



RISEN SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2024



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WORSHIP

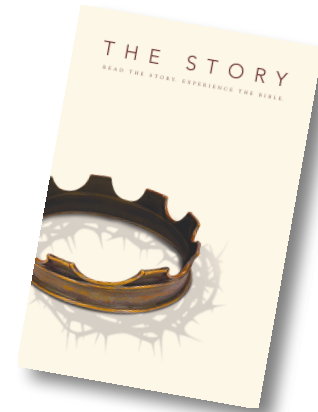
Sunday Service Times

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.*



You won't want to miss our next book series "The Story". This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time! Read the events of the Bible told in storytelling, chronological format. Books will be available starting February 4, look for the table in each building. Recommended donation of \$5 each.

On the tables there will also be a bookmark schedule, be sure to grab one with your book to follow along as we begin this 31-week series.

Ash Wednesday Services

****February 14 at 12:30/6:30 pm in the Worship Center**

Midweek Lenten Services

****February 21 at 12:30 pm/6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

February 28 at 12:30 pm (one service) in the Sanctuary (Night of Prayer at 6:30 pm)

****March 6 at 12:30 pm/6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

****March 13 at 12:30 pm/6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

****March 20 at 12:30 pm/6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

***Livestream will be available at 6:30 pm.*

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 under "Sermon Archive" and you can view any of the previous sermons at your convenience.

Admin office hours
M-Th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



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, so you can watch anytime.

How to Place a Prayer or Request a Pastor Visit

*Submit a prayer request by emailing 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.

*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email 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.



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.

CONNECT

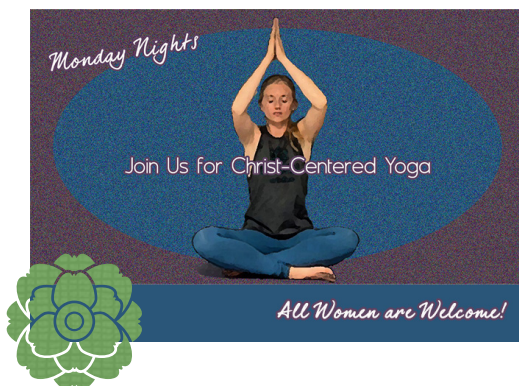
Refreshed for the Journey

Stewardship Capital Campaign

All members can expect to receive a phone call from another member to schedule a visit about the South Building renovation plans. Visits will last approximately 30 minutes. The visit will be extremely informative about the plans for the entire South Building. Be sure to get your visit scheduled and to be able to ask questions you have! Contact the Church Office if you have any additional questions.

CHANDLER *Symphony Orchestra*

Chamber Music Series
February 11
at 3:00 pm
in the North Building



Women's Christ-Centered Yoga 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.

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Genesis 29:20 NIV





Your trusted partner in preventive healthcare since 1986!

We will be coming to your community soon!

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**Risen Savior
23620 S. Alma School Rd.
(new building)**

Visit
<https://march062024.youcanbook.me>
to book your appointment today!

Or
Scan
this
QR
code



**Our comprehensive screening is \$200
Schedule your appointment online and save \$10
<https://rightpathscreenings.org/upcoming-screening-events>**

If you are unable to book online, call 602.254.7130

This screening could save your life!

**Our Comprehensive Screening consists of 11
cardiovascular and abdominal screenings listed on the back.
We also check your blood pressure, pulse and blood oxygen level.
A complete report is provided.**

The On-Ramp

Begins Feb. 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Five sessions (six total) of learning with session six being dinner with the Pastor

Join us and learn more about Risen Savior and what makes being a Lutheran unique!

RSVP to info@rslcs.org

NIGHT OF PRAYER

February 28 @ 6:30 pm in the North Building

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.

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 <http://padredave.substack.com>.



Blood Pressure Screenings

February 11 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.

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.

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. Be sure to include the facility and contact number.

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 have limited mobility.





Piece Maker Quilter's

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

While many of us are enjoying layers of cozy quilts on our beds each night, we are reminded of the many homeless or destitute people in our communities who do not have such luxuries. The Piece Maker Quilter's group, here at Risen Savior, is dedicated to sharing the love and warmth of Jesus by providing the warmth and comfort of quilts to those in need. If anyone knows of an organization needing quilts, please let us know as we would love to share quilts with them.

The following are needs the quilters have:

- Cotton fabric (for quilt tops)
- Clean sheets of all sizes
- Monetary gifts are also accepted
- Your prayers! That God continues to bless our group with adequate supplies in this ministry.

