 PM IN THE NB.**

