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WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

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

9:30 am – Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Livestream at 8:00 and 9:30 am via YouTube “Risen Savior Chandler”
or our Facebook Page “RSLCS”.

Communion is served the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and
every Sunday at the 11:00 am service.



Ways to Give:

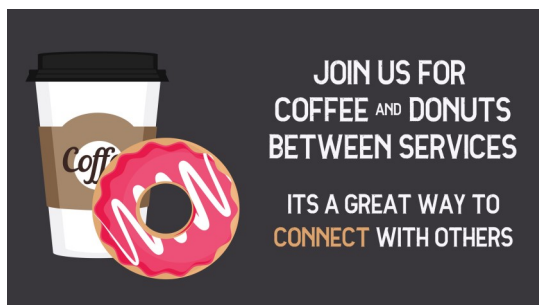
- ⇒ Cash—make sure to use an envelope with your name and/or giving number
- ⇒ Check
- ⇒ Website: www.rslcs.org/give
- ⇒ Text Risen Savior to 77977
- ⇒ Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) OR Stock/Asset Transfers—contact Susan Mello at susan.mello@rslcs.org for more information.
- ⇒ By Mail: 23914 S Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ 85248

Sunday Parking

Don't forget 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.



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.



CONNECT



Women's Ministry on Facebook

Join the Risen Savior Women's Ministry Facebook page for this month's theme "Rest". We encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. This page is for women after God's heart. Join us today! You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

Admin Building Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Fri-8:00 am -12:00 pm

Closed August 15-16



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... Use QR code above to join or visit <http://padredave.substack.com/>



Christ-Centered Yoga Returns on Mondays

Starting August 15 at 6:30 pm in the North Building.

Nurture your body, mind, heart and spirit. Please bring a mat (if you have one) and wear comfortable clothing. RSVP, as space is limited, to Dawn at dawn@inspiritusyoga.com.

Save
the
Date

Rummage Sale

October 21-22 in the South Building.

It's time to start cleaning out your garage and cabinets for donations to our annual sale. We will not accept clothing or electronic donations. Call Jane with questions 480.527.7688.

Early Childhood Center (ECC)

Contact the office with any questions 480.802.1580 or do a virtual tour online at www.risensaviorpreschool.org.

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 available date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Sign-up to reserve your date, cost is \$40.00.



ANSWER



Grief Share

Begins September 12.

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.



Braille

Begins September 6.

Contact Andrea at
araabe63@yahoo.com with any
questions.

Blood Drive

August 5 in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Dave to schedule an appt.
480.560.0295.

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. You can also find them on the internet at www.seniorhousing.org.

TO PLACE A PRAYER OR VISIT REQUEST:

- † Submit a prayer request by filling out a Prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or email prayers@rslcs.org. 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.
- † To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email 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.



Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in SB Room 110.

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



ANSWER Continued...



Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

August 23 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am in the Administration Building.

Ever wonder what Stephen Ministry is or want to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Come to this informational meeting to have those questions answered. Contact Pastor Mark for more information at mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org.



Piece Maker Quilters

Wednesday's from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Most of you aren't thinking of toasty quilts to snuggle up in at this time of the year in Arizona, most of us are just trying to stay cool. Yet, here we are. Piece Makers meet weekly making quilts for those in need. There's always an extra needle available to those interested in joining us! We'd love to have you!



Thanks in part to Thrivent's Give Generously program, our quilting group has decided to branch out and do a summer mission project. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest has voiced a need for meals and hygiene kits for women who are homeless, refugees, or in need of a protected place to live. This week we will deliver a full dinner to a church where 15 of these women are brought for meals. We also will bring quilted zipper purses with hygiene products enclosed. This summer we have experienced some very generous donations of beautiful fabric! Some very dear women have also donated quilts and/or quilts tops! We are blessed!

Items needed; are clean King or Queen flat sheets, yarn, and cotton blend fabric.

