



RISEN SAVIOR

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WORSHIP



Summer Schedule

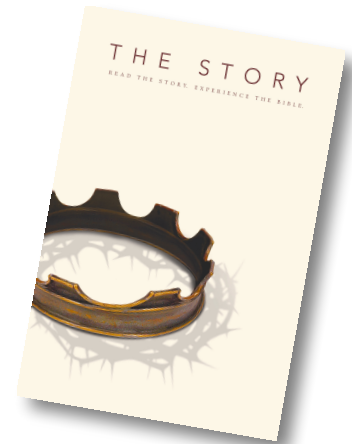
SUNDAY

Worship

8/11:15 | 9:30
TRADITIONAL | CONTEMPORARY

SUMMER SCHEDULE
BEGINS MAY 5

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN
THE WORSHIP CENTER



We hope you're enjoying "The Story" series. 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 still a few remaining in the Admin Building with a recommended donation of \$5.00 per book.

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 convince.

Admin Building Office Hours
M-Th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Office is Closed 5/27



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.

*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". 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.

CONNECT

“Refreshed for the Journey” Capital Stewardship Campaign information

If you haven't already, expect to receive a phone call from another member to schedule a visit about the South Building remodel 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 below.

Campaign Update: The campaign pledges have reached \$2.2 million. **THANK YOU** for your generosity and faithfulness! We still want everyone to have a visit and we hope to reach the second goal of retiring \$2 million in long-term debt costs. Reminder the donation **MATCH** up to \$1 million, dollar-for-dollar, for all future gifts, increased pledges and new pledges is still happening! Contact the Church Office at info@rslcs.org if you have any additional questions.

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Care Ministry Meeting-UPDATED

May 7 at 6:30 pm in the Admin Building.

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.*



To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to “This week on TLH”, or to link “Listen Now” and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.

Are you on our eblast list?

If not, it's a great way to stay connected with all of our ministries and campus activities! Email info@rslcs.org with your name and email address that you want to use-it's as simple as that!



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.



ANNOUNCEMENT

SUMMER MINISTRY MEETING UPDATE

NO SUMMER MEETINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DURING THE SB REMODEL:

- Piece Maker Quilter's
- Women's Evening Bible Study
- Men's Early Bird Bible Study
- LWML

BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR ALL MINISTRY MEETING CHANGES AND UPDATES



What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

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 for more information.



Sometimes we need a change of perspective.



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Attention Parents of Seniors!

We want to honor our graduating seniors on May 12 as a part of our worship service. If you would like to participate, please send us a recent photo (headshot or senior pic) and let us know where they are graduating from, and what they are doing next.

Please send this information to:
jill@rslcs.org by May 5.

A special reminder from our Finance Department! If you are writing a check to Risen Savior, please only use either **black or dark blue ink**. While turquoise, purple or pink ink is fun to look at, our scanners can't read those colors and the checks scan blank. We really appreciate your help with this!



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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.



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

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Chandler, AZ 85248

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There are 10 dedicated individuals volunteers who emboss and assemble 12 books of the Bible each Tuesday. This past year, this group assembled and shipped 368 books of Ezekiel & Daniel. These books were sent to India, Bangladesh, Nigeria and South Africa. What an amazing amount of work from this life changing group of volunteers!



The Lutheran Braille workers book production began at Risen Savior in January 2009. Carol Devereaux & Billie Clef (pictured above), are two of the original volunteers of this group and have been involved for the entire 15 years! Through all of these years, Carol, Billie and the others (pictured above) have been "Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus"! Thank you ladies for all of the years of dedication to this ministry.



AZCEND Food Drive Update

Last month's Food Drive collection yielded 1194 pounds of non-perishable food for local families along with \$575.00 in monetary donations. The generosity is overwhelming from both our Risen Savior family and the surrounding community. This amount of food will provide 995 meals to our local families in need. Thank you to all who contributed!



NO BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS THIS MONTH



PACE Assistance

Seniors, if you are looking for information regarding transitioning into Independent or Assisted Living, contact PACE (People, Access, Community), at 480.246.3515. They will help you make informed decisions, and their housing directory will help you narrow your options to make the process easier. can also find them on the internet at www.seniorhousing.org.



Looking around, we might think we have every reason to despair. It seems like the church is declining in numbers. Perhaps we only see gray hair in the pews on Sunday, and we're unsure whether the church will be around to bury us. If we look beyond the church, we see the assaults of the culture on every side.

Like the children of Israel as they stood between the Red Sea and the rushing hordes of Egypt coming behind them, it's tempting to despair.

But the church is not a community of despair. It is a community of hope. We do not place this hope in the power of a ruler or the strength of a man, but in the Man, Jesus Christ. The church of God is a community buoyed by hope, confident and certain that God — just as He did for Israel — will make a way for us.

