

December 2023



# RISEN SAVIOR

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# WORSHIP

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## *Sunday Service Times*

*(See Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Special Service Times Below)*

8:00 & 11:30 am – Traditional Worship in the SB Sanctuary

9:00 & 10:30 am – Contemporary Worship in the NB Worship Center

Livestream at 8:00 and 10:30 am via YouTube.com "Risen Savior Chandler"

Communion is served the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and

*December 31* there will be special service times on New Year's Eve.

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# CONNECT



**CFLA Student  
Movie Night Donation**  
Now Through December 10.

Use the QR code to purchase a \$10.00 "Student Movie Ticket" so that the Children's First Leadership Academy students can go and see a movie this year. Make all checks out to "Risen Savior" with memo CFLA movie ticket.



## Admin Building Office Hours

Closed 12/25 & 12/26  
M-Th 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Fri-8:00 am -12:00 pm



Join us for prayers, music and a message of hope. If you have lost someone dear to you remember them at this service. Call the Church Office to include your loved one in this service by giving their name to be read aloud.



Carnival Rides  
Petting Zoo  
Pony Rides  
Holiday Boutique  
Children's Christmas Program  
& More!



There will be something for everyone at Jingle Jam! Grab your friends and family and join the fun!

**Attention vendors:** If you would like a free booth at Jingle Jam contact Kristine Stevens at [yourlocketstory@gmail.com](mailto:yourlocketstory@gmail.com) to reserve a table.



**Women's Ministry Connect Event Luncheon**



# CONNECT Continued...

## Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, December 3 at 9:15 am  
in the Fellowship Hall

## Voter's Meeting

Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary



## Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

2:30 pm & 4:30 pm

in our Worship Center

Featuring:

the Risen Savior Concert Choir, Handbells,  
Worship Band, Special Guests, and more!

ADMISSION FEE:

Two cans of food per adult  
to benefit the Chandler Food Bank



## Christmas Day Dinner

December 25 at 12:00 pm

*Everyone is Welcome!*

Make your reservation  
on the Patio now  
through December 18.

Call Jane at 480.527.7688 to RSVP or with any questions.

*thank you*

Thank you Risen Savior for  
sponsoring a Fall dance for the  
children at Children First  
Leadership Academy in Phoenix.  
AND...

Thank you RS Members for  
sponsoring families this holiday  
season with complete  
Thanksgiving meals!

## Sunday Parking

Reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have approval to use the Safeway parking lot for 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 for those with limited mobility.





## Piece Maker Quilter's



**Annual Quilt and Bake Sale**  
December 3 from 7:30 -11:30 am  
Between services in the North Building

- Gorgeous, handmade quilts
- Mouth watering baked goods
- Raffle tickets for two quilts

*All proceeds from the Quilt Sale are used in purchasing supplies such as batting, sewing machines, pins, scissors, thread, etc.*



### Blood Pressure Screenings

December 10 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 [goodingpn@wbhsi.net](mailto:goodingpn@wbhsi.net).

### 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.

### 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 for 4 weeks, unless an update is provided.
- + To have someone pray with you by phone or in-person, email [prayerwarriors@rslcs.org](mailto:prayerwarriors@rslcs.org).
- + To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email [visits@rslcs.org](mailto:visits@rslcs.org). Please include the facility and contact number.
- + After hours that need a timely response by a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 Ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.



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### Women's Christ-Centered Yoga

Dec. 4 & 11 at 6:00 pm in the North Building.

Join us for a full-body worship experience with Christ-Centered Yoga classes for women! What is Christ-Centered Yoga? Christ-centered yoga transforms yoga from a physical practice into a full-body worship experience that nurtures the body, mind, heart, and spirit. Advanced registration is required. RSVP to Dawn at [dawn@inspiritusyoga.com](mailto:dawn@inspiritusyoga.com).

# ANSWER Continued...

## 2024 Offering Envelope Pick-Up

Beginning December 3 in Between Services in the Sanctuary.

December 3 and 10 envelopes will be at the South Building, then they will be moved to the North Building on December 17. After December 17, they will be available at the Administration Building during office hours. If you are an on-line giver, you may find that you do not have envelopes. If you want a box of envelopes and do not see one with your name, please fill out the sheet on the envelope table. If you no longer need your box of envelopes, please write "not needed" on the box of envelopes and *leave them on the table*.



## Volunteers Needed for ALPHA Study-Leader Informational Meeting

December 14 & January 4 at 6:00 pm in NB Multi-Use Room.

Join us for the ALPHA Study leadership meeting. If you are not familiar with ALPHA, the course is geared towards the unchurched or those very new to attending church. If you are interested in volunteering, plan to attend these informational meetings to get all of your questions answered. RSVP to [kevin.austin@rslcs.org](mailto:kevin.austin@rslcs.org).

## Care Ministry Meeting This Month

December 5 at 6:30 pm in the SB Library.

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



Showing kindness, and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve four counties in Arizona (Maricopa, Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz). 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).