Donations this past month: 15 quilts to Salvation Army, 16 quilts to Phoenix Rescue Mission, 8 quilts to My Sisters Place, and 16 hats to Sara K Foundation.

If you have any questions please call Sandi 480.202.5772, Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 850.404.7604 .

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RSLCS Foundation, Inc.: *One Generation to Another*

As a steward of your earthly God-given gifts and blessings, you may wish to include RSLCS Foundation in your current financial planning, as well as the Beneficiary in your Estate Plan. See the ways to give below:

Gifts of cash, a heartfelt annual gift to bless Risen Savior Ministries.

Contributing a minimum of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

A Charitable Gift Annuity.

Gifts and Bequests from Wills and Trusts; specific dollar amount, or gifting a percent of your estate's value or specifying a particular asset as the source.

Gifts of; Real Estate, Stocks or Bonds, Life Insurance.

Sunday Ministry Partner Sign-up Process

Our Sunday morning Service Team Leader positions are scheduled through Planning Center. We are using a tool in Planning Center called "Sign-up-Sheets". Rather than the office scheduling, now you will be able to choose which Sundays/services you'd like to serve.

At the beginning of each month you will receive an email asking you to select which Sundays you would like to serve. These dates will be saved in your Planning Center account and you'll receive reminder emails as the date approaches.

We know that some of our married couples that use Planning Center share the same email address. If you do, here's what we need ONE of you to do: (One of you may keep your current password, but the other needs to create a new one). Enter the link to get to the sign-in page of Planning Center at <https://accounts.planningcenteronline.com>.

Type in your email address and click the checkmark button. Remember, if you share an email address with another Planning Center user, you must keep track of which account you're accessing when you are signing up or making changes to your schedule.

For more details on how to get more involved, see the bottom of the website home page. There is a short video to assist you in how to sign-up. Contact the Church Office with any additional questions.



Women's Evening Bible
Study: Quenched (by His
Word) Returns Next Month

September 13 at 6:30 pm in SB
Room 110.

DEVELOP



PRAYER WARRIORS

Wednesdays at 9:30 am
in the SB Library.

If you have a passion for talking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those who need physical, emotional or spiritual support, join us on Wednesdays! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net 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 cmdeath1@gmail.com.

ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.
Join us for "The Rest of the Story" with Pastor Dave.



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Women's Ministry Wraps Up Summer Studies and Begins a New Study on August 11

Thursday's at 9:00 am in the Multi-Use Room.

Our summer studies are finishing up (see dates); Bible Study: Ruth & Esther, Book Study (ends 8/4), Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (ends 9/1), Group Coaching Experience "Pause Pathways for God's Purposes for Seeking Women" (ends 8/4). RSVP to anniewolfchandler@gmail.com. Coming August 11... *Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life*.

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



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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. Please include the facility and contact number.

RSLCS Foundation, Inc. is a 501c(3) organization that receives gifts and bequests in support of Risen Savior missions and ministries. A gift of \$5,000 was recently given to our Youth Ministries for the 2022 International Youth Gathering. Visit www.rslcs.org for more information.



Lutheran Social Services Showing kindness, and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve four of the Southwest 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.



Mission Grant Updates

† Redeeming Life Maternity Home Expansion (Illinois location): \$100,000 Grant. Redeeming Life currently operates maternity and transitional homes in Central Florida for single pregnant women who are homeless, abused, and/or at risk for abortion. They have a proven model. This grant will help Redeeming Life support a called deaconess to serve in a new location in the Chicagoland area. Additionally, the funds will help offset the costs, during the first two years of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and provide program services for the women. Redeeming Life's goal is for their students to learn to live independently and offers opportunities for the women to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness and unconditional love.

† What is a deaconess? She is a professional church worker trained to share the Gospel of Christ. The Mission Grant of \$100,000 for "Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People" provides scholarships to women who are: studying on-site at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis or those studying remotely with Center for Hispanic studies, Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, or the newly offered online Deaconess Studies Program. To learn more go to LWML.org.



