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WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Times- Resumes Jan. 8

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 “Risen Savior Chandler”

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

Sunday, Jan. 1st

Special Schedule:

Traditional: 8:00 am*
Sanctuary

Contemporary: 9:30 am*
Worship Center

Traditional: 11:00 am
Sanctuary

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via 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.

Admin Building Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Fri-8:00 am -12:00 pm

Closed 1/2

UPDATE:

Our text-to-give number is now 77977

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

Or mail a check to the church office:
23914 S. Alma School Rd
Chandler, AZ 85248

*Thank you for
your generosity!*

CONNECT

Christ-Centered Yoga

Resumes Mondays Starting January 9 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.

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 Lunch and Fellowship

Thursdays at 11:30 am, RSVP for location.

Join us every week for lunch off-site and fellowship, RSVP to anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry on Facebook

Join us this month's for verses for the new year and feel free to respond by commenting how His Word is teaching, training and encouraging you. Join us by visiting facebook.com/rslcs and under "Groups" you will find Women's Ministry. Contact Annie at anniewolfchandler@gmail.com with any questions.

NEW Grief Share Ministry

Begins January 9 at 10:00 am in SB Room 110.

Contact Patricia at doublepranch@cox.net with any questions.

Concordia University Ann Arbor Choir and Band presents a free concert:

Thursday, January 5th, 2023, 7:00 pm
North Building Worship Center

These exciting performances will feature the Concordia Choir, the Concordia Wind Ensemble, Arborsong, and the Concordia Orchestra.



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**



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... join or visit <http://padredave.substack.com/>

Blood Pressure Screenings Are Back!

Beginning January 8 in the SB Narthex from 8:50 am—9:30 am

& in the NB First Aid Office from 10:00 am—10:40 am.

Screening will be available the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving on the Care Ministries team (*you do not have to be in the medical profession*), contact Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.



CFLA Blanket Drive Collection

Month of January Drop-Off Table in the Narthex and Lobby.

Please bring in a new blanket for a middle school boy/girl (any material). If you are unable to bring in a blanket, feel free to donate towards one on rslcs.org, click "Give". Blankets can be dropped off at the Administration Building throughout the month of January.



What Do Stephen Ministers Do? Answer: Express Christ's care for others. They distinctively bring Christian care to those in need. They express Christ's care for others by listening and comforting, calling on their training and employing the tools of faith. Contact Pastor Mark at mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org for more information.

Mites For Missions

Collected the first Sunday of each month
in the South Building Narthex and North Building Lobby

Funding mission projects around the world



Piece Maker Quilters

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in
the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for fellowship and quilting. No experience required. Contact with any questions: Sandra at 480.202.5772, Dottie at 480.759.0977 or Gail at 805.404.7604.



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.

Connect with us
by scanning
the QR Code.



2023 Offering Envelope Pick-Up

Envelopes are available at the Administration Building during office hours. We have once again consolidated envelope numbers so you may find that your number has changed. If you would like a box of envelopes or if you now e-give online or no longer need the envelopes, contact the Church Office at info@rslcs.org.

ANSWER Continued...

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, a pew card or by phone with their names. Please include an address so we can send a card. Names are posted below. 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.



Braille

Tuesdays at 8:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact the Church Office with any
questions info@rslcs.org.

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 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.



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.



Care Ministry Meeting

January 10 at 4:00 pm in the SB Library.

This ministry hosts blood pressure checks, the Service of Remembrance Service, educational forums, Health Screenings, CPR classes, and more. New members and their ideas are welcome. *Being a health professional is not required.*



Showing kindness, and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve four 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.

ANSWER Continued...

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.



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.



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!

Baptism at Risen Savior

If you are someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782.

RSLC Foundation, Inc.

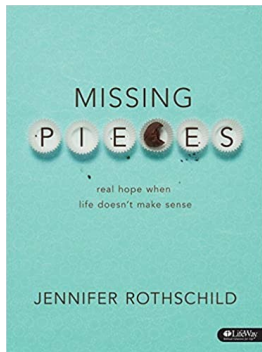
One Generation to Another "You, Lord, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation" Lamentations 5:19. Established in 2010, RSLCS Foundation, Inc. is a 501c(3) organization that receives gifts and bequests in support of Risen Savior missions and ministries. As steward of your earthly God-given gifts, prayerfully consider an annual gift to RSLCS Foundation, as well as a legacy gift in your Estate Plan. For ways to give, and bless Risen Savior missions and ministries, please visit www.rslcs.org under the "About Us" tab for more information.

