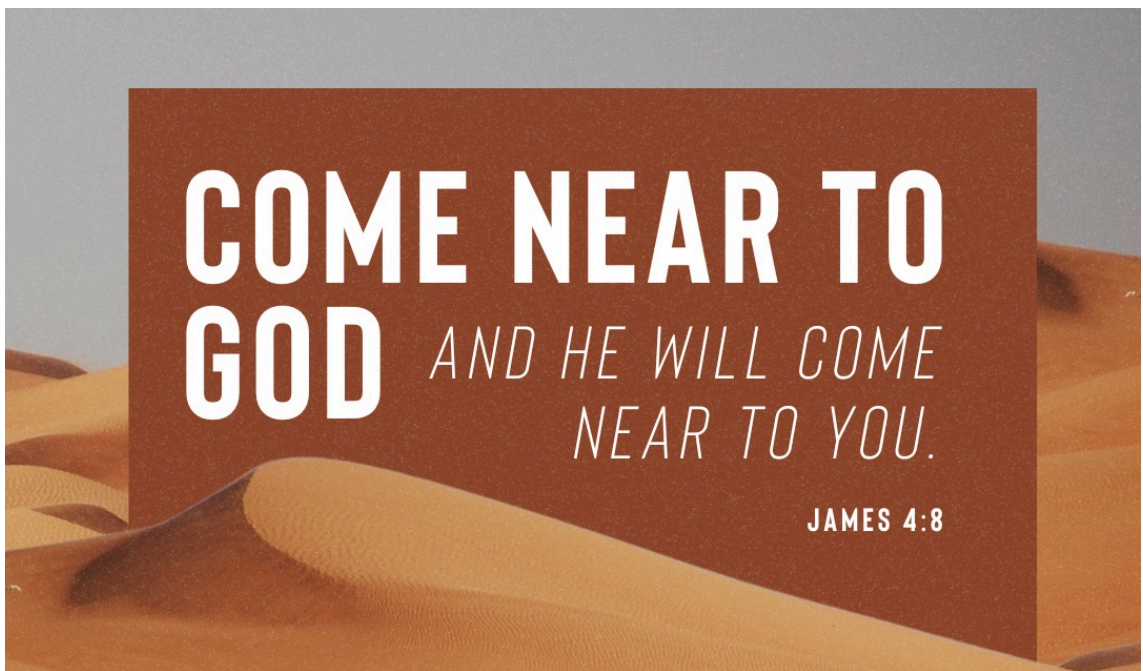




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October 2025



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WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL	8:00 & 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
CONTEMPORARY	9:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Center

Admin Building Office Hours
Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sermon Archive

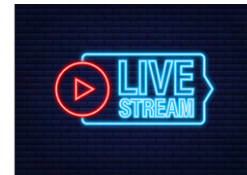
If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our available service times, don't worry, the entire sermon will be available the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit risensavioraz.org, select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

JOIN US
FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS
IN BETWEEN SERVICES
EVERY SUNDAY

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS!
~TO VOLUNTEER WITH THIS MINISTRY
GO TO THE COFFEE TABLE FOR MORE DETAILS~

Additional Parking Available

Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our 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 to those who have limited mobility.



Don't Miss a Sermon- Livestream is Available

Join us on our app, website or on our YouTube.com channel at "RisenSaviorChandler". Livestream sermons are available for the 8:00 & 10:30 am services.

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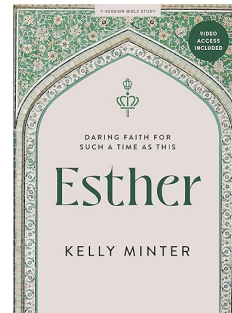
WHAT'S APP? Our Risen Savior App has many features that you might not be aware of... Did you know, you can watch sermons live or previous sermons (Bonus- you can save your spot if you have to pause midway through a sermon).

The On-Ramp
 Begins Oct. 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Five sessions (six total) of learning with session one being dinner with the Pastor on Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm.

Join us to learn more about Risen Savior and what makes being a Lutheran unique!

