

February 2022



RISEN SAVIOR

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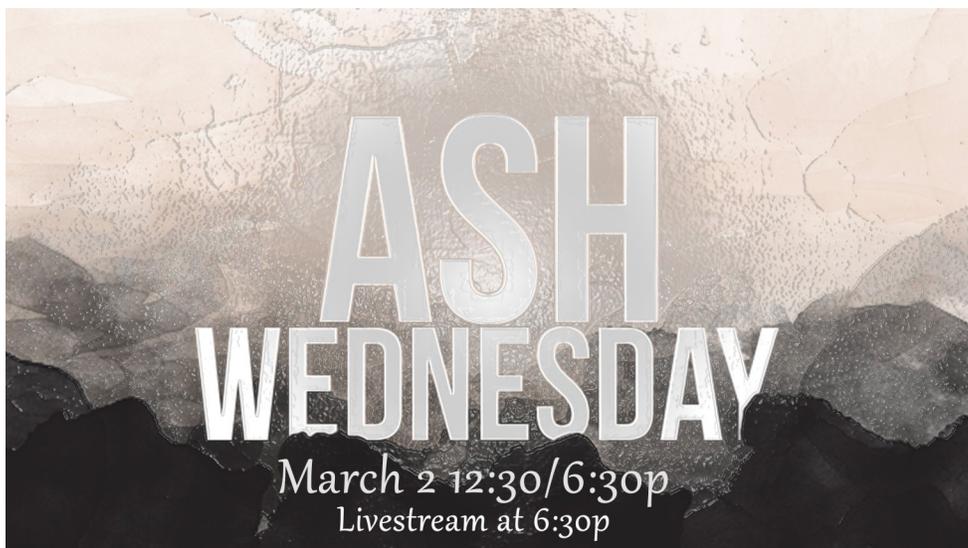
Sunday Worship Service Times

8:00 & 11:30 am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00 & 10:30 am – Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

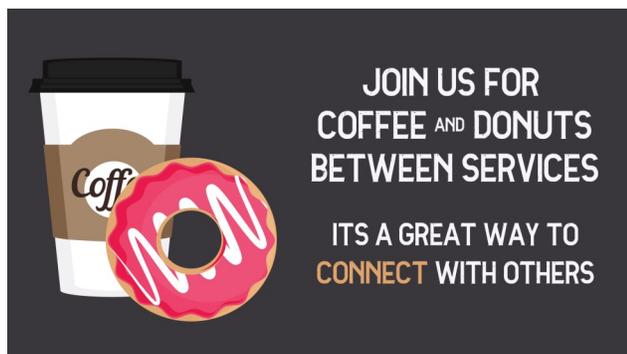
Livestream at 8:00 and 10:30 am via YouTube or rslcs.org.

Communion is served the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and every Sunday at the 11:30 am service.



Do you LOVE Risen Savior?

If so, spread the word...leave a review on Yelp or Facebook so others know a little more about us and that we are your church home!



Ways to Give:

- † www.rslcs.org/Give
- † Text 855.946.1637 with the amount you would like to give
- † Mail a check to the Church Office:
23914 S. Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248

Church Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Fri-8:00 am -12:00 pm

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or for livestream worship at the times available, don't worry, the entire sermon is uploaded after 1:30 pm the same day. Simply visit rslcs.org under "Sermon Archive" and all previous services are available to view at your convenience.

CONNECT



"Gatsby Gala" Tickets On Sale Now!
Cost is \$50 each. Ticket includes; dinner, two drinks and an evening hosted by the youth! There will also be a silent auction with amazing items to bid on. Everyone is welcome, tickets are limited, be sure to get yours today in the Church Office!



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.

Women's Ministry on Facebook

Do you crave community and connection? Join the Risen Savior Women's Ministry Facebook page for "God's Love" posts. We encourage one another to Connect with God, Connect with ourselves and Connect with one another. This Community 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 details at anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

Sunday Parking

Don't forget that there is additional parking available at the Administration Office 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.



Connect with us by scanning the QR Code.

