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Time

As I was trying to decide what to write for this month's article I decided to Google "April". The first hit was for *Wikipedia* and it informed me of the following;

"April was the second month of the earliest Roman calendar, before Ianuarius and Februarius were added by King Numa Pompilius around 700 BC. It became the fourth month of the calendar year (the year when twelve months are displayed in order) during the time of the decemvirs about 450 BC, when it was given 29 days. The 30th day was added during the reform of the calendar undertaken by Julius Caesar in the mid-40s BC, which produced the Julian calendar."

This brought up a whole lot of questions. Who knew that you could simply add months to the year like King Numa Pompilius did in 700 BC. What prompted him to add a couple months to the year? Perhaps he was having trouble getting a budget together for his kingdom, so he just gave himself an extra 60 days - nah, who would do that! Before he added January and February did time go by even faster than it seems to today? Thank goodness Julius Caesar added a 30th day to the month of April otherwise, it would really mess up the song you sing to help you remember how many days are in each month. He also gave us a great salad, but that is a different subject.

The biggest question that crossed my mind while I was reading this was - how do I spend my time? I don't have the luxury of adding a couple months to the year like King Numa did, although I seriously doubt that he created any more time. I can spend my time complaining about all that is wrong or I can be grateful for all this is right. I could waste hours worrying about what I have no control over or take comfort in knowing God is in complete control. I could mull away the hours plotting how to get even with someone who has wronged me or I could seek a way to be reconciled. I could put my head down and accomplish task after task or I could look up and see a smiling child, a gorgeous sunset, or a friend who could use some company.

The truth is we all have the same amount of time and it is a gift. Solomon once wrote this about life and time;

"I perceived that there is nothing better for them (us) than to be joyful and to do good as long as they (we) live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."

I wonder what my day would look like if I considered each moment in time a gift from God? What would your day look like?

Pastor Ron

WORSHIP



Communion is given at ALL 11:30 am services each week.
Communion is given at ALL services on the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays.

Easter Services



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| Easter Sunday | April 1 | *6:00 am |
| | | *7:30 am/*11:30 am |
| | | *8:50 am/*10:10 am |

*Holy Communion Served

Baptisms

For information about you or a child being baptized please contact the church office.

Fellowship

Sunday Morning - Join us for coffee and donuts in between services on the patio. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and sign-up to serve.



Save the Date!!! Our theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) is called *Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus*. This program is for kids age 3 years old to incoming 6th graders and the cost is \$30.00 per child (*max of \$60.00 per family*). VBS dates are June 11- June 15 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

During this time, kids will discover that Jesus rescues them and much more!

Here are few things your child will experience at VBS:

- Bible-learning activities
- Learn and sing songs
- Teamwork/building games
- Experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures
- Collect "Bible Memory Buddies"
- Make and devour yummy treats
- Test out fun, Science "gizmos" they'll take home and play with all summer long

Kids will also learn to look for evidence of God all around them through "God Sightings". Each day concludes with the "Sail Away Send – Off" that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:00 am.

Kids at VBS will also be involved in a mission effort to provide seeds for families in Haiti so they can grow their own food.

****We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda at 480.802.1505 or pauley@rslcs.org.**

CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Nursery is available during each of our services and all kids ages 0-3 years old are welcome. Turn left when coming through the main front doors and follow the signs.

Families are learning about Jesus and growing in their love for Him!

Children, youth and parents are all invited to the education hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00 am. We encourage families to worship together at either the 8:50 am or 11:30 am service.



JAM - Jesus And Me - No Meeting on 4/1

Meets Sundays at 10:10 am Check-in near the Sanctuary, meet in the second floor classrooms.

Come join in the fun today as we learn about Jesus, know Him personally and grow in love for Him! All kids age 3 – grade 5 are welcome.



Ignite Confirmation - No Meeting on 4/1

Meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Ignite & youth rooms, TPP.

All kids in grades 6 - 8 are welcome.

Ignite is where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. It sparks discovery, conversation, friendship and bible engagement. Ignite is a step in a lifelong walk with God. We want to know Jesus more fully and love Him more deeply.

High School - No Meeting on 4/1

Meets Sundays at 10:10 am in the TPC North Conference Room.

Join us for Max Lucado's series *"Made to Make a Difference"*.

Contact Shelley at nelsons@rslcs.org for details about the youth groups.