RSVP to info@risensavioraz.org

Women's Evening Ministry

October 7 & 21 at 6:30 pm in the NB Ignite Room.
 Join us every other week as we study the book of Esther. Together we will discover the daring faith modeled by Esther and her cousin Mordecai - a faith rooted in the goodness of God, lived out through ordinary circumstances, and used to change the world. Although our time looks different from Esther's, our God is just as active and faithful today, and He has called on you for such a time as this! This study by Kelly Minter is available for purchase on Amazon. RSVP to Liane at lkhenkell@gmail.com.

VO VALLEY OPERA
LADIES NIGHT
 A double-bill experience of Women in classical music

Suor Angelica
 by Giacomo Puccini
 A one act, all-female opera

Women Composers
 Celebrating women and their contributions to classical music

Friday, October 24th 7pm
 Sunday, October 26th 2:30pm

TICKETS  ValleyOpera.org

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 23620 S Alma School Rd
 Chandler, AZ

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November 8
 4-7 pm
 Advance Tickets \$10
 (\$12 at the door)

Novemberfest
 Risen Savior's 10th Annual

Save the Date!

Food • Live Music • Dancing • Entertainment

Tickets sales open October 19! Look for the table in the Lobby and Narthex.

REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT/PRAYERS

- * To have someone pray with you by phone, in-person or to submit a prayer request email info@risensavioraz.org (add prayers to the subject line). Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.
- *To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org and include the facility and contact number.
- *After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE **S A L E**

Friday & Saturday
Oct. 17 & 18 7 am-12 pm



Drop off all donations
 M-W prior to sale from 7a-1p

It's time to start cleaning out those garages and closets for donations! Donation items can be dropped off October 13-15 from 7:00 am—1:00 pm at the front of the Fellowship Hall. Clothing and electronics will not be accepted items. If you have items to be picked up, the sign-up list is at the South Building during coffee. Call Jane with questions 480.527.7688.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We LOVE our volunteers-if you have been waiting for a sign...this is IT! Use the QR code or contact the Church Office to find your place as a Risen Savior Volunteer!

SIGN UP TODAY!




LBW
 LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Braille Ministry

Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.
No Meeting October 14

Our dedicated group of volunteers meet weekly producing books of the Bible for the seeing impaired. We would be happy to show our production process, answer any questions and invite those interested in joining this rewarding ministry to call Vicki at 480.262.0171

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am in front of the South Building.

This ministry meets weekly for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds and landscaping needs. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of this ministry at cmdeath1@gmail.com.

Visitation Ministry

This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ and the care of the congregation beyond the walls of the church. Some of those who help in this visitation ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact Anna at the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.

Concordia Symphony Concert



Oct. 19 at 2:00 pm
 South Building Sanctuary

Everyone is invited, free will offering


VO VALLEY OPERA
 formerly Chandler Opera Company

VETERANS DAY CONCERT


FREE! Donations Appreciated
 Raising Money for Homeless Veterans

Sunday, November 9th 2:30pm

Risen Savior Lutheran Church
 Worship Center
 23620 S Alma School Rd
 Chandler, AZ



www.ValleyOpera.org





FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

November 15 9:00 am – 11:00 am at
1100 W. Grove Parkway, Tempe, AZ

We will be having a community food packing event in November. If you were able to join us last time to pack food boxes, you already know what a fun and rewarding experience it is. We are, once again, collaborating with Feed My Starving Children, at their location. If you missed the last one, you won't want to miss this one! Use the QR code to sign-up today (You will need to create an account.) If you have any questions email info@risensavioraz.org.



What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is offered to church members and others to provide high quality, one-on-one, Christ centered care to people experiencing life difficulties. If you are struggling with a life issue, please contact the Church Office to discuss how to get Stephen Minister assistance.



Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conference Room.

This group meets weekly, and all are welcome. We knit and crochet blankets that we donate to the homeless and Hospice. If you would prefer to work at home, patterns and instructions are available in a drawer under the bed in the First Aid room in the North Building. If you need yarn, or have any questions, please contact Marion at 602.920.3319.