## 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.





# 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

	October 2023	Budget	Difference	October 2022	Difference
Operating Cash	(184,379)	NA	NA	(124,152)	(60,227)
Weekly Tracked Giving	32,494	32,700	(206)	28,485	4,009
Weekly Loose Plate	1,035	1,120	(85)	940	95
Net Income	(10,840)	(9,670)	(1,170)	4,558	(15,398)

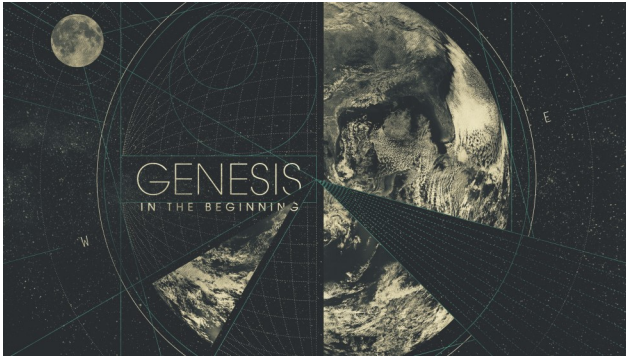
To give via text messaging, text Risen Savior to the number 77977 and follow the instructions

You can also give via our web site at [www.rslcs.org/give](http://www.rslcs.org/give)

Or mail a check to the church office:  
23914 S. Alma School Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85248

*Thank you for  
your generosity!*

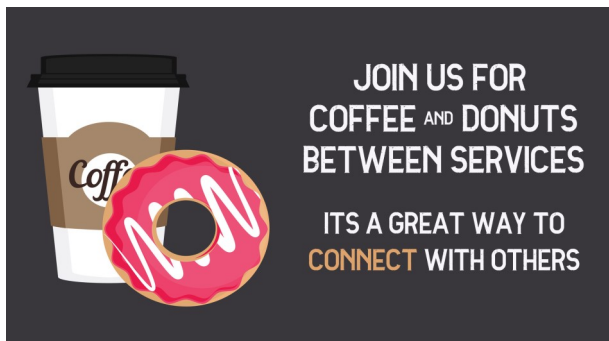
# DEVELOP



## Men's Early Bird Bible Study

December 11 at 7:30 am in the  
NB Multi-Use Room

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



## Bible Study: Book of Romans

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**This study resumes January 10**

Join Pastor Mark for the book of Romans, which provides us with a concise summary of the Gospel. In the initial chapters, Paul focuses on doctrine on the pillars of truth that we know about ourselves and about God. This study will be every Wednesday evening. If you have any questions email, [mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org](mailto:mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org).

## Maricopa Bible Study: The Chosen 3

December 4 & 18 at 6:30 pm

(RSVP for Address).

This study meets every other Monday and will follow "The Chosen 3" book. Contact Linda for more details and to RSVP 480.452.8980.



## 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](mailto:mandjscott@cox.net) with any questions. This ministry has added 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:

**December 3** -Pray that in this season of Advent that our hearts are focused on the birth of our Savior, the source of our HOPE. (Romans 5:2,5), (Psalm 39:7)

**December 10** - Pray for a FAITH that doesn't waver and the courage to share it. (Matthew 17:20), (Luke 17:5-6), (Romans 10:17)

**December 17** - Pray that our hearts be filled with the same JOY that the shepherds felt as the angels declared the birth of our Savior. (Psalm 100), (Luke 15:7), (John 15:11)

**December 24** - Thank God for His PEACE that is in our hearts and souls because of Jesus. (Luke 2:14), (Psalm 29:11), (Romans 5:1)

**December 31**- Praise God and give thanks for the HOPE, FAITH, JOY and PEACE of the gift of our Savior, JESUS CHRIST. (Isaiah 9:6), (John 3:16), (Romans 14:16-17)



# DEVELOP Continued...

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Debbie Bryan  
Jon Bryan  
Kathy Burns  
Robin DeFreitas  
Con Gerdes  
Patty Gerdes  
John Hall  
Glenda Williamson  
Debbie Kimberly  
Jimmy Kimberly  
Courtney Lowe  
Matt Lowe  
Dennis McClintic  
Pat McClintic  
Lori Morgan  
Tim Morgan  
Helena Pickering  
John Pickering  
Heather Smith  
Diana Woodward  
Howard Woodward



Front Left to Right: Madelyn Gloyd, Savannah Steiner, Daycee Pierce, Xander Mans

Back Left to Right: Tanner Swallows, Grace Tauscher, Aline Moody, Mille Torre

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

# The Presents of Jesus

*Women's Ministry Christmas Program*

**Dec. 7 Doors Open at 6:00 pm in the  
North Building, 23620 S. Alma School Rd.**

**Limited seating, please RSVP**

*Attire is Christmas Casual*

*Cost is a donation of winter gloves and/or  
hats for CFLA students*



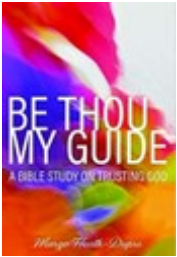
"The Presents of Jesus" Christmas program will be a wonderful time for fellowship and dessert as we begin the Christmas season. Join us for guest speaker, Lynne Hartke and Worship Leader Nicole Tonkinson. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with a time for coffee (decaf too) and fellowship with the program starting at 6:20 pm. There is limited seating, so be sure to RSVP to save your dessert and your seat! There is no cost for this event, we are asking that you bring in a donation of warm gloves and winter hats for Children First Leadership Academy students. Attire is Christmas Casual. RSVP to [anniewolfchandler@gmail.com](mailto:anniewolfchandler@gmail.com).

