

November 2023



# RISEN SAVIOR

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# WORSHIP

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## NEW Sunday Service Times-Begins Nov. 5

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 every Sunday at the 11:30 am service.





# CONNECT Continued...



Join us for our 9th Annual Oktoberfest-style celebration. Ticket purchase includes: German style meal, soda/water and dessert; live music by a German polka band; door prizes and more! Beer and wine will be available for \$3.00 each. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance/\$10.00 at the door. Table reservations are available for \$10.00 per



## "REFRESHED FOR THE JOURNEY"

Focus Group Meetings for the South Building

8 Meetings to choose from  
Starting next Sunday, Oct. 29th

All are encouraged to attend!

See Available Meeting Details Below:

## Service of Remembrance

December 4 at 6:30 pm  
in the Sanctuary/South Building

Join us for prayers, music and a message of hope. If you have lost someone dear to you remember them at this service.



Call 480.895.6782 to give the name of and include your loved one in this service.

### Open Invitation to "Refreshed for the Journey"

#### Focus Group Meetings for the South Building

November 1 at 6:30 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.

November 2 at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

November 5 at 9:15 am in SB Room 110.

November 5 at 10:15 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

November 5 at 12:30 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.

November 8 at 6:30 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.

November 9 at 9:00 am in the SB Room 110.

November 12 at 9:15 am in the SB Room 110.

November 12 at 11:45 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

November 12 at 6:30 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.

We have been working diligently over the past year to plan for refreshing the South Building. We want to share the preliminary plans with you in these meetings. This is an excellent time to provide feedback for the Governing Board and Pastor Ron with your thoughts regarding our plans and a time to ask questions. Our goal is to accommodate every congregant via small groups. Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated to be certain we are fulfilling our responsibilities to the congregation, our community and our faith. *Meetings will be no longer than one hour and NO RSVP is required.*

# CONNECT Continued...



**OCTOBER 15**  
**COLOR WAR!**



Ignite and Impact Youth Groups met up with other local church youth to have a Color War! Wonderful memories were made with NextGen Director Jill Lopez.



**Shhh...It's a Surprise Card Shower!**  
October 29-November 5 in the  
Narthex or Lobby.

It's Pastor Ron's 10-year Anniversary here at Risen Savior. The Governing Board had a wonderful idea to have a Card Shower for this milestone. Please bring in a card and place in one of the baskets in the Narthex or Lobby so we can surprise and thank him for his decade of service! If you are a snowbird, feel free to mail in your card.



## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER!

Save the date to attend our annual Christmas Day Dinner! RSVP is required and sign-ups start November 26 through December 17 on the patio of the South Building. Everyone is welcome to join us!

*join us!*



**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. This group meets every Monday for 13 weeks. Contact Patricia with any questions [doublepranch@cox.net](mailto:doublepranch@cox.net).



## "Deck the Holidays" is Back!

December 3 at 3 & 6 pm in the  
Worship Center.

Tickets are only available at  
[chandlersymphony.com](http://chandlersymphony.com)





## *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Drive*

This year the men's and women's ministries are partnering up to support AZCEND and Children's First Leadership Academy families. Hundreds of families have already registered with the food bank requesting a Thanksgiving meal along with the families at CFLA who are in need this year. Let's help meet the need, our goal is to raise enough turkeys/meals and donations to feed 300 local families for Thanksgiving.

Please bring a small/medium size frozen turkey, meal items or a check (any denomination is welcome, recommended is \$25 for a turkey/\$50 for a meal) or use the QR code below to donate online. Make checks payable to "Risen Savior" with memo Turkey Drive.