And, in fact, He already has. Through His death and resurrection, Christ has conquered our foes. He has led us through the Red Sea and drowned the wicked foe in the waters of Holy Baptism. His promise to us is that just as He brought Israel to new life through water, so also will He do for us today.

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:3–5). *The Lutheran Witness*



What does “Synod” mean?

The word “Synod” in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod comes from Greek words that mean “walking together.” The term has rich meaning in our church body because congregations voluntarily choose to belong to the Synod.

ANSWER

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.)



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480.820.0403

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Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am at an Off-Site Location.

This group meets weekly and all are welcome. If you would prefer to work at home, patterns and instructions are available in a drawer under the bed in the First Aid room in the North Building. If you need yarn, the off-site location address 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. Be sure to include the facility and contact number.

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.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9



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

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. If you desire more detail on a monthly basis, please contact our Director of Operations, Susan Mello at susan.mello@rslcs.org.

Monthly Financial Overview

Key Financial Indicators

	March 2024	Budget	Difference	March 2023	Difference
Operating Cash	53,349	NA	NA	37,469	15,880
Weekly Tracked Giving	39,412	46,000	(6,588)	44,130	(4,718)
Weekly Loose Plate	3,890	3,280	610	2,438	1,452
Net Income	62,501	62,390	111	32,998	29,503

DEVELOP

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 am in the
NB Multi-Use Room.

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

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



Thursdays at 9:00 am at various Off-Site Locations During the South Building Remodel.

Join Women's Ministry for "The Story" book 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.



*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 more information at lcef.org or call 800.843.5233.



His Story, Our Story

New Series Begins May 29 at 10:00 am OR 6:00 pm
in the North Building Ignite Room.

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.



Women's Christ-Centered Yoga

NO Meeting May 27

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.





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:

May 5 - With the help of the Holy Spirit, pray as our forefathers did on their days of prayer for the colonies. First with hearts united in confession and asking for God's forgiveness, thanking Him for His grace and mercies, and then asking for His divine intervention. 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 33:12

May 12 -As you thank God for your mother, pray also for the well-being of all mothers, especially those you know. (John 16:21), Ephesians 6:2,3, Proverbs 31:28-30, John 19:25-2

May 19 - As we celebrate Pentecost, pray that we will continue our witness of Christ's redemptive work of salvation to our community and beyond. Matthew 28:19,20, Mark 16:15, Psalm 9:11

May 26 - This [Memorial Day](#), pray for the families who have lost loved ones for the cause of our freedom. Ask God, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to bless those families with His strength, comfort and peace. Psalm 34:18, Matthew 11:28-30, Lamentations 3:22,23



LWML Brunch

May 9 at 10:00 am at the Black Bear Diner

Our last get together before summer break will be at the Black Bear Diner at 2805 Alma School Rd, Chandler. Please RSVP to Ruth Ann, 480.393.3801 by May 7 so we can save your seat!

Mission Update: Equipping Young Leaders -

\$50,000. "LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully leads, serves, provides resources and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts and congregations—with Christ and His gifts at the heart and center of everything. The sponsored YouthLead program and servant events are designed to train young leaders and give them opportunities for service....survey results show the way to keep young people connected to the church is to give them chances to serve and lead." Seven youth from Risen Savior have attended one of these events.

Mission Update: By God's Plan, Mental Health Outreach:

\$96,500. "The LCMS Life Ministry for Mental Illness, Health and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders related to mental health outreach and spiritual care. This grant will support the development of these material."



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!



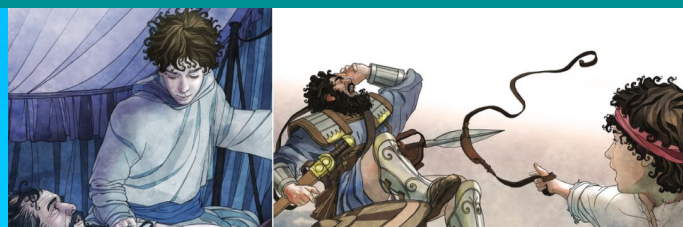
Register Now for VBS

Friends - Experiments - Games - Snacks - Music - Bible Stories



9 AM - 12 PM
JUNE 24 - 28

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May THE STORY



At Scuba VBS, children don't just hear about God's love: they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action through God Sightings. As they travel from station to station, they go deeper into their understanding of God and God's Son, Jesus. Most important, children learn that because Jesus loves us, He came to die for our sins and make a way for us to live with God forever. We hope to see your child join the fun this summer! This program is geared towards ages 3yrs old-6th grade.

**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.**

Senior Sending info on page 5

MAY 12: NO IGNITE OR IMPACT FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 26: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, IGNITE OR IMPACT FOR MEMORIAL DAY