Women's Evening Bible Study:

Quenched (by His Word)

January 10 & 24 at 6:30 pm in
SB Room 110.

We will resume our evening study this month. All women are welcome. Contact Ruth Ann 480.393.3801 with any questions.



Women's Ministry Bible Study

Thursdays at 9:00 am in
the NB Multi-Use Room.
"Missing Pieces: Real Hope
When Life Doesn't Make

Sense" by author, Jennifer Rothschild. RSVP to anniewolfchandler@gmail.com.

Does God care? Is He fair? Is He even there? Although you may know all the right answers, they don't always feel right. This Bible Study book provides a personal study experience for this video-driven women's Bible study. Explore these and other questions in this realistic look at the messy, mysterious uncertainties of faith. God's ways don't always make sense, but He is trustworthy. Come close to Him. Trust Him more than your feelings. God will reveal Himself and fill in your missing pieces.



Prayer Warriors & Prayer Focus

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 in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at 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! **This month they are adding a gift from the Holy Spirit: LOVE.** The Prayer Focus for each week this month is:

January 1 – Pray that the Holy Spirit's LOVE would reveal Jesus Christ as the Savior of all mankind.

January 8 – Pray that the Holy Spirit's LOVE will create a hunger in each of us to spend time in God's Word.

January 15 - Pray that the Holy Spirit's LOVE will generate respect for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

January 22 - Pray that the Holy Spirit's LOVE will unify our nation and guide our leaders.

January 29 - Pray for the Holy Spirit's LOVE for forgiveness and reconciliation to one another.

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Pastor Dave for a discussion on "The Beatitudes Happy New Year!".

Men's Early Bird Bible Study

December 10 at 7:30 am in the NB.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Bible study begins at 7:30 am. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.

DEVELOP Continued...

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:

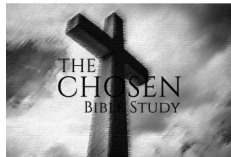
Gifts of cash, a heartfelt annual gift to bless Risen Savior Ministries.

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.



Maricopa Bible Study: The Chosen

January 2, 16 & 30 at 6:30 pm
(RSVP for Address).

This study meets every other Monday and will follow "The Chosen" book. Contact Linda for more details and to RSVP 480.452.8980.

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.



Bible Study: The Book of Acts

This Study Resumes January 4.

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for The Book of Acts lead by Pastor Mark. Contact the Church Office for more information at info@rslcs.org.



LWML Mites Collection

January 1 in the SB Narthex and NB Lobby.
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

January 12 at 1:00 pm in SB Room 110.

All women are welcome. Contact Ruth Ann 480.393.3801 with any questions.

Mission Update: A percentage of the Mite Mission Monies stays in the Pacific Southwest District to fund Mission Grants for the 2022 - 2024 biennium. Three of these Mission Grants in the PSW District are: Promise Multicultural Ministry, Promise Christian Church, Murrieta, CA., Audio-Visual Equipment Upgrade, Trinity Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Santa Ana, CA., and Participant Scholarships for Crisis Church Workers, Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Phoenix, AZ.

DEVELOP Continued...

NEW Adult Bible study beginning
January 22 at 9:05 OR 10:15 am in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Jesus Is Better: The Letter of Hebrews

Wise consumers shop for value, wanting the best products for the money. Wise parents desire only the best for their children. Individuals with integrity seek the best investment of time, talents, and treasures. In every area, to settle for less would be wasteful, foolish, and irresponsible.