Adult Forum - Led by Pastor Teuscher

The Adult Forum will be studying *“Who am I? – What am I Doing Here?”* –This material is offered by *Lutheran Hour Ministries*.

These are the big questions that eventually confront everyone. Usually the two questions begin to nag us in childhood. Aware of a wide universe and seeking to grasp his /her place within it, a child asks and wonders. The questions do not go away with time. Perhaps the nagging can be quelled or covered with distractions or with rationalizations. The questions refuse to go away; they demand an answer.

God has the answers. Using what God has revealed, this study will provide honest and straightforward answers to these questions. God does not leave us desolate, wondering who we are. He does not condemn us to grope in the dark, seeking meaning in life. People are not left to determine their own truth or stumble through their days without direction. The six sessions of this study will explore what God has revealed about life’s biggest questions. They will shed light on the difference that knowing the answers marks the way a person lives. And it does make a difference – a profound difference! The answers are waiting. God is ready to tell you not only who you are, but also what you’re doing here.

Join Pastor Teuscher on Sundays at 8:40 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Men’s Early Bird Bible Study

The Men’s Early Bird meets on Saturday, April 14 and 28 in The Pathway Center. Come early for coffee and donuts at 7:15 am with Bible study from 7:30 am - 8:30 am. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. If you have questions, contact Chuck at 480.766.3626.

Sunday Bible Studies–Series ends April 15

Led by Barry Ritchie, these classes will help you better apply the teachings of the New Testament to your life, work, and relationships. We meet **Sunday mornings in the Church Conference Room**.

8:50 am: The Acts of the Apostles Provides the only detailed history of the early years of the church found in the Bible. Covering the thirty years after Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts provides an incredible look at life in the 1st century as Peter, Paul, and the first Christians spread the Good News about Christ throughout the Roman Empire. We will read about the events that sent this message from Jerusalem to “the ends of the earth”, a message that compelled the first Christians to sacrifice everything for that faith... and compels us to act, as well. This class will lead us through the entire book of Acts to help us better understand *our* faith and *our* history, and to inspire us to greater devotion to Jesus and His church.

10:10 am: The Letters of Peter. Besieged on all sides, the early disciples faced threats from the Roman Empire and from those who would twist the story of Christ into a pagan form. Followers of Christ could easily have been defeated or diverted. A distinct minority in a pagan society, they could have capitulated to their culture. But, challenged by God through these holy writers and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they stood fast, even unto death. In a time when the surrounding culture presses the church for compromise, these letters will inspire and challenge us to be bold in our proclamation.

If you’re interested in attending, please let Barry Ritchie know of your interest by sending an email to britchie11@juno.com or call 480.839.1382.

History of Christianity Bible Study

April 18 – May 23 in the North TPC from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Ever wonder who Augustine was? Or if the heresy of Arianism is still around today?

The study will take a glance at Christian history from 65 AD to 1989 and will examine what we can learn and apply from history to our Christian walk with the Lord today. All are invited to join Pastor Mark as he leads this new 6-week Bible study. Join us and feel free to bring a friend!

The Lutheran Hour

The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer and the Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus are the speakers for The Lutheran Hour. This week on the program: “And They Crucified Him.” Please find the Lutheran Hour at lhm.org; Scroll down on the website to “This week on TLH” then scroll a little further to “Listen Now” and enjoy the daily devotions and the actual broadcast each week.

Grace Girls

Circle of Healing Local Missions at Risen Savior provides goods to low income and at-risk youth grades K-12th in the Phoenix area at Children's First Academy. Grace Girls have been supporting approximately 30 kids through this mission for over four years.

Every month we provide items such as:

- school supplies/backpacks
- hygiene products
- clothing
- coats
- special snacks
- gifts
- art/project bags for the holidays and school breaks
- Thanksgiving meals

Currently, Risen Savior is the only church sponsoring these kids. They each received Bibles last Fall in their new backpacks. Grace Girls are happy to collect any of the aforementioned gifts at The Pathway Center or any Grace Girls Bible study.

For questions, please contact Annie Wolf at gracegirls@rslcs.org or 480.203.1880.

Grace Girls April Meeting Dates:

April 5 and 19, 8:45 am – 11:00 am in The Perfect Place with Dawn Hopkins

April 10 and 24, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in The Pathway Center with Ruth Ann Endicott

Join us for fellowship and prayer. RSVP to gracegirls@rslcs.org or call/text Annie Wolf at 480.203.1880.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Membership in the LWML consists of women who are communicant members of the LCMS congregations and who participate by promoting the LWML programs. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Christian fellowship with other women at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

The next meeting will be April 12 at 1:00 pm in The Pathway Center.