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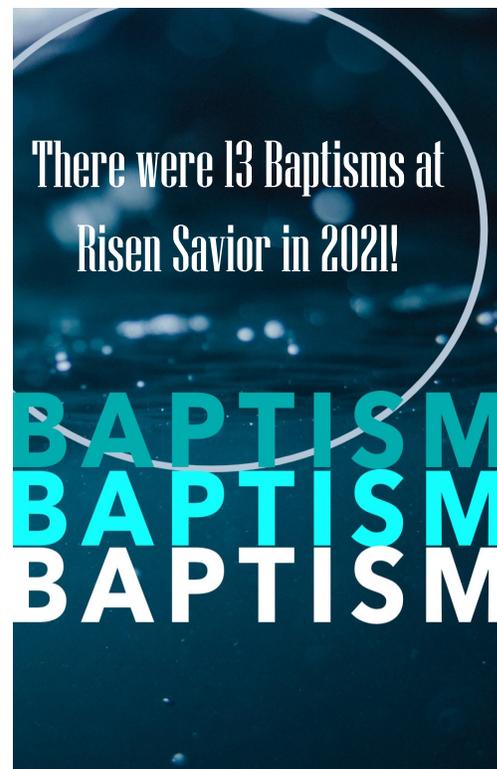


New Member Class
Begins March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Four sessions (five total) of learning with session five being dinner with the Pastor

Join us and learn more about Risen Savior!

Please RSVP to the Church Office
480.895.6782 or info@rslcs.org



There were 13 Baptisms at Risen Savior in 2021!

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Grief Share Ministry

Mondays at 10:00 am in SB Room 110.

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group where you can find help/ healing for the hurt of losing a loved one or if you or a loved one has a terminal illness. Contact Patricia doublepranch@cox.net for more details.



Ministry Fair

Stop by to see which ministry is a good fit for for you!

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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 for more information.

Save the Date!

Family Fun Picnic!

March 5...

More details coming soon!

Care Ministry Meeting

February 15 at 4:00 pm in the SB Library.

If you are interest in learning more about this ministry, contact Pastor Mark at mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org.



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.



Valentine's Day Candy Collection

February 1-10, Drop off at the Admin Building.

Let's spread God's love! We are collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for Children First Leadership Academy. Please bring the candy to the Administration Building or any Women's Ministry event. This candy will go towards the kids Valentine's Day party.

Landscape Ministry

This group meets Thursdays at 6:30 am for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds. Contact Chuck for more information cmdeath1@gmail.com.

Braille Ministry

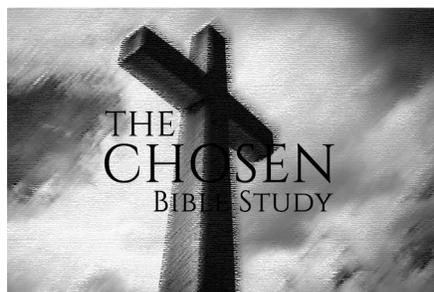
Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like more information, please contact Kay at 602.695.4148.

Blood Drive

February 18 in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Dave to schedule an appt.
480.560.0295.



Maricopa Bible Study: The Chosen

Mondays at 6:30 pm (RSVP for Address). This study is about the book "The Chosen". Contact Linda for more details and to RSVP 480.452.8980.

Piece Maker Quilters

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



We are delighted to report that around 630 quilts were crafted by the quilting group in 2021! About 490 were donated to the following: Salvation Army, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Child Crisis AZ, Parklane Memory Care, My Sister's Place, Timeout Payson Senior Center. We also had a lovely turnout for the Annual Quilt and Bake Sale. Thank you to all who browsed and bought. A special thanks to all who donated baked goods to the sale. Proceeds go towards batting, sewing machine repair, and various necessities for quilting. Thank you! We welcome all who might be interested in joining us on Wednesdays! We enjoy fellowship while tying knots, cutting fabric, pinning, ironing, etc. ...all things that pretty much take no experience to do. There are those of us who don't even quilt! All that is needed is a heart to serve those in need. Please join us for fellowship and quilting. No experience required. If there are any questions please call Barb 602.565.7137 or Sandi 480.202.5772.