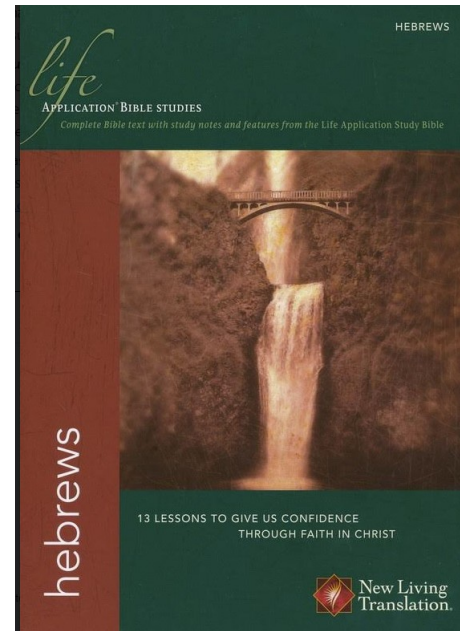
Being Jewish in the first century was not second-rate or easy. But they believed their faith was divinely designed, expressing true worship and devotion to God. The commandments, the rituals, and the prophets described God's promises and revealed the way to forgiveness and salvation.

But then Jesus came, fulfilling the Law and the Prophets, conquering sin, shattering all barriers to God, freely providing eternal life... This message was difficult for faithful Jews to accept. They were entrenched in thinking and worshiping in traditional forms. Following Jesus seemed to deny their marvelous heritage and Scriptures. So they listened to the gospel, but many rejected it and sought to eliminate this "heresy." Those who did accept Jesus as the Messiah often found themselves slipping back into the familiar routines of the rituals, trying to live a hybrid faith.

The Letter to the Hebrews is a masterful New Testament book written to Jews who were struggling with this new faith. The message of *Hebrews* is that **Jesus is better**, Christianity is superior, and that Christ is supreme and completely sufficient for salvation.

What does Hebrews hold for you? Unconsciously, we likely have absorbed society's values and routines, and may find that living out faith in Jesus is uncomfortable. So, just as it was for its first readers, likewise for you: whatever you are considering as the focus of your life, *Hebrews* will show you that Jesus is better. He is the perfect revelation of God, the final and complete sacrifice for sin, the compassionate and understanding mediator, and the *only* way to eternal life. Read *Hebrews* and be refreshed to see history and life from God's perspective.

This new Sunday Adult Bible class will dive into *The Letter to the Hebrews* to discover why and in what ways Jesus is better. Led by Barry Ritchie, this study will discuss the many lessons this letter holds for us. The book we'll use is from the Life Application Bible Study series; copies will be available for purchase \$6.00 please let Barry know britchie11@juno.com if you would like to purchase a copy of the book so that he can order enough copies.



Everyone is welcome. Come prepared to learn, participate... and enjoy!

DEVELOP Continued...

YOUTH AND TEEN INFORMATION

Nursery *(only available at 9:30 am January 1)*

Sundays during the 9:00 am & 10:30 am services in the North Building Youth Rooms.

Sunday School (Age 3-Grade 6) *(at 9:30 am on January 1)*

Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building, Youth Rooms.



NO Meeting on January 1

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.

Coming Soon... January 8 - parent/student Confirmation meeting.

January 22 - 2023 mission trip meeting.



NO Meeting on January 1

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.

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.

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.



HEAL YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD!

Am I Hungry? Mindful Eating 8-Week Workshop Series

- Do you eat for reasons other than hunger?
- Has your eating become mindless or lack-luster?
- Do you ever overeat and then feel guilty afterward?
- Have you tried dieting or restricting with little or no long-term success?
- Do you want to learn how to eat mindfully and live a more vibrant life?



You're not alone, and we're here to help you heal and transform your relationship with food, using proven strategies for long-term success.

Mindful eating is a non-diet and weight-neutral approach to eating that helps us understand the conscious and unconscious decisions we make around food, beginning with why we eat in the first place. It provides a practical approach to decision-making without restriction, deprivation, or guilt, and helps us to find the "middle way" between the extremes of overeating or restriction.

Open yourself up to experience mindfulness as an integrated experience for the mind, heart, body, and spirit and learn practical tools and strategies that will help you become more mindful in your eating and every area of your life!

Taught by Dawn Hopkins, E-RYT 500 and Licensed Am I Hungry? Mindful Eating Facilitator & Coach

**Mondays from 12-1 pm MST
February 6-April 3
Online via Zoom**

Investment - \$150 for Risen Savior
with discount code: RISEN200**

(Standard fee is \$350. Includes \$40 materials fee. Shipping is extra.)**

Register: shorturl.at/bBCMX

Must use discount code RISEN200 to receive special pricing.

dawn@inspiritusyoga.com | 480-250-5867

Please note that the 2022 year end financials
will be in the next newsletter.