As proceeds from the February 17th Spring Valentine Luncheon, a \$500. check was sent to LA CASA, a mission to homeless people in Mesa, AZ. Christ Greenfield Lutheran Church sponsors this outreach program. Another \$500 check was sent to MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP to sponsor Pilot Joe Adams and his family as they head to Africa to fly missionaries and medical supplies to hard to reach places. Roses to all who attended the luncheon!

Holy Land Tour – November 13 – 24, 2018

A First Class Biblical tour of Israel & Jordan where Scripture is read at each Biblical site. The trip of a lifetime! Many blessings will result – one being an appreciation of the complete accuracy of the Scriptures! Contact Pastor Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor and former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure at 406.890.1149 or imhis38@gmail.com.

ANSWER

Caring Ministries Team

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

Blood Pressure Screenings are on the **second Sunday** of the month in the Church hallway. Our next meeting will be in the Church Conference room on **April 8**. If you are interested in serving on the Caring Ministries Committee (*you do not have to be in the medical profession*), please contact: Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

If you or someone you know would like to notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number. For prayer submissions to the News & Notes weekly prayer partners, please email prayers@rslcs.org.

Prayer Warriors Orientation

April 5 at 9:00 am in TPC Church Conference Room.

Is mercy, intercession or prayer among your gifts and talents? The Prayer Warriors would like to invite those who have these Spiritual gifts to attend an orientation to learn more about becoming a member of our team. Call/text LuAnn at 208.405.8480 or the church office to reserve your place.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit or crochet and wish to be a part of the team that knits or crochets these shawls, please contact Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

These shawls are given to shut-ins, someone grieving a loss, hospitalized, etc. If you know of someone, please contact Pastor Mark. Enclosed with each shawl is this lovely prayer.

*This shawl was created especially for you
With love and prayers,
May God who formed your being,
Who knit you together in your mother's womb,
Who gave you the breath of life,
Renew you this day and give you hope
To sustain you.
May this prayer shawl be a sign of Christ's
Healing presence.
May it warm you when you are weary:
May it surround you with comfort to ease
Your suffering;
May it encircle you with caring when you
Are in pain.
Wear this prayer shawl and remember
Jesus loves you.
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
Care Committee*

Altar Guild

If you would like to serve on Altar Guild and have questions, please contact Linda at 480.993.6083 or Joan 602.405.8910.



Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Missions workers meet every **Tuesday at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kay at 480.838.4552 or kwellik@cox.net.

Risen Savior Choirs

Risen Savior adult choir rehearses at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Contact Bill Bade at wlb7939@gmail.com for additional information.

Risen Savior Hand bell Choir rehearses at 5:45 pm on Thursdays in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. We are in need of substitute bell ringers. If interested, please email Carla Robertson at organist@rslcs.org.

Youth Hand Chime Choir rehearsals are Thursdays, 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Contact Carla with questions at organist@rslcs.org.

Sunday Volunteer Sign-up Process

Our Sunday morning volunteer 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 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.

Another hint: any time you're in Planning Center you can identify the account by looking at the top right of your browser window. Please call Susan Myres with questions at 480.895.6782.



The Perfect Place

The Perfect Place is a recreational adult day care facility in Sun Lakes providing a safe, structured environment for socialization activities for seniors facing memory challenges, thereby enabling their caregivers an opportunity for Respite. The staff and dedicated team of volunteers recognize the caregiver challenges and needs of their loved ones. Most of them have had a loved one for whom they were the caregiver.

We had much to do in the month of March. The weather is turning warmer, days are growing longer, plants are blooming, it's spring! For those of us who live in Arizona this was one of our bragging about the weather months. It's not too cold, not too hot, and it inspires us to get moving.

We continued doing our 'chair' exercise time, and of course the ever popular balloon volleyball kept us all laughing and moving. March was National Craft Month so we introduced some new crafts centered on St Patrick's Day and began the process of joining The Kindness Project and painting some rocks with inspirational sayings. We also welcomed the students from Fortis Dental Hygienist School to come and do a presentation on Dental hygiene. (They brought donuts and licorice to share . . . it was a hit.)