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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.



Early Childhood Center (ECC)
Kindergarten registration is open. Contact Jeanne with any questions 480.802.1580 or do a virtual tour online at www.risensaviorpreschool.org.

Women's Ministry Muffins, Coffee & Guest Speaker

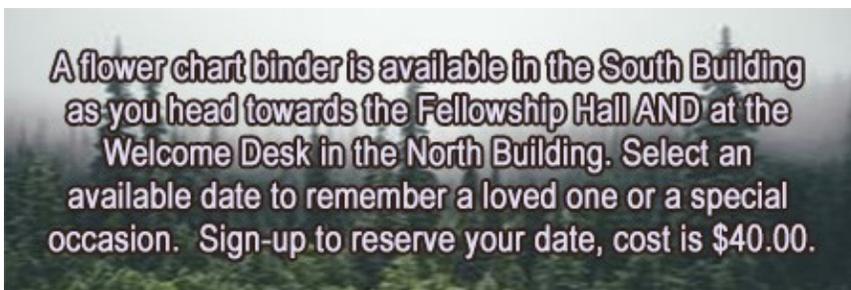
February 3 at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.
"Fearfully & Wonderfully Made: Knowing Our Identity in Christ" By: Dawn Hopkins RSVP for materials annewolfchandler@gmail.com.

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Twitter: @RSLCS
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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.



LWML "Undie Sunday" Collection

Today in the SB Narthex & NB Lobby Drop Box. The Orphan Grain Train and the PSW District LWML are sponsoring the Annual "Undie Sunday". Please bring NEW undies and/or socks for boys/girls and women/men. These will be given to needy people in the Pacific Southwest District and the Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.



Volunteers Needed for a New Church Ministry

The Alpha course helps the unchurched explore the Christian faith through a shared meal, a series of videos and open discussions in a relaxed and open environment. Volunteers are needed for: Registration, Kitchen help, Prayer Team, Group Leaders and Helpers, Tech help and more to make this a success. Contact Michelle at the Church Office to see how to get involved info@rslcs.org.

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Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch ARIZONA DONOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS



Artwork by Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch resident

MESA

Monday, February 14, 2022
Apache Wells Country Club
5601 E. Hermosa Vista Dr., Mesa

SUN CITY WEST

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Briarwood Country Club
20800 N. 135th Ave.
Sun City West, AZ

11:00 a.m. refreshments followed by lunch and a program.

Hear the story of a former resident of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. And meet Ranch President/CEO, Joy Ryan, who will talk about her vision for the future of the Ranch.

Ranch staff will be available after both luncheons to answer your questions.

If you would like to introduce any friends, family, or neighbors to the Ranch, please ask them to join you. To register you and your guests, please call 1-800-344-0957, or email l.cole@DakotaRanch.org, by February 10, 2022.



DakotaRanch.org

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We believe that every student should have the opportunity to receive a Christian Education.

ACSTO exists to give students 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 for their children.

We see a future where **no Arizona family can say**, “We wish we could put our children in a Christian School, but we just can’t afford it.”

Everything we do is geared towards making Christian Education affordable for families. We are committed to going **above and beyond** to make that happen.

We strive to make the process as easy as possible for you by partnering with you—whether you’re a donor, family, or a school. That’s why one of our pillars is to always be available. Tax credits can be confusing, that is why we are here to serve you—call us, email us, or ask an ACSTO School Coordinator.

It’s not enough for us to just award scholarships—we **want to equip parents with what they need to fully take advantage of the tax credit program**. We’re constantly developing new resources for you to utilize. Our Marketing Team is available to provide Parent Workshops, attend school events to answer questions, as well as brainstorm new ways to support all our partners.

Above all, we are committed to being a good steward of our resources. Arizona law requires that 90% of all donations be awarded in scholarships. To better serve our families, **we award 92% of all donations as scholarships, utilizing the 8% for our operating expenses and reinvesting into generating even more donations for our schools through education and resources.**

PO Box 6580
Chandler, AZ 85246
480.820.0403
ACSTO.org



Mite Box Collection

February 6 in the Narthex and Lobby– look for the table.