This year's Operation Christmas Child Campaign will be from October 26-November 16. Boxes can be picked up/dropped off on Sundays or at the Admin Building. All boxes are due back no later than November 16 to the North Building. If you do not have the time or ability to shop for items, you can make a donation of \$30.00 and we will submit a packed box with your name. Make donation checks out to "Risen Savior" with "OCC" in the memo. Contact Karen at 562.818.6753 with any questions.



Annual "Week of Hope" will be October 21 at the Women's Evening Ministry and then October 23 at the Women's Morning Ministry. Please wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are praying for those undergoing treatment, remembering those who've passed, and celebrating with survivors.

FINANCIALS

Beginning in 2025, financials will be published in the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. If you desire to see the monthly summary, please contact Susan Mello at susan.mello@risensavioraz.org and the summary can be emailed to you.



Ways to Give:

- *Text to Give 77977*
Text Risen Savior to the number and follow the instructions.
- *Via our website RisenSaviorAZ.org/Give*
- *Mail a check to the Admin Building*
23914 S. Alma School Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85248

Thank you for your generosity!



Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Even though our snowbirds have been gone for some time, we have managed to still meet weekly to work on quilts. Sometimes there are less than 10 of us, but we certainly stay busy! We are happy to know our northern quilters will return soon as we miss them very much!

Thanks to Gale and Dottie's careful organization, we keep our noses to the grindstone (or at least to the needles and fabric) and manage to produce many lovely quilts to be given to the various organizations in the Phoenix metro area. We are stashing a good portion aside to be sold at our Annual Quilt & Bake Sale on December 7.

Many, many thanks to the various women who have donated fabric to be used for quilting! We have received a lovely assortment recently. A few of you also donated finished quilt tops! This is so amazing that you would give up these gorgeous pieces of art for us to use. Thank you! What a blessing!

If you or others you know have flat full, queen, or king sheets that are no longer used but are still in good condition, please consider donating them to our quilting group. We use them for quilt backings.

It has come to our attention that there are times when a finished quilt might be wanted as a gift for someone or for yourself. If this is ever the case, please contact us or stop by on quilting days. They come in various sizes: bed, lap, baby, and wheelchair. If you are interested in helping with the quilting or donating supplies we invite you to be a part of our ministry. If you have any questions, call Gail 805.404.7604 or Dottie 480.759.0977.



His Story, Our Story

Begins Oct. 9 at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm in the NB.

Stories are powerful tools that have the power to transport us into different worlds and to give unparalleled insight into the human experience. Stories powerfully communicate truth and challenge our preconceptions.

As we open the Bible, we are invited into not just a book but a story. This isn't just any story but God's story. It's the story of God creating everything there ever was or is. God's creation was good until that which was good chose evil and forever changed the story. From that point on what we see is the story of God's relentless love that would stop at nothing to recover that which was lost and make us his own.

God's story is not just His Story, for we are a part of it. Within this greater story, each of us has our own unique story. As we seek to understand the story of our lives, we see how God has been at work every step of the way to guide and shape us. In His Story, Our Story, we will discover how to see God's Story as a part of our Story and then share that story with those around us. This a 5-week course, written by Pastor Kevin, for those who desire to walk deeper in their faith and learn how to tell their story, to encourage others to walk in faith. A free workbook is included.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study

October 11 & 25

This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 7:30 am in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Join Pastor Kevin as we begin a new fall series. Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Oct. 9 at 1:00 pm in the SB Genesis Conf. Rm

All mission-minded women are invited to attend our monthly meetings. There is a very short business meeting followed by Bible study and we end with coffee and fellowship. We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the South Building. Contact Ruth Ann at 602.623.9290 with any questions.

Giving Toward LWML Grants

Please consider supporting our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Grants by giving one of the following ways.