If this is a ministry where you might be interested in serving, please schedule a time to come in and observe a session, or if you believe your family or a caregiver you know would benefit from our program, you can contact The Perfect Place office at 480.895.2892 or email us at thepperfectplace85248@gmail.com and our staff would be happy to talk with you.

FUND RAISER

For The Perfect Place

THE PERFECT TEA



SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
AT RISEN SAVIOR FELLOWSHIP HALL

You Do Not Have to Drink Tea!
Hats are optional . . .but FUN!
Please Bring a Tea Cup if You Have One.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at The Perfect Place or place your reservation at 480-895-2892 or theprecfectplace85248@gmail.com and pay for the ticket at the door the day of the event.

Piece Maker Quilters

While piecing fabric together, the Piece Maker Quilters strive to share the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ with those in need of comfort through a warm quilt or hat. To that end, items have been made and sent to the following organizations within the last few months.

Global Health Ministries: 30 boxes of bandages from strips of white sheets

Manna House, serving homeless veterans: 30 quilts

Phoenix Rescue Mission: 25 quilts

Salvation Army: 32 quilts

Orphan Grain Train: 10 quilts and 100 hats

Willing hands are always needed! If you are interested in helping (*no sewing experience required*) please join us on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Refreshments served.

We are always in need of the following items:

- Yarn of any type or color
- Cotton blend fabric
- Clean, gently used sheets (no pillow cases)
- Sewing supplies

Save the Date! The Annual Quilt and Bake Sale is scheduled for December 9 from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions or interest about our group, you may contact Sandra at 480-207-6177 or Barb at 480-814-8441.



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 at lcef.org or call 800.843.5233.

Chandler Salvation Army Support

The food drop-off for the Chandler Salvation Army is the **first Sunday** of each month. Please bring your non-perishables to the cabinet located in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall. The donation box for clothing and small household goods for the Salvation Army is located in the northwest corner of the church parking lot.

Active Duty Military Personnel

We would like to acknowledge and pray for all active duty military personnel associated with RSLCS. Please contact us on the prayer request line prayers@rslcs.org, on a pew card or by phone with their names. Cards will be sent if you include an address. First names are now posted in the display case outside to the left of the Narthex.

The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

Showing kindness, doing justice and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve 10 counties across Arizona. 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.



Did You Know?

If you pay Arizona state tax, you can redirect your tax dollars and create scholarships. You can help a child receive a Christian education at no cost to you. Your tax credits really do make a difference! Learn more and give online at ALSOsto.org.

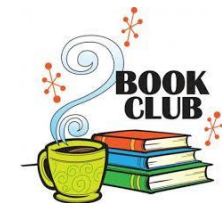


Fall Rummage Sale

October 26 and 27 in the Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar for the Fall Rummage Sale! We will have set-up and drop off October 23 – 25. Be sure to save your hangars!

CONNECT



We are currently reading *"The Knowledge of the Holy"* by A.W. Tozer. Informative and inspiring, this book illuminates God's attributes--from wisdom, to grace, to mercy--and shows how we can more fully recognize and appreciate each of His divine aspects. Join us for discussion every Sunday morning from 10:00 am - 11:10 am in The Pathway Center. It will be a great time getting to know one another and strengthening the bond we share in Christ. **No meeting on 4/1.**

Family Connect

April 20 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Tumbleweed Park

Families with children age 0-18, please plan to join us for a potluck dinner. Watch for more info to come!

Free Community Center Activities

Open to the public and directly across Alma School from RSLC is the Optum Care Community Center, offering special senior classes by certified instructors. Four broad areas targeting Emotional, Social, Intellectual, and Physical needs include events and instruction opportunities weekdays on a drop-in or reservation basis. Find yourself involved in intriguing titles/subjects such as: BRAINSAVERS, FITNESS WORKSHOP, STRESS MANAGEMENT, MEDICARE 101, HEALTHY MINDS, MOVIE DAY, LIFE BIO, NUTRITION, ARTS & CRAFTS, YOGO, ZUMBA, TAI CHI, and more. Location: 985 W. Chandler Heights Rd, #12, 602.735.0006, open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. No fees or membership costs. Stop in for a tour or more information.

Calling All SOLOS

SOLOS is a group of singles that meet for activities each month.

Our bi-monthly Game Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month it is the L through Z's (last name) turn to bring snacks. Some of the games played have been Yahtzee, Mexican Train, Skip Bo and Hand/Foot, varies depending on what attendees bring. All singles from the church and community are welcome to join this evenings social activity. Feel free to bring a game, a friend or both!