**Please bring in your meal items on Sunday, November 5 & 12 to the boxes located in the Narthex and Lobby areas. All items brought in on November 12 can go directly to the food truck in the parking lot.**

**Drop frozen turkeys off on NOVEMBER 12 ONLY please.**

### *Turkey & Meal Drive Options*

*(feel free to add other items or your family favorites)*

*Canned yams or sweet potatoes, Canned green beans, Canned corn,  
Canned cranberry sauce, Canned cream of mushroom soup, Turkey gravy,  
Chicken broth, Cake/cookie/brownie mix, Container of frosting  
Box of stuffing, Box of masked potatoes, French fried onions,  
Cornbread mix and a Frozen turkey*

*Feel free to donate any amount of the items above for Thanksgiving meal options, or add your family favorites!*

*100% of all items and donations will go to Children's First Leadership Academy & AZCEND.*



# ANSWER Continued...



## Piece Maker Quilter's

The Piece Makers' Annual Quilt & Bake Sale is just around the corner on December 3! Many sizes and styles of quilts will be sold along with mouth-watering baked goods. There will also be TWO quilts to be raffled off this year! The quilts will be displayed before and after each of the services noted below:

*November 5 South Building, November 12 North Building , November 19 South Building*

*November 26 North Building , December 3 North Building*

Tickets will be sold where the quilts are being displayed on the dates and at the locations listed above (\$2 each or 3 for \$5). There will be two raffle containers, one for each quilt, so you can try for the quilt of your choice. Raffle tickets will be sold the morning of the sale also. The winners will be announced at 11:30 am on the day of the sale. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Blood Pressure Screenings

November 12 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).

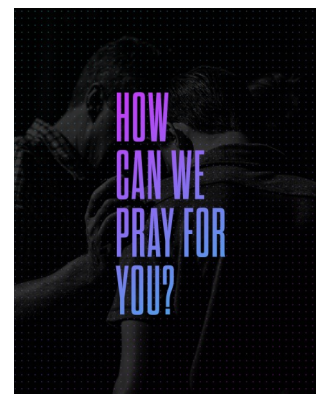
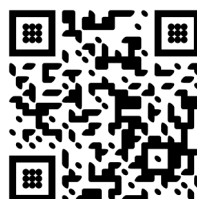
### Hooks and Needles Ministry

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.

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.

### 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.



### Women's

#### Christ-Centered Yoga—**UPDATED**

Mondays 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).



# 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 and Quarter End Financial Overview

### Key Financial Indicators – September 2023

	September 2023	Budget	Delta	September 2022	Delta
Operating Cash	(158,778)	NA	NA	(105,830)	(52,948)
Weekly Tracked Giving	29,324	30,478	(1,154)	26,734	2,590
Weekly Loose Plate	842	985	(143)	827	15
Net Income	(66,554)	(61,240)	(5,314)	(63,180)	(3,374)

### Key Financial Indicators – Q3 2023 vs. Q3 2022

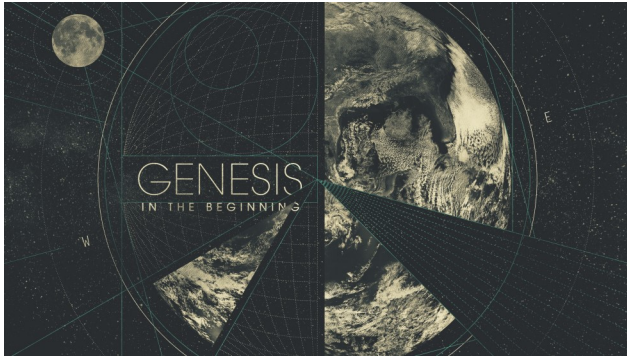
	Q3 2023	Budget	Delta	Q3 2022	Delta
Total Tracked Giving	388,359	391,040	(2,681)	343,025	45,334
Total Loose Plate	10,479	11,490	(1,011)	9,643	836
Preschool Income	307,424	316,110	(8,686)	265,964	41,460
Total Expenses	879,705	907,900	(28,195)	802,512	77,193
Net Income	(159,476)	(171,500)	12,024	(167,683)	8,207

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!*



## Men's Early Bird Bible Study Fall Series

November 11 at 7:30 am

As we know with any good book or movie, you have to know the beginning of the story to fully appreciate what is going on. In the same way, to fully understand the story of God and even our story, we have to know the beginning of the story. It all starts in Genesis 1. In many ways these are familiar words, and yet there is more going on here than meets the eye. Join us this Fall, as we dive into Genesis 1-3 and see how God uses these words to open our eyes to see who He is, who we are, and our relationship with Him. 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.