In January we held a "retirement party" for Sandra Devine. We have appreciated Sandi's dedication and leadership these past years. Of course, we gave her a quilt! Join us on Wednesdays for cutting, quilting, measuring, tying, assembling, fellowship and of course, coffee and snacks.

FOOD PACKING EVENT

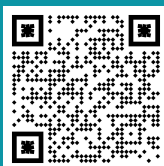
Save the Date!

MARCH 16 FROM 9-11 AM

We will be having another community event this spring. This time with Feed My Starving Children, at their location. If you missed last year, you won't want to miss this one! Use the QR code to sign-up today.

You will need to create an account.

(Sorry, No children under the age of 5 are permitted to participate, due to safety reasons)



Women's Ministry on Facebook

This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. "Like" our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.



"My Stephen Minister listens -- really listens! She doesn't judge me or tell me what to do but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With her care and support, I'm making it through"

Need someone to talk to?
You don't have to go it alone.

Contact the Church Office
at info@rslcs.org


**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

FINANCIALS

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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 that will include a comparison to the previous year quarter. At the end of the year, there will be an annual comparison of results. For this month and year end, please see the information below along with some key observations.

Monthly and 2023 Year End Financial Overview

Key Financial Indicators – December 2023

	Dec 2023	Budget	Delta	Dec 2022	Delta
Operating Cash	(195,266)	(230,900)	35,634	(29,071)	(166,195)
Weekly Tracked Giving	38,973	46,964	(7,991)	47,110	(8,137)
Weekly Loose Plate	2,641	2,892	(251)	2,858	(217)
Net Income	(17,034)	70,900	(87,934)	47,749	(64,783)

Key Financial Indicators – CY 2023 vs. CY 2022

	CY 2023	Budget	Delta	CY 2022	Delta
Total Tracked Giving	1,769,593	1,980,000	(210,407)	1,730,934	38,659
Total Loose Plate	84,604	95,000	(10,396)	79,752	4,852
Other Income	89,801	71,100	18,701	104,633	(14,832)
Preschool Income	1,352,681	1,384,130	(31,449)	1,120,182	232,499
Total Expenses	3,470,921	3,618,330	(147,409)	3,073,413	397,508
Net Income	(174,242)	(88,100)	(86,142)	(37,912)	(136,330)

Key Observations for 2023 Year End

- Giving
 - Tracked giving compared to the previous year is 2.2% higher
 - Loose Plate giving compared to the previous year is 6.1% higher
- Preschool Income
 - While Preschool Income was (\$31,449) below budget, due to expense controls, the net income was favorable.
- Expenses
 - Overall Expenses were \$397,508 higher than the previous year primarily due to:
 - Increased staffing
 - Change in Interest Expense on the permanent loan
 - CY2023 expenses were **under** budget by nearly \$147,409 which was due to expense controls.
- Operating Cash for CY2023 is (\$195,266) which is \$35,634 **better** than what was projected by the CY2023 Budget. The negative Operating Cash will be offset by Ministry Expansion Savings.



Join a Bible Study

Adult Forum

Women's Thursday Study: Twelve Women of the Bible

Men's Early Bird Study

Women's Evening Study: Be Thou My Guide

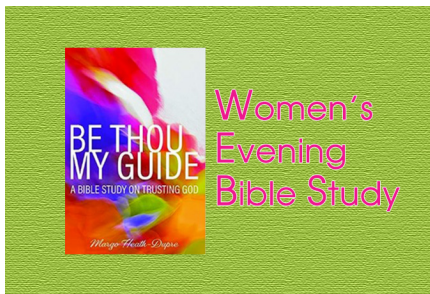
Lutheran Womens Missionary League (LWML)

Book of Romans

Maricopa: The Chosen

Galatians

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



Women's Evening Bible Study



Bible Study: Book of Romans

This study will be on break during Lent.

February 7 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Pastor Mark for the book of Romans, which provides us with concise summary of the Gospel. If you have any questions email, mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org.

Quenched by His Word: Women's Evening Bible Study

February 13 & 27 at 6:30 pm
in the South Building Rm 110 - **UPDATED.**

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.

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Maricopa Bible Study: The Chosen 3

February 5 & 19 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.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study with Pastor Kevin

February 10 & 24 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.





Christ Brings Freedom: Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Sundays at 9:05 or 10:15 am in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

As a world traveler, Paul had seen many slaves — people whose lives were completely controlled by powerful governments, leaders, and landowners. Yet Paul himself had been a slave... to religious zealotry and to the endless demands of keeping religious laws.