# DEVELOP Continued...

## Adult Forum

**NO Meeting Dec. 3 & 24**

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
Join Pastor Dave as he teaches "Lectionary Study for the Church Year". Everyone is welcome!



**Quenched by His Word:  
Women's Evening Bible Study**  
December 12 at 6:30 pm in the  
SB Library.

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



## Women's Ministry

This is a wonderful way to stay connected with other women at Risen Savior. Join us by visiting [facebook.com/rslcs](https://facebook.com/rslcs) and under "Groups" you will find Women's

Ministry or use the QR code. Contact Annie at [anniewolfchandler@gmail.com](mailto:anniewolfchandler@gmail.com) with any questions.



## SERMON ARCHIVE

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at the times available, don't worry, the entire sermon is uploaded after 1:30 pm the same day. Simply visit [rslcs.org](https://rslcs.org) under "Sermon Archive" and all previous services are available to view at your convenience.

## 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 [cmdeuth1@gmail.com](mailto:cmdeuth1@gmail.com).



## LWML Mites Collection

**December 3 in Both Buildings.**

Mites are to be given above and beyond the general support of the congregation. Keep your box visible and with your mites it becomes a blessing box.

## LWML Christmas Party

**December 14 at 1:00 pm at  
Karen's Home.**

There will be a very brief meeting and a Christmas Devotion: The Magnificat: Song of Mary. Please RSVP to Karen at 480.721.8026 for the address. Celebrate the Christ in Christmas with us.

## LWML Mission Grant Update

2023 - 2025 Mission Grants Goal update = \$2,350,000. Mission Grant. A Mission Grant of \$100,000 to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND for a healing space for at-risk children.

And...

The Lutheran Braille Workers: Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment \$100,000. Mites add up to blessing people! Your mites are making missions possible.

**A flower chart binder is available in the South Building as you head towards the Fellowship Hall AND at the Welcome Desk in the North Building. Select an open date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Cost is \$50.00.**



# DEVELOP Continued...

## Visitations

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



## Braille

Tuesdays at 8:30 am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact the Church  
Office with any questions  
[info@rslcs.org](mailto:info@rslcs.org).



## WELCOME PARTY

**Jan. 14**

**5:00 PM North Building**

New to Risen Savior?  
Curious about who we are?  
Interested in meeting  
others? Join us for informal  
conversation and light  
appetizers. No RSVP needed.

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 for this event.



## 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 Poedel invites you to join him on this adventure through his blog...  
"Theology Thoughts" are his random reflection on topics that come to mind on a given day... join or visit <http://padredave.substack.com/>



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ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships—helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the preschool for more information 480.802.1505 or visit [ACSTO.org](http://ACSTO.org) for more details.

# DEVELOP Continued...

## YOUTH AND TEEN INFORMATION

**Nursery (Age 3 and under)** Available during all Christmas Eve Contemporary Services  
Sundays during the 9:00 & 10:30 am service in the North Building.

**Sunday School (Age 3 – Grade 6)** **NO Meeting Dec. 24 & 31**

Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building, Youth Rooms.



### WELCOME TO THE MAIN EVENT!

This month we will be exploring the story of Jesus' birth beginning with the angel appearing to Mary and Joseph, continuing on to Jesus' birth in a stable and ending with the story of the wise men and the shepherds. We hope you can join us!



**Ignite Pre-Confirmation (Grades 7-8)** **NO Meeting Dec. 24 & 31**

Sundays at 6:00 pm in the North Building Room 107.

Have you ever seen one of those random acts of kindness that tend to trend online? Being able to give a stranger a new car or an envelope full

of cash would be amazing, but these “over the top” moments of generosity aren’t the only or best ways to make a difference in the world. This month in Ignite, we will explore 1 Thessalonians and learn how we can make a big difference by being generous with our time, by sharing the Good News, by caring for each other and by encouraging others.



**Impact (Grades 9-12)**

**NO Meeting Dec. 24 & 31**

Sundays at 7:00 pm in the NB Room 108

The Alpha Youth program is a specific version of the Alpha Course tailored for young people. Our goal is to engage young participants in discussions and activities that explore questions about life, faith, and spirituality from a Christian perspective. This series will include videos, group discussions, and opportunities for participants to ask questions and share their thoughts.