## NO Meetings on Nov. 23 *Choir Rehearsals*

Thursdays from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
in the SB Sanctuary.

We are open to any member that enjoys singing and having some fun while doing it!  
Contact [richard.gibson@rslcs.org](mailto:richard.gibson@rslcs.org) with any questions.

## NO Meetings on Nov. 23 *Handbell Ringer Rehearsals*

Thursdays from 5:45 pm-6:30 pm  
in the SB Sanctuary.

If you enjoy playing handbell music in a worship setting, and would like more information about joining our group, please contact [organist@rslcs.org](mailto:organist@rslcs.org).

## Maricopa Bible Study: The Chosen 3

November 6 & 20 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:**

**November 5** - Thank the Lord for veterans and our active military who have served and are serving to protect our freedoms. Through the Holy Spirit, we ask for God's grace and protection on them and their families. (Psalm 33:12)

**November 12** - Thank God for the Alpha Study. As the Holy Spirit leads you, pray that the participants may develop a lasting relationship with Jesus our Savior, and seek a church family. (1 Chronicles 16:29), (Hebrews 10:23-25), (1 Peter 4:10)

**November 19** - Thank and Praise God as you count His blessings-try it, and use them to bless others. (Philippians 4:8-9, James 5:13 & 14, Psalm 26: 7, Ephesians 5:18,20)

**November 26** - Thank God for our freedom to vote. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we pray for God's will as the election process unfolds over the next year. (Psalm 33:12, Psalm 127:1)

To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at [lhm.org](http://lhm.org); down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", or to link "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.



# DEVELOP Continued...



The spirit of giving is alive and well at our Sunday School as we gear up for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) 2023. This year, our dedicated team, led by master box builder, 6th grader Brady Soliday, and supported by many 4th-grade leaders, has been hard at work preparing gift-filled shoeboxes to bring smiles and hope to children around the world.

Brady, a young and passionate member of our Sunday School, has taken on the role of the master box builder. With his creative skills and enthusiasm, he has been instrumental in constructing the OCC boxes to hold the precious gifts that will soon brighten the lives of children around the world. But Brady was not alone in this endeavor. Many 4th-grade leaders joined forces to assist the pre-K team and the second and third grade team in filling these boxes with essential instructions. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in ensuring that each box is ready for our congregation to pick-up and fill, to bring joy to the hearts of children in need.

This act of kindness not only demonstrates the compassion and generosity of our church community but also serves as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas – the joy of giving!

OCC is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in need. It's a project that exemplifies the values of love, compassion, and sharing that our Sunday School aims to instill in our young members. We are incredibly proud of Brady and the entire team for their hard work and dedication to this worthy cause.

As we approach this holiday season, let us remember the impact that small acts of kindness can have in making the world a better place. We look forward to sharing the joy of giving with children who will receive these special gifts, and we invite all members of our congregation to join us in this heart-warming mission of spreading hope and love around the world.



OCC Boxes are in the Narthex and Lobby.

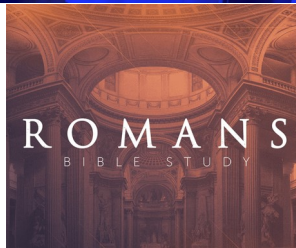
Boxes can be picked up on November 5 and 12. All boxes are due back to the North Building by November 19. If you do not have the time or ability to shop for items, you can make a \$25.00 donation and we will submit a packed box in your name. Make donation checks out to Risen Savior, memo "OCC". Contact Suzi at 480.699.3174 with any questions.

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## Youth Night of Worship

sunday, nov. 5th  
7:00 to 8:00 pm  
worship center

junior & senior high students  
+ their families welcome fr



Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall.