5th Annual Spring Food Drive -April 2 - 29

What To Donate

Although donations of all unopened food items will be gratefully accepted, the Food Bank's greatest needs are; Cereal, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit/Vegetables/Meat, Canned and Dry Beans, Rice, Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Juice, Boxed Meals, Cooking Oil, Salt, Flour, Sugar, Canned Soup, and Canned Milk.

How to Donate

You can drop off your food donation seven days a week. Enter the church parking lot from Alma School Rd. and head towards the church. You will see the food collection boxes on the patio. **All check donations can be sent to Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 23914 S. Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248. Please make the check payable to "AZCEND" the parent of the Chandler Food Bank. Also, please write *Attn: Spring Food Drive* on the envelope.** 100% of food and financial donations received will be given directly to the Chandler Food Bank for their emergency food boxes.

ALOMA Christian Camp



Disconnect to Reconnect

Have you ever just wanted to get away? To unplug? Unwind? Have a real conversation with your kids? If you are looking for a place to reconnect with God, your family or just revitalize your spirit, then ALOMA is here for you. ALOMA is a Christian camp located in the Bradshaw Mountains, just 15 minutes from downtown Prescott and we are holding our popular *Disconnect to Reconnect* weekend from April 13-15. Breakfast and lunch will be provided as well as a room in one of our cabins. There also will be an amazing Easter Egg Hunt in the forest and all at no cost! Please call 480.703.6682 or email srglenn@asu.edu for more information.

Director of Family Ministry Update (DCE)

The Staffing Ministry Action Team has interviewed three new candidates for the position of Director of Family Ministry (DCE). We are now praying and plan to have a second interview in order to narrow down the candidates. Once we have narrowed the candidates to two, we will extend an invitation out to visit our campus. Please be praying for the future DCE of Risen Savior during this time.



Open Invitation to the Focus Group Meetings

April 3 at 11:00 am in the TPC S. Conference Room.

April 3 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall – JAM Families.

April 4 at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall – Piece Maker Quilters.

April 4 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall – Ignite Families.

April 5 at 9:00 am in the TPC S. Conference Room - Landscape.

April 5 at 6:30 pm in the TPC S. Conference Room - Elders.

April 7 at 8:00 am in the TPC N. Conf. Room – Men’s Group.

April 8 at 8:40 am in The Perfect Place.

April 8 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Bay 2.

April 8 at 11:20 am in the Fellowship Hall, Bay 2.

April 10 at 1:00 pm in the TPC S. Conference Room

April 10 at 6:30 pm in the TPC S. Conference Room

April 12 at 1:00 pm in the TPC S. Conference Room - LWML

April 12 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall – JAM Families

April 15 at 8:40 am in The Perfect Place

April 15 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Bay 2

April 15 at 11:20 am in the Fellowship Hall, Bay 2

The purpose of these meetings is to provide the congregation with an opportunity to hear about our current/future ministry needs and the proposed building plans to meet those needs. This is an excellent opportunity for each member of our church to provide the Governing Board and Pastor Ron with their thoughts regarding our plans and for us to answer your questions. Our goal is to accommodate every congregant via small groups. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated to be certain we are fulfilling our responsibilities to our congregation, our community, and our faith. *See our website or weekly eblast for additional meeting date options. Meetings will be no longer than one hour. No RSVP is required.*

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

The following is a summary of financial activity for Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If you would like more detailed reports, please contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org.

Did you know?

It's not too late. You can help a child receive a Christian Education at no cost to you. You can redirect your state taxes to create scholarships. Please visit the **Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization** at www.ALSOsto.org for more details or contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org. Please make sure to list **Risen Savior Lutheran School** as your recommended school.

You may contribute to ALSO until April 15, 2018 to receive an Arizona state tax credit on your 2017 Arizona taxes.

Did you ALSO know?

The Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization (ALSO) is now state-certified to receive C-corp and/or S-corp 'redirected' tax dollars. If you know of individuals who either own or have influence to such corporations, would you please consider forwarding that information to ALSO so they may ask those corporations to redirect their tax dollars to support children of low income families with a quality, Christian education? Please contact ALSO President, Hans Naumann, at hnaumann@ALSOsto.org with those names so that he may contact them with more information.