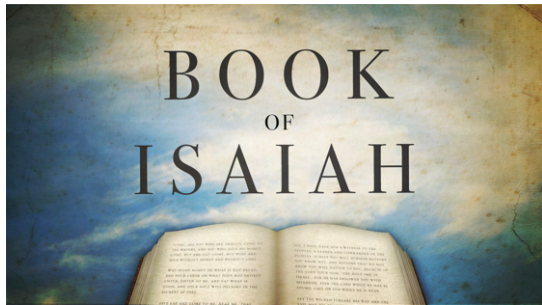
· www.risensavioraz.org/give OR on the Risen Savior App, select 'Give'

Please select the Fund: "Other Offerings" and Type "LWML Missions" in the text box. We are suggesting a minimum \$5.00 donation to help cover transaction fees.

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum has started a study of the Gospel of Mark. During the month of October, the class will look at Jesus' ministry in Galilee. How did the people respond to the miracles and teachings of Jesus? What expectations did the disciples have about what Jesus would say and do? Why were the religious leaders negative toward Jesus? Bible stories about Jesus at times seem to be just historical events of life many centuries ago. Do we experience fear or a feeling of awesomeness when we read Biblical events? Do we stop and ask ourselves what the historical Jesus means for our lives? Come and learn who Jesus is for you today through the eyes and experiences of the disciples and people in Mark's Gospel. All adults are invited to learn about this interesting Gospel.



Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Join us Wednesdays as we read and discuss Scripture for an hour. We just began reading through the book of Isaiah, a book so broad in its scope - from creation to new creation - that some have called it a "miniature Bible"! Outside the Psalms, no other Old Testament book is cited more than Isaiah, so you may be surprised at what we find. Bring your Bible and read along with us as we begin our adventure. Contact Barry britchie11@juno.com if you plan to attend.

Lutheran Women in Mission Estrella Zone 29 Fall Rally



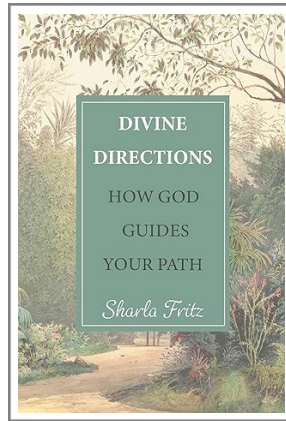
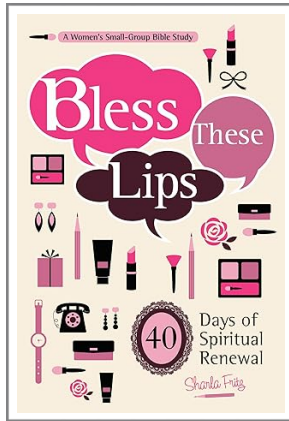
“Hope Happens Here”

Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Guest Speakers from La Mesa Ministries

- Where:** Epiphany Lutheran Church
800 W. Ray Rd., Chandler, AZ 85225
- When:** Saturday, October 11, 2025
Registration at 9:30 am (includes coffee)
Opening Worship Service 10:00 am
- Cost:** Registration Fee of \$15.00 (includes lunch)
- Ingathering:** Men's clothing; men's and women's new underwear, backpacks

Society Presidents: RSVP number attending from your society to Kathy Baumhofer by October 5 at (480) 577-3755 or Email: kbaumhofer8760@gmail.com



Women's Ministry NEW Fall Studies No Meetings Oct. 2 & 9

Oct 16-Nov. 20 at 9:00 am in the North Building.

Women's Morning Ministry will begin two new studies starting October 16. The options are: *Bless These Lips* or *Divine Directions*. The books can be purchased on Amazon, links are available on our website under ministries. RSVP to Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.

Sunday Bible Study

I Corinthians: Godly Solutions for Church Problems

Sundays at 9:05 or 10:15 am in the NB Multi-Use Rm.

Let's be honest: The things we say and the way we act often aren't consistent with what we say we believe in church on Sunday. The members of the first-century church in Corinth struggled with this very same problem. Even though the Apostle Paul himself had established that community of Christians and continued to stay in touch with them, their failure to live lives consistently guided by the teachings of Jesus were frequent, embarrassing, and sometimes painfully public. So, Paul wrote to them to help them (and us) become a better community of disciples.