**This study will break after Nov. 15.**

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. The last chapters focus more on advice and encouragement for how to live out this knowledge. This study will be every Wednesday evening. If you have any questions email, [mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org](mailto:mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org).

## Adult Forum

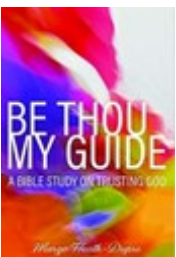
Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Pastor Dave as he teaches "Lectionary Study for the Church Year".

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

November 14 & 28 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.



## 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

November 5 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 Meeting

November 9 at 1:00 pm in SB Room 110.

Join us for our monthly meeting for prayer, business and fellowship. Contact 480.393.3801 with any questions.

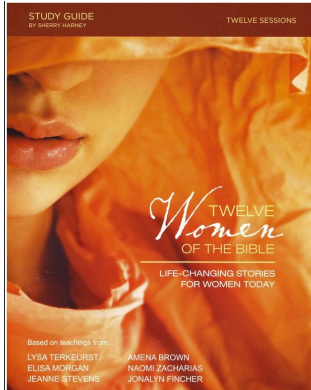
## Fall Rally Thank You From Speaker!

Thank you for the invitation to speak at LWML Women's event on Saturday. What a blessing it was to be a part of such a dynamic group of women. I wanted to update you on the total contribution from the event was \$2,212! We celebrate and give the Glory to God! How amazing it will be to bless the families, mothers and fathers of the children who have chosen life! We sincerely appreciate you standing for life!  
*From Lisa Henry with Pregnancy Care Center*





# DEVELOP Continued...



## Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study

No Meeting Nov. 23

Thursdays from 9:00 am-11:00 am  
in the North Building

Join us for a time of Connecting and Developing In-Person and Self-Study with "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories". In-Person: meets weekly with videos and small groups and Self-Study: follow the syllabus and receive weekly videos Purchase your copy through Amazon or reserve a copy for \$15.00. Sign-up today at [anniewolfchandler@gmail.com](mailto:anniewolfchandler@gmail.com).



### Braille

Tuesdays at 8:30 am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

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

## 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.

## Rummage Sale Thank You!

Huge thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers and to all of you who donated items to be sold at the Rummage Sale.  
The sale profits were over \$13,000 this year!



### 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](http://lcef.org) or call 800.843.5233.

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

Contact the church office to make an appointment with a Stephen Minister



STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"When I was with my Stephen Minister, I felt Jesus was with me. I saw the love of God in his eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through."*



### What Are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide on-on-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting and they're equipped with caring ministry skills by their congregation's Stephen Leaders. Contact Pastor Mark at [mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org](mailto:mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org) for more information.

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## YOUTH AND TEEN INFORMATION

### Nursery (Age 3 and under)

Sundays during the 9:30 am service in the North Building.

### Sunday School (Age 3 – Grade 6) **NO Meeting Nov. 26**

Sundays at 9:30 am in the North Building, Youth Rooms.



Join us as we continue our journey with the Israelites out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. In this series, we'll learn some important stories from Joshua about how obstacles are no problem for God and courage comes from

knowing God's words. No matter how long the race, God can use someone like you because with God, there is victory!



### Fall Discipleship Focus

This quarter's discipleship focus is "Spending Time with Others". We will be playing "The Get to Know You" Card Game to give the kids a chance to learn more about each other while sharing a little bit about themselves.

Pick a copy up at the welcome desk and play at home!

## Youth & Family Worship Night 7 pm November 5 at the North Building!



### Friendsgiving on November 19 @ 6:00 pm

### Ignite Pre-Confirmation (Grades 7-8) **NO Meeting Nov. 26**

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

Join us for weekly Bible Studies, friends, and fun!

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.



### Friendsgiving on November 19 @ 7:00 pm

### Impact (Grades 9-12) **NO Meeting Nov. 26**

Sundays at 7:00 pm in the North Building 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 9 week series will include videos, group discussions, and opportunities for participants to ask questions and share their thoughts. Alpha Youth will continue through December 10.