Feel free to deposit your mites in the larger Mite Box, which is on a table near the coffee in both the Narthex and Lobby. These offerings will be put toward funding the LWML Mission Grants. Thank you for your generosity!

LWML Meeting

February 10 at 1:00 pm in the SB Room 110.

Please bring your Quarterly and Bible. All women are welcome. Contact Ruth Ann with any questions steveabendicott@gmail.com.

LWML Mission Grant Updates

God says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...”. The Sanctity of Life created by God and the family as God designed it has been under attack by pro-choice organizations. An LWML Grant of \$92,000 has been given to develop “Life” curriculums (*age appropriate*) to be used in LCMS schools.

Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa’s Children received a \$100,000 grant. Africa’s population is more than 1.2 billion people. Islam has made huge inroads in the Continent. Lutheran Heritage Foundation has translated, published and distributed Bible books to help Christian missionaries spread the light of the Gospel.



Bible Study: Paul’s Letters to Titus and Timothy

Sundays at 9:05 & 10:15 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

We all have been in a position of answering to a leader of one sort or another: bosses, mentors, teachers, and such. Looking back, we recognize that some leaders were clearly gifted for the task, while others sadly seemed not up to the task. However, sometimes the problems encountered may have been the result of people refusing to follow direction or setting off on their own directions away from the group. If expectations aren’t clear, problems can result.

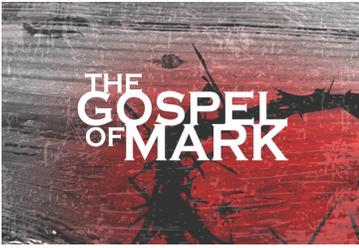
Such was the case for St. Paul and the churches he started. Once he turned leadership of those churches over to others and moved on elsewhere, disagreements and divisions began to unravel those churches. On the island of Crete and in the city of Ephesus, the once thriving and effective churches there began to bicker and break. In response, Paul wrote a letter to each of the leaders he had put in charge – Titus and Timothy – to clarify what is expected of church leaders and church members. Paul considered Titus and Timothy as his “sons” in the faith, and these letters served to nurture them and their congregations.

Paul’s advice to those early churches applies to us at Risen Savior just as much today as it did to the congregations Titus and Timothy were leading. What should we expect of our leaders? What should those leaders expect of us?

This Sunday Adult Bible Study will dive into Paul’s letter to Titus and his second letter to Timothy to discover what values we should seek to model to the world as members of our community of faith here at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Led by Barry Ritchie, this study will discuss the many lessons these letters hold for us. RSVP to britchie11@juno.com.



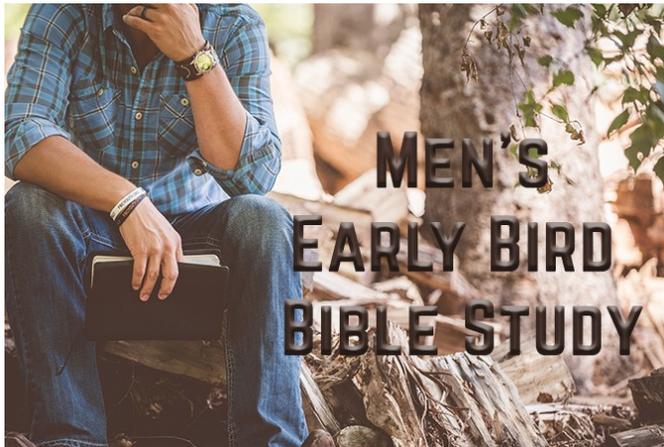
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Gospel of Mark with Pastor Mark