Gospel of Mark

Returns September 7/8

In-Person on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in & Online Thursdays at 10:00 am

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YOUTH AND TEEN INFORMATION

Nursery

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

Sunday School (Age 3-Grade 6)

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



Ignite Pre-Confirmation (Grades 7-8)

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

These meetings consist of weekly bible studies, interactive games and socialization.

Pre-Confirmation: This program is a rotating two-year pre-confirmation class that will focus on the old and new testaments. Pre-confirmation is a time for students to begin the discussions about their faith and prepare for the coming years of study in Ignite/Confirmation.



Impact (Grades 9-12)

Sundays at 7:00 pm in the North Building Room 108.

Contact Jill at jill.lopez@rslcs.org for meeting details for any of our youth groups.

ACSTO

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

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 for more details.



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@rsllcs.org.

Monthly and Mid-Year Financial Overview

Key Financial Indicators

	June 2022	Budget	Delta	June 2021	Delta
Operating Cash	62,735	NA	NA	1,311	61,424
Weekly Tracked Giving	29,644	30,500	(856)	28,311	1,333
Weekly Loose Plate	739	650	89	467	272
Net Income	(67,024)	(25,720)	(41,304)	(21,032)	(45,992)

Mid-Year Review

Giving for June CYTD is strong at 106% of the budget. The increased electronic Giving has helped giving to remain strong, even as we approach the summer months.

Loose Plate Giving June CYTD, while not a significant portion of the Budget, has already exceeded the full year 2022 Budget. This is great news and indicative of increased new attendees.

Expenses June CYTD are \$171,000 below Budget or 90% of the Budget. Some of this is due to timing differences and some is realized savings due to lower than expected Payroll and Benefits for the first half of the year.

Net Income for June CYTD is \$62,473, which is \$181,488 above budget. We budgeted to use approximately \$245,790 in Savings to balance the 2022 Budget. If all continues well for the year, the Savings required will be significantly less.

Due to the cyclical nature of giving, we will see Operating Cash continue to decline until October. This is our normal rhythm.

Thank You!

The year-to-date results are so encouraging thanks to your continued support of the ministries of Risen Savior. It is greatly appreciated and we look forward to what God has planned for our future.

Happy Birthday!