Paul now knew what it meant to be free and to know true liberty in Christ. Having experienced both slavery and freedom, nothing bothered Paul more than seeing people return to bondage. But that's exactly what he had heard about his friends in the church he founded in Galatia. These new Christians, who had found freedom in Christ, were being pressured to return to the slavery of religious rules and regulations. Paul's response was quick and strong—don't desert Christ, don't be foolish, don't be a prisoner or a slave to sin; instead, follow Christ and **BE FREE!**

In *The Letter to the Galatians*, Paul proclaims the reality of liberty in Christ—freedom from the law and the power of sin, and freedom to serve the living Lord. Are you trapped in sin? You can be a child of God through faith in Christ Jesus, an heir to the promise, and truly free indeed. Are you trapped in religious legalism, trying to earn favor with God by doing good and being good? Don't be burdened by such slavery, because you can stand firm and free in Christ.



Grief Share

Mondays at 10:00 am in SB Room 110.

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group where you can find help/healing for the hurt of losing a loved one or if you or a loved one has a terminal illness. Contact the Church Office with any questions.



Lutherans for Life - "Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnoses come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries (Ps.139:4) and the best way forward. He has already seen (John 1:48) what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow." lutheransforlife.org



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:**

February 4 As we remember our baptism into the life of Christ, give praise and thanksgiving that the Holy Spirit comes daily to renew and keep us ever **faithful** to our Savior. (Romans 12:12, Revelation 2:10)

February 11 With the help of the Holy Spirit, pray for God to strengthen our **faithfulness** to Him. (Hebrews 10:23, 3:6, Isaiah 25:1)

February 18 Let us thank God for His **faithfulness**, which we have seen in His unconditional love and in His promises. (Deuteronomy 7:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Deuteronomy 31:6)

February 25 Praise God for his **faithfulness** and ask the Holy Spirit to grow the fruit of **faith** in our hearts that we will be **faithful** in all of our commitments. (Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 2:10)



LWML Monthly Meeting

February 8 at 1:00 pm in the SB Room 110.

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

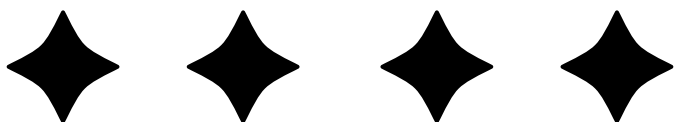


Thursdays at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Join Women's Ministry for "The Story" video and small group guide sessions on Thursday mornings (starting February 15). This is the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what we are experiencing during "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!

Join us for fellowship with coffee and breakfast treats, videos, small group study questions, sisterhood connections, and prayer.

Please pick up a copy of "The Story" (recommended donation \$5.00) starting on February 4 after all church services in the Lobby and Narthex.

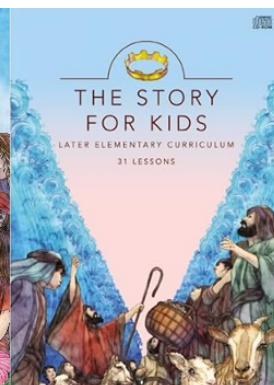
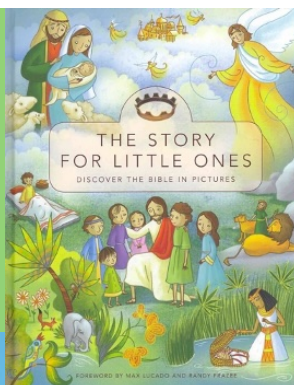


Youth and Teen Information

NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

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



Parent Meeting

February 4, 2024

Ignite - 6 - 7 pm

Impact - 7 - 8 pm

Learn about semester calendar events, summer mission trips and more!



February 4-Ignite & Impact Parent Meeting will discuss the winter/spring calendar, summer mission trips and more! Join your child at their regular meeting time (if you have kids in both groups, attend the second meeting)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGE 3-GRADE 6)

While the grown-ups study "The Story" book series this year, 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!

Seder Meal

If you have a student grade 5 & up who is ready to receive their first communion, **join us as a family** for a Seder Meal and communion class

March 2, 2024

5 - 8 pm

For questions and to RSVP contact Jill at jill.lopez@rslcs.org



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.

Have questions regarding any of our youth groups? Contact our Director of NextGen & Family Ministry, Jill Lopez at jill.lopez@rslcs.org