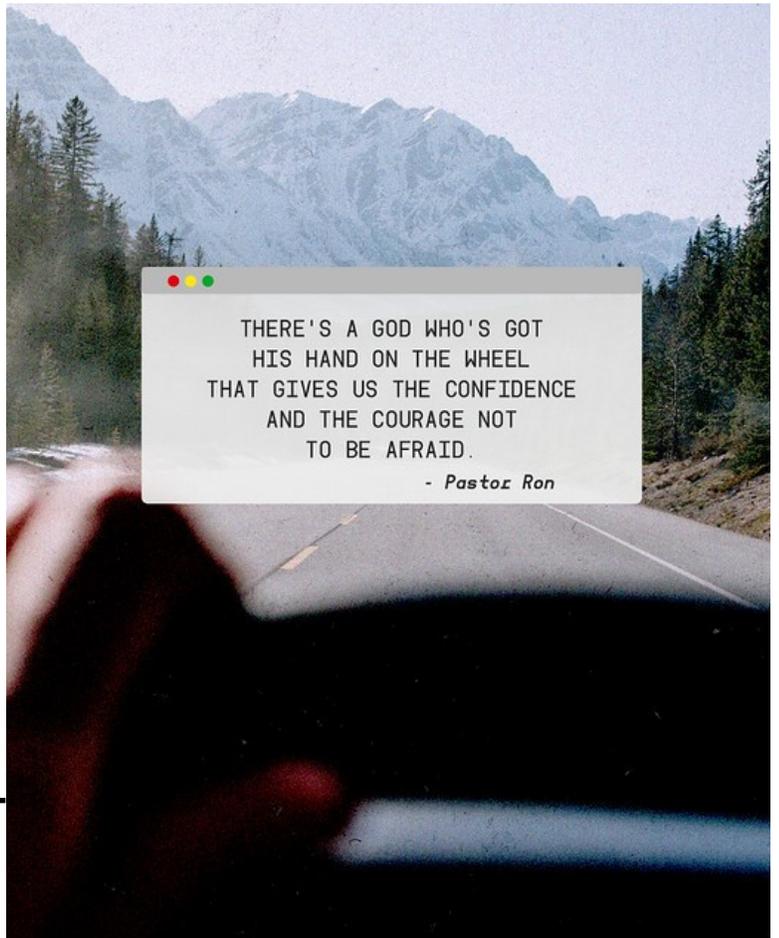
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in SB Room 110 & Thursdays Online at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Join us to learn the miracle of the life of Jesus through his ministry. Everyone is welcome, contact mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org with any questions. Visit rslcs.org for the Zoom link.



February 12 (SB Room 110) & 26 (NB Multi-Use Room) at 7:30 am (doors open at 7:00 am).—**UPDATED**

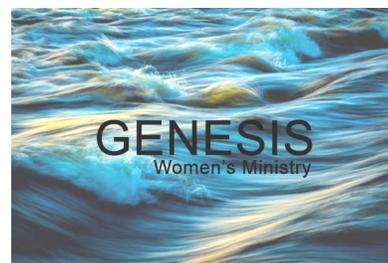
Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member as all men are welcome. This group meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, for Bible study and fellowship. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



The Quenched (by His Word) Women's Evening Bible Study: Provoking Proverbs

February 8 & 22 at 6:30 pm in the South Building Room 110.

Contact Ruth Ann at steveabendicott@gmail.com with questions.



Women's Ministry Bible Study: Genesis

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

(Speaker on February 3—details on page 6)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Join us for this new Bible Study: Genesis. RSVP to Annie at anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

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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.

Adult Forum with Alan Mueller

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian: It's Not What You Think. This study is based off a series of messages by Andy Stanley. According to him, the words used to describe Christians today often bear no resemblance to what Jesus wanted his followers to be known for.



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.

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Youth and Teen Information

Nursery

Sundays during the 10:30 am services in the North Building.



JAM! (Age 3-Grade 6)

Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building, Sign-in at the Kiosk in the Lobby.



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.



Impact (Grades 9-12)

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

These students will participate in positive, encouraging, and faith-focused activities where relationships continue to grow and thrive. Throughout the year, Impact youth will have opportunities to lead and volunteer in our church, our community, nationally and globally.

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

February 13 at 6:00 pm—Ignite & Impact Valentine's Day Party



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 Director of Operations, Susan Mello, at susan.mello@rslcs.org.