In his *First Letter to the Corinthians*, we find that Paul's primary focus is helping the Corinthians to bring their behavior more "in tune" with the faith they professed. He accomplishes this "tuning" by reviewing key Christian beliefs that help shape righteous living, and points out that moral failures frequently flow from flawed beliefs.

In this study, we will look at the advice Paul gave the Corinthian church. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barry at britchie11@juno.com for materials.

Prayer Warriors Prayer Focus

**Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the
SB Proverbs Conf. Room.**

If you have a passion for speaking 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 prepares 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 regular prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week for this month is:

Oct. 5 - Thank God for the faith building ALPHA program and for God's unique blessings on all the participants. James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-7, Psalm 111:10, John 8:32

Oct. 12 - Pray that we each find true peace as is found in His Word and in His sacraments - a peace that overcomes all trials and trepidations. Philippians 4:7, Isaiah 32:17, II Thessalonians 3:16, John 14:27

Oct. 19 - Pray for truth to be magnified in all media while seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance for discernment in what we hear/see. Ephesians 4:29-30, Philippians 4:8, Colossians 2:8

Oct. 26 - As we remember the Lutheran Reformation, let us give thanks for our faithful pastors, who adhere to the purity of the Scriptures, and inspire us to be devoted disciples of Christ. Acts 20:28, Ephesians 4:11-12



Baptism at Risen Savior

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

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.



NURSERY
(Age 3 and under)

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NEXGEN IS LOOKING FOR

- Sunday School Teachers
- Nursery workers
- Adults to be a part of our youth programs

If you are interested in working with kids at Risen Savior and would like to learn more about what is involved, contact Jill
Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org
 We would love to have you as a part of our team!



Inspire Kids Club
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
Sundays at 10:30 am in the NB Youth Rooms.
Look for the Sign-in table.



Confirmation Sunday is Almost Here!



Get ready, Risen Savior family—Confirmation 2025 is just around the corner! On Sunday, October 26 at the 10:30 am service, we'll gather to celebrate and cheer on our students as they take this exciting step in their walk with Jesus.

Before the big day, here's what our confirmands need to remember:
 Confirmation Books are Due: Sunday, October 5 at or before the 10:30 am service.

Heads up—Ignite won't meet that week due to Fall Break. Make sure all requirements are completed.

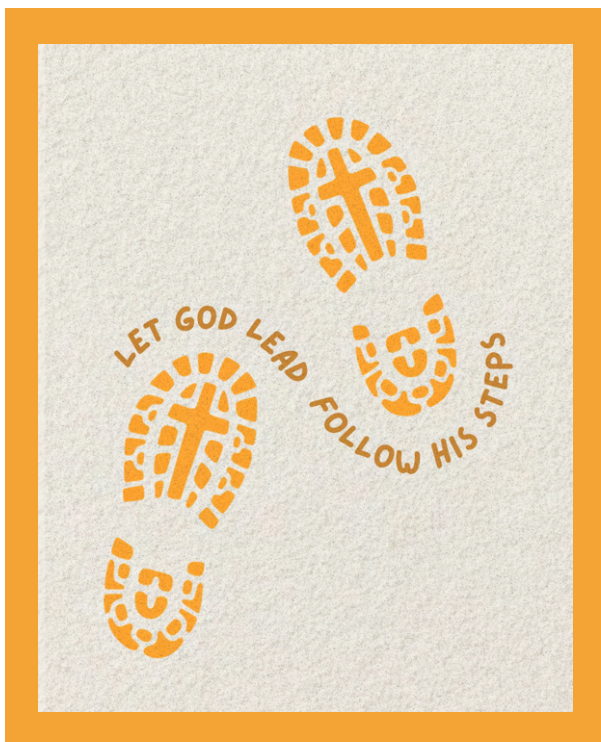
Email your confirmation info to aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org by the same date.

Church family—let's be praying for these students! This is more than a milestone; it's a moment where they're declaring, "Yes, my faith in Jesus is my own!" Let's show up, celebrate, and remind them that their church family is walking right beside them. Questions? Contact jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION



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 Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.