Financial Summary for February 2018:

- Giving Results
 - For February, Giving **exceeded** budget by \$11,977 and is **over** budget \$66,945 for FYTD18.
 - Looking forward to March month end, Giving may be **under** budget by nearly \$15,000. However, Giving will still be **over** budget for the fiscal year to date.
- Spending
 - Spending was **under** budget in February by (\$13,344) and **under** budget (\$88,275) FYTD18.
 - A significant portion of the under spend is due to the delay in hiring a Director of Christian Education.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
 - ELC Net Income was **over** budget by \$4,354 for the month of February 2018. For FYTD18, the ELC net income is **over** budget \$34,965.
- Net Operating Cash is \$148,331 which is a positive increase of \$57,668 from January 2018. As a reminder, we begin the fiscal year with a Net Operating Cash of zero. We expect Net Operating Cash to be negative until December or February. While there has been excellent control on spending, much of this positive Operating Cash is due to timing of expenses as well as not having a full time DCE yet. As a comparison to last fiscal year, Net Operating Cash for February 2017 was \$94,687.

Financials Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense

| | Feb-18 Actual | Feb-18 Budget | \$ Over Budget | FYTD18 Actual | FYTD18 Budget | \$ Over Budget | Annual Budget |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Giving | 156,037 | 144,060 | 11,977 | 970,905 | 903,960 | 66,945 | 1,403,050 |
| All other income | <u>4,335</u> | <u>4,020</u> | <u>315</u> | <u>36,849</u> | <u>32,120</u> | <u>4,729</u> | <u>48,200</u> |
| Total Church Income | <u>160,372</u> | <u>148,080</u> | <u>12,292</u> | <u>1,007,754</u> | <u>936,080</u> | <u>71,674</u> | <u>1,451,250</u> |
| Early Learning Center | <u>109,015</u> | <u>102,885</u> | <u>6,130</u> | <u>855,778</u> | <u>817,820</u> | <u>37,958</u> | <u>1,258,200</u> |
| Total Operational Income | <u>269,387</u> | <u>250,965</u> | <u>18,422</u> | <u>1,863,532</u> | <u>1,753,900</u> | <u>109,632</u> | <u>2,709,450</u> |
| Operational Expenses | <u>201,561</u> | <u>215,005</u> | <u>(13,444)</u> | <u>1,628,385</u> | <u>1,716,660</u> | <u>(88,275)</u> | <u>2,590,905</u> |
| Net Income/(Loss) | <u><u>67,826</u></u> | <u><u>35,960</u></u> | <u><u>31,866</u></u> | <u><u>235,147</u></u> | <u><u>37,240</u></u> | <u><u>197,907</u></u> | <u><u>118,545</u></u> |

High Level Statement of Operational Cash

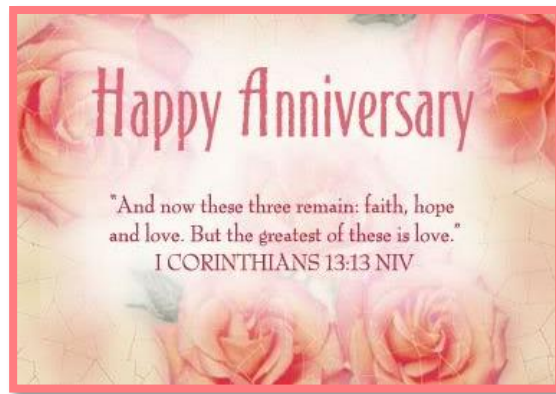
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| Cash/Receivable Balance 02.28.18 | 712,325 |
| Restricted Assets | 65,693 |
| Unrestricted Assets | |
| Designated Savings | 428,352 |
| Designated Programs | <u>69,949</u> |
| Total Unrestricted Assets | <u>498,301</u> |
| Net Operational Cash 02.28.18 | <u><u>148,331</u></u> |
| Cash/Receivable Balance 01.31.18 | 684,118 |
| Restricted Assets | 78,858 |
| Unrestricted Assets | |
| Designated Savings | 437,929 |
| Designated Programs | <u>76,668</u> |
| Total Unrestricted Assets | <u>514,597</u> |
| Net Operational Cash 01.31.18 | <u><u>90,663</u></u> |
| Net Operating Cash Change | <u><u>57,668</u></u> |

God knew you before you were
born, and he had great plans
for you. I believe he
still has many more great plans
for your life. I want
to wish you a happy birthday
and I will continue to pray
for your life to be a
light to the world.

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If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

Isaiah 58:10



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