WE EXIST TO MAKE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE

ACSTO has merged with ALSO (Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization) in an effort to increase scholarships to make Christian education affordable for all those who desire it. Your contribution at ACSTO.org, recommending Risen Savior School, will allow our Kindergarteners to continue receiving a Christ-centered education. If you are an Arizona state tax payer, you will receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit for your donation.

Please visit ACSTO.org today and remember to recommend Risen Savior School.

We thank you for your continued generosity.

Financial Summary for December 31, 2021

Giving Results

Giving was **over** budget by \$22,774 for the month of December and is **under** budget (\$20,344) for CYE2021.

Tracked Giving was **over** by \$19,904 and Loose Plate was **over** by \$2,871.

Loose Plate for November and December were at pre-COVID levels

Spending

Spending was **under** budget by (\$5,261) for the month of December and **under** budget (\$126,580) for CYE2021.

Preschool and Kindergarten (PS&K)

PS&K Net Income was **over** budget by \$70,108 for the month of December and at budget for CYE2021.

In December \$70,989 was transferred to PS&K Income from funds on the Balance Sheet.

This represents grant money from the state that is to be used to defray costs for Early Childhood Centers due to the effects of the pandemic.

Net Operating Cash

As of December 31, 2021, Operating Cash is a **positive** \$90,943 which is a net **positive** change of \$128,032 from November 30, 2021. This was impacted by the transfer of PS&K funds to Income.

Risen Savior Financial Review Continued...

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	December	December	\$ Over	CYE21	CYE21	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	176,834	154,060	22,774	1,584,506	1,604,850	(20,344)	1,604,850
All other income	9,918	4,275	5,643	39,148	50,800	(11,652)	50,800
Total Church Income	186,752	158,335	28,417	1,623,654	1,655,650	(31,996)	1,655,650
Preschool & Kindergarten	149,836	90,380	59,456	1,050,845	1,092,250	(41,405)	1,092,250
Total Operational Income	336,588	248,715	87,873	2,674,499	2,747,900	(73,401)	2,747,900
Operational Expenses	221,374	226,635	(5,261)	2,485,770	2,612,350	(126,580)	2,612,350
Net Income/(Loss)	115,214	22,080	93,134	188,729	135,550	53,179	135,550

High Level Statement of Operational Cash	
December 2021	
Cash/Receivable Balance 12.31.21	2,103,681
Liabilities	4,956
Restricted Assets	541,204
Unrestricted Assets	
Designated Savings	1,343,895
Designated Programs	122,683
Total Unrestricted Assets	1,466,578
Net Operational Cash 12.31.21	90,943
Cash/Receivable Balance 11.30.21	2,127,942
Liabilities	3,759
Restricted Assets	593,244
Unrestricted Assets	
Designated Savings	1,391,915
Designated Programs	176,113
Total Unrestricted Assets	1,568,028
Net Operational Cash 11.30.21	(37,089)
Net Operating Cash Change	128,032