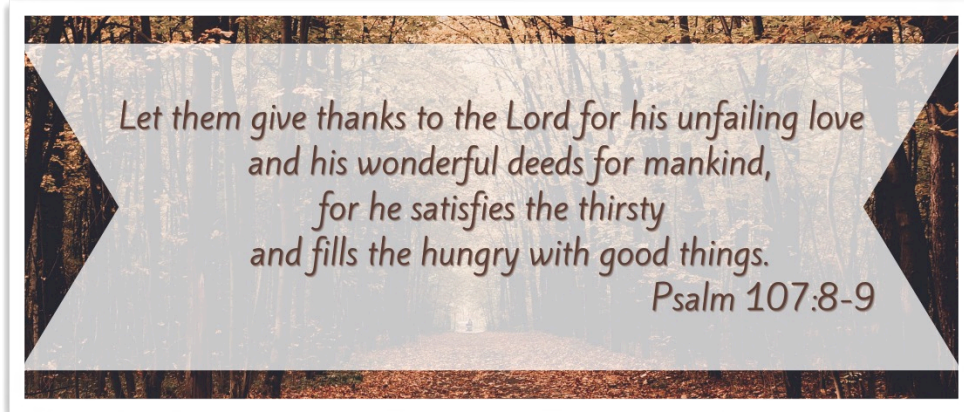
IGNITE & IMPACT
OCTOBER

OCTOBER 5
No Ignite or Impact

OCTOBER 12
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30pm

OCTOBER 19
Youth Worship @ Gethsemane
6-7:30
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
1035 E Guadalupe Rd, Tempe AZ 85283

OCTOBER 26
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30pm



~Introducing Pastor Ken Hennings~



Pastor Ken Hennings has joined the team at Risen Savior as a part-time Assistant Pastor for Congregational Care. He will be teaming up with our current part-time Assistant for Congregational Care, Pastor Dave Poedel. Pastor Ken will be joining Pastor Dave in calling on the homebound and hospitalized as well as serving as the Liturgist twice a month in the Traditional services. Pastor Ken will also serve as the primary teacher at the Sunday morning Adult Forum Bible Study. In addition, Pastor Ken will be responsible for our Traditional worship service, writing the liturgies, selecting the hymns, and working with our Organist and Choir Director.

A little bit of background on Pastor Ken is that the past twelve years of ministry he was serving as President of the Texas District, helping the district move toward a Mission Movement mentality where trained lay people became evangelists to their communities. This movement allowed the Texas District to increase the number of new congregations started each year. During the last three years as the District President, he served as Chairman of the Council of Presidents (COP) of the LCMS and Val (his wife) supported the District President wives with activities and fellowship during the COP meetings. This August Ken and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with four wonderful children and eight delightful grandchildren. Three of those grandchildren live in Mesa, and they look forward to attending their school and sporting events. He and Val are happy to be new members of Risen Savior and look forward to getting to know the people here. Be sure to welcome them to the Risen Savior family!

Transition Information from the Risen Savior Board of Directors/Transition Team

Update 1~In conversation with Pastor Ron and Susan Mello, Director of Operations, we learned that both will be looking to retire in the next 3 - 5 years. Given that these two positions play a key role in our ministry, the Governing Board has formed a Transition Team to carefully make plans for a smooth transition. In addition, the Board has hired a consultant who works with large churches where the senior leader is retiring. While 3 - 5 years seems like a long time away, time has a way of going by very quickly and we want to be very intentional in our planning.

We have chosen to communicate with you now, since our consultant will be on campus and we did not want any disinformation circulating. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Nolte, Governing Board President or Shari Beadle, Chair of the Transition Team.

Risen Savior Governing Board

Dave's email is dnlte1880@gmail.com

Shari's email is sharibeadle@me.com

Update 2~The Transition Team has officially begun its work. In July, our consultant, Rev. Mark Zehnder, visited the campus and provided an initial report. Over the next few months, we will be reviewing his recommended action items with the Transition Team, Governing Board, and Staff as appropriate. As future steps are identified, we will communicate those to the congregation.

Rev. Zehnder's next visit is scheduled for early 2026. More details about that visit will be shared as the time approaches.