Heidi	McWilliams	Aug 1	Patricia	Templin	Aug 12	Jerry	Mack	Aug 25
Fred	Benford	Aug 1	James	Liu	Aug 12	Katherine	Gibbs	Aug 25
Carol	Carroll	Aug 1	Larry	Miller	Aug 12	Dennis	Westlind	Aug 26
Eugene	Tress	Aug 2	Nancy	Kutz	Aug 13	Karen	Selak	Aug 26
Donna	Harms	Aug 3	Holly	Mathistad	Aug 13	Ritchey	Sulsona	Aug 26
Lawrence	Jacox	Aug 3	Leonard	Vostrejs	Aug 13	Judith	Bell	Aug 26
James	Torre	Aug 3	Nathanial	Derr	Aug 13	Leona	Skeate	Aug 27
Susan	Myres	Aug 4	James	Pflueger	Aug 13	Christine	Hill	Aug 27
Jessica	Sulsona	Aug 4	Macklan	Ausdemore	Aug 13	Marie	Torre	Aug 27
Barbie	Bergerson	Aug 4	Christine	Evans	Aug 14	Arthur	Darby	Aug 27
Lyle	Repogle	Aug 5	Marv	Ayres	Aug 14	Barbara	Abram	Aug 27
Floyd	Longlet	Aug 5	Sam	Magee	Aug 14	Brandon	Weber	Aug 28
Paul	Vining	Aug 5	Donna	Andrews	Aug 14	Julianna	Pettis	Aug 28
Charlotte	Reed	Aug 5	Charles	Peters	Aug 14	Corrine	Burnam	Aug 28
Vicky	Warner	Aug 5	Ken	Wenndt	Aug 14	Liam	Fitzharris	Aug 29
Americus	Crawford	Aug 5	Carol	Joura	Aug 14	Chase	Ritchie	Aug 29
David	Melendez	Aug 6	Jason	Livermore	Aug 15	Jill	Correll	Aug 30
Thomas	Hill	Aug 6	Giuliana	Moody	Aug 15	Amie	Hickel	Aug 30
Dee	Rock	Aug 6	Mary	Kent	Aug 15	Kelly	Della Chiesa	Aug 30
Grady	Anderson	Aug 7	Paul	Elslager	Aug 16	Ailene	Anderson	Aug 30
Andrea	Fitzharris	Aug 7	Carter	Hubbs	Aug 16	Dave	Constance	Aug 31
Annie	Jansen	Aug 7	Gabby	Willenbrink	Aug 16	Lloyd	Fish	Aug 31
Kaitlyn	Loop	Aug 7	Jonathan	Torre	Aug 16			
Thomas	De Vito	Aug 7	Lori	Young	Aug 16			
Sheila	Junkermeier	Aug 7	Earlyn	Cramer	Aug 17			
Joy	Briggs	Aug 7	Nicole	Reed	Aug 20			
Joan	Steinke	Aug 8	Jacob	Myers	Aug 20			
Adam	Cline	Aug 8	Nancy	Lienenbrugger	Aug 20			
Dennis	Andert	Aug 8	Ella	Zemlock	Aug 21			
James	Roush	Aug 8	Max	Cable	Aug 22			
MaryJo	Newland	Aug 8	Carole	Schossow	Aug 23			
Laurie	DeSanto	Aug 9	Annie	Wolf	Aug 23			
Emma	Balbarin	Aug 9	Dolores	Paeth	Aug 24			
Sue	Pflueger	Aug 9	Gary	Heiberger	Aug 24			
Shari	Nolan	Aug 9	Bill	Hayden	Aug 24			
Erica	Brinker Slijepcevic	Aug 10	Marianne	Palazzolo	Aug 24			
Joan	Lange	Aug 10	Nancy	Gooding	Aug 24			
Justin	Carlson	Aug 10	Brayden	Kassees	Aug 24			
Ezra	Marsh	Aug 10	Annika	Boyd	Aug 24			
Eliana	Sanchez	Aug 10	Michael	Stewart	Aug 24			
Kathy	Mallas	Aug 11						

Happy Anniversary!

George & Carla	Robertson	Aug 1
Jeffrey & Carolyn	Singer	Aug 1
Clyde & Lisa	Spencer	Aug 3
Matthew & Angela	Gloyd	Aug 4
William & Janice	Kabele	Aug 4
Mark & Lori	Hoffmann	Aug 7
Mojo & Jeewon	Krup	Aug 7
Dan & Sepi	Hoff	Aug 8
Harvey & Jane	Zehnder	Aug 9
Toby & June	Day	Aug 10
Monte & Bonnie	Kitchens	Aug 10
George & Tracey	Latorraca	Aug 10
Paul & Lisa	Spivey	Aug 10
Randall & Barbara	Ruis	Aug 11
James & Sue	Pflueger	Aug 17
David & Janet	Bauer	Aug 20
Mark & Karla	Chase	Aug 21
Jim & Sheila	Junkermeier	Aug 22
Harry & Joan	McComas	Aug 22
Trygve & LeAnn	Fekjan	Aug 23
Stuart & Sara	Bennerotte	Aug 24
George & Claire	Ritchie	Aug 24
Robert & Marion	Myczek	Aug 25
Phillip & Peggy	Denisuk	Aug 28
Michael & Debra	Nigbur	Aug 28
Tom & Jo	Timmons	Aug 28
James & Teresa	Golichowski	Aug 29
Janet & Alfred	Pfahl	Aug 29
David & Gail	Prothe	Aug 31