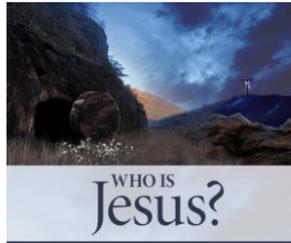


David	Boshears	Feb 1	Sara	Bennerotte	Feb 9	Brandon	Stevens	Feb 19
Barbara	Buttleman	Feb 1	John	Lasiter	Feb 9	Bernadine	Herbeck	Feb 19
Stephen	Jacusis	Feb 1	Bonnie	Pettit	Feb 9	Lisa	Spivey	Feb 19
Verla	Matuschka	Feb 1	Heather	Kniep	Feb 10	Kenneth	Newell	Feb 19
Gertrude	Harmening	Feb 1	Marv	Wellik	Feb 10	Kelly	Hahn	Feb 19
Cameron	Cable	Feb 1	Carol	Dawley	Feb 10	Jason	Buchanan	Feb 20
Marcy	Pietrek	Feb 1	Ted	Tollefsen	Feb 10	Ryan	Long	Feb 20
Kodyn	Wolf	Feb 2	Mason	Hickel	Feb 10	Nancy	Bryant	Feb 21
John	Neff	Feb 2	Grace	Stark	Feb 11	David	Nolan	Feb 22
Natalie	Musa	Feb 3	Nathan	Kucenski	Feb 11	Harriet	Teson	Feb 22
Joel	Lissy	Feb 3	Robert	Connors	Feb 11	Adalyn	Abeyta	Feb 22
Tawnya	Edwards	Feb 3	Rachelle	Wright	Feb 11	Kristin	Zeller	Feb 23
Mary	Breyer	Feb 4	Sharon	Turgeon	Feb 11	Jim	Moline	Feb 23
Walter	Potthoff	Feb 4	Mckenna	Loop	Feb 11	Marie	Kiehl	Feb 24
Dave	Ouradnik	Feb 4	Paul	Schubring	Feb 11	Sayers	Slijepcevic	Feb 24
Caleb	Evans	Feb 4	Gordon	Hagg	Feb 11	Heather	Chase	Feb 24
Grant	Underwood	Feb 4	Andrew	Fauth	Feb 12	Hans	Clef	Feb 24
Janet	Pfahl	Feb 4	BJ	Schuller	Feb 13	Tonee	Lopez	Feb 24
Emma	Loop	Feb 4	Kenneth	Poulsen	Feb 13	Richard	Kuhlman	Feb 24
Russ	Warner	Feb 4	Donald	Nelson	Feb 13	Mark	Hoffmann	Feb 25
Kathleen	Miller	Feb 4	Laura	Carothers	Feb 14	Reid	Livermore	Feb 25
Sharon	Becker	Feb 5	David	Madetzke	Feb 14	Cristy	Wellik	Feb 26
Kylie	Correll	Feb 6	Willard	Pedersen	Feb 14	Gary	DuBois	Feb 26
Connor	Correll	Feb 6	Tim	Lohrmann	Feb 14	Evelynn	Cleary	Feb 26
Victor	Jimenez	Feb 6	Margaret	Bergendahl	Feb 15	Jeffrey	Groudan	Feb 27
Susan	Mello	Feb 7	Peyton	Stark	Feb 15	Robin	Robertson	Feb 27
Brenda	Quindel	Feb 7	Linda	Peiffer	Feb 15	Kenneth	Krupp	Feb 28
Savannah	Steiner	Feb 7	Trudy	Alexander	Feb 16	Jacob	Adamovic	Feb 28
Thomas	Korpalski	Feb 7	Ellen	Voelker	Feb 16	Christian	Wellik	Feb 28
Ashley	Jacusis	Feb 7	Amanda	Haavisto	Feb 16	Barbara	Bade	Feb 28
Jim	Ditter	Feb 7	Kaston	Bell	Feb 16	Audrey	Lorentz	Feb 29
Sue	Strauch	Feb 7	Marsha	Duffield	Feb 17			
Sandra	Devine	Feb 7	Isaac	Stark	Feb 17			
Michelle	Reiher	Feb 8	Margaret	Boshears	Feb 17			
Larry	Scheer	Feb 8	Renee	Murphy	Feb 18			
Kathy	Kennedy	Feb 8	Clifford	Clements	Feb 18			



Roger & Dee	Rock	Feb 1
Shannon & Jennifer	Miller	Feb 2
Lee & Diane	Bergelin	Feb 4
Anthony & Barbara	Fox	Feb 4
Austin & Elaine	Culp	Feb 5
Kenneth & Ann	Krupp	Feb 6
Jessica & Brian	Irick	Feb 10
Bob & Marge	Brower	Feb 14
Beverly & Robert	Jur	Feb 14
David & Nancy	Klampert	Feb 14
Carole & Lyle	Schossow	Feb 14
David & Rachelle	Wright	Feb 14
Wayne & Heather	Chase	Feb 16
Hans & Billie	Clef	Feb 20
Charles & Judith	Bell	Feb 27
Marv & Kay	Wellik	Feb 27
Matthew & Rebecca	Derr	Feb 29

Devotional



[The Greatest Is Love](#)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:00:00 PM (LCMS website)

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 - And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.