



RISEN SAVIOR

LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2025



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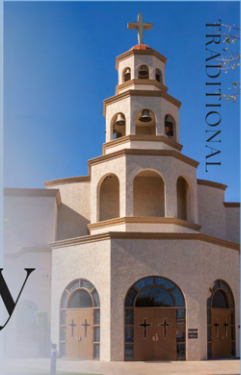
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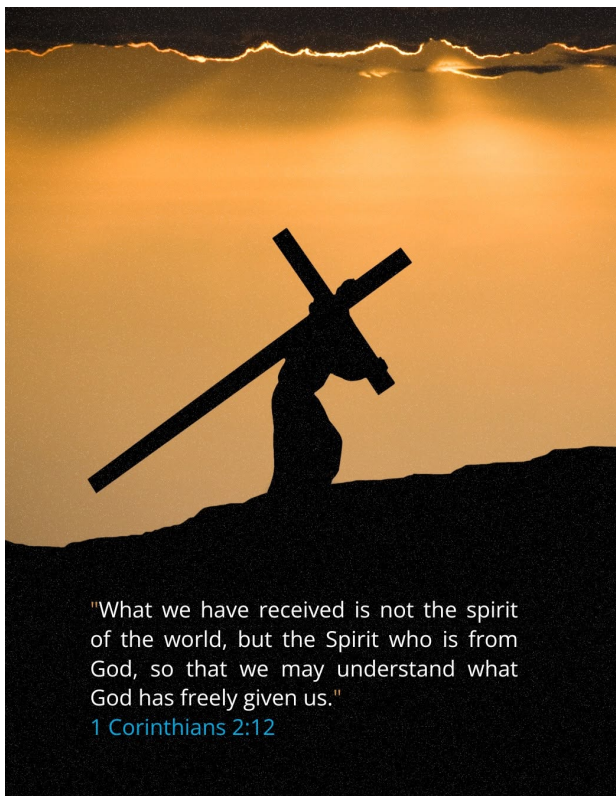
TRADITIONAL

Sunday Services

8:00 AM Traditional
9:30 AM Contemporary
11:00 AM Traditional



CONTEMPORARY




"What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."
1 Corinthians 2:12

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

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our service times available, don't worry, the entire sermon is 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 past sermons.



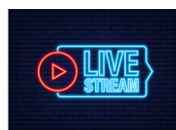
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COFFEE AND DONUTS
BETWEEN SERVICES

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO
CONNECT WITH OTHERS



To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at lutheranhour.org; On the Home page is "This week on TLH", or click "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.

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 & 9:30 am services.



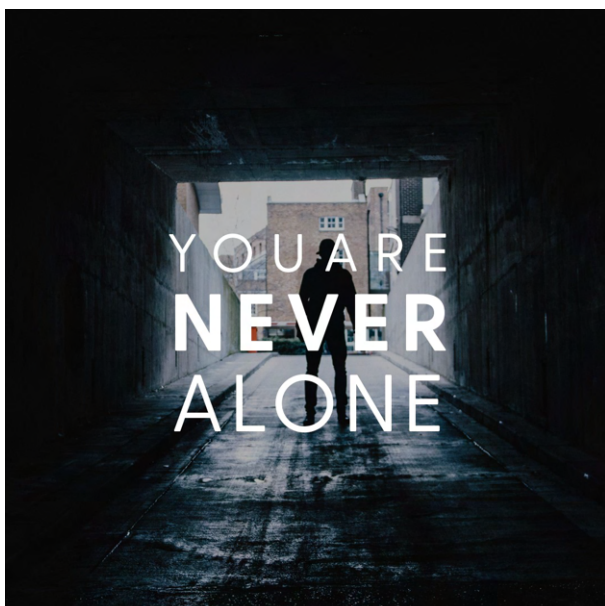
Welcome Party!

September 7 at 5:00 pm.

If you are new or newer, or just curious about Risen Savior, we invite you to join us for a "Welcome Party" in your honor. The Welcome Party is an informal opportunity for us to get to know you and for you get to know us. During our time together you will have the opportunity to; enjoy appetizers, learn a little about who Risen Savior is and what we are all about, meet the team and others just like you or see how you can get involved and take your next step. We would love to have you join us for this fun night together. RSVP is not required, but any questions can be answered by emailing Michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org.

VISITATIONS

If you or someone you know would like a visitation, please notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization or other care emergency by emailing visits@risensavioraz.org. Be sure to include the facility and contact number.



Begins August 22 at 9:30 am in the
SB Psalms Conf. Room.

This GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. During this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there is not neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability-and gain support each step of the way. Use the QR code to register or use our events page on our website. Contact Linda with any questions at lrauch007@icloud.com.

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CHANDLER OPERA COMPANY
PRESENTS

A Buncha Broadway!

Friday, August 29th 7pm
Sunday, August 31st 2:30pm

23620 S Alma School Rd
Chandler, AZ

TICKETS

Purchase Tickets Online at:
www.chandleroperacompany.com



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 cmdeuth1@gmail.com.



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.



What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised laypeople, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-on-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges.

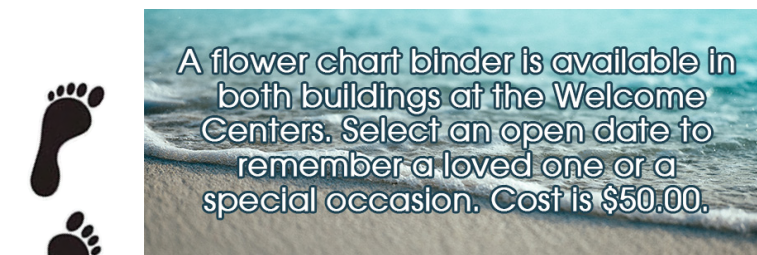
If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please call the church office at 480.895.6782.

If you are interested in training to become a Stephen Minister, we will offer a class in September. For more information contact Bob Torres at 858.735.1058 or btorres51@att.net.

ACSTO

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships—helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.



REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT

* 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) or use the QR code. Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.

* To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org. Please 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.



Life Thoughts: "Our Heavenly Father hopes for human offspring as numerous as the stars and countless grains of sand (Hebrews 11:12).

So Christians encourage our communities to share our joy in regarding children—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances—as more precious than any amount of income or possessions (Luke 12:22-24)." lutheransforlife.org



ALPHA Team Leader Training

September 3 at 6:00 pm in the NB.

Join us at this **ALPHA** Study leadership meeting if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If you are not familiar with **ALPHA**, the course is geared towards the unchurched or those very new to attending church. If you are interested in volunteering to be a leader for this study, plan to attend this informational meeting to get any questions answered. RSVP to Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org

Did You Know We Have a Memorial Garden?

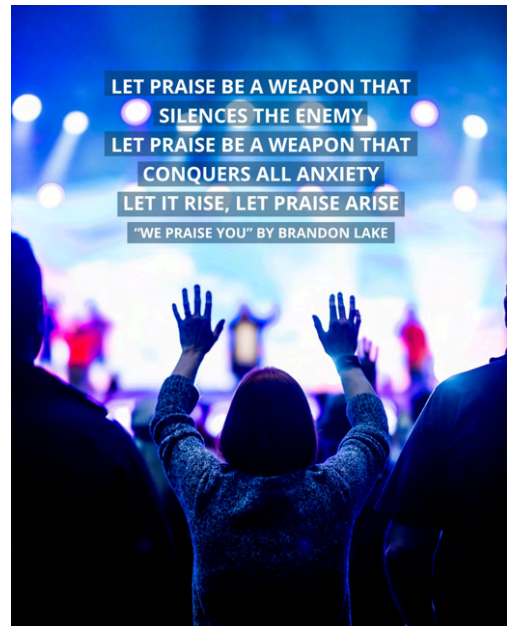
Our Memorial Garden is located behind the South Building (look for signs). It's a beautiful, quiet and calming space to visit loved ones there and is always open. If you are interested in more information about how to reserve a personal niche space for you or a loved one, please contact the Church Office.



Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

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

We have been busy each Wednesday tying and completing quilts for those in need. If you are interested in helping with the quilting or donating supplies we invite you to be a part of our ministry. you have any questions, call Gail 805.404.7604 or Dottie 480.759.0977.



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.

FINANCIALS

Monthly and Quarter End Financial Overview Key Financial Indicators – June 2025

	June 2025	Budget	Delta	June 2024	Delta
Operating Cash	(63,107)	NA	NA	(126,472)	63,365
Weekly Tracked Giving*	26,445	32,000	(5,555)	29,512	(3,067)
Weekly Loose Plate*	1,180	920	260	999	181
Net Income	(66,838)	(66,280)	(558)	(65,186)	(1,652)

Key Financial Indicators – Jan.-June 2025 vs 2024

	Jan-June 2025	Budget	Delta	Jan-June 2024	Delta
Total Tracked Giving*	1,010,919	1,045,000	(34,081)	934,979	75,940
Total Loose Plate*	58,658	53,900	4,758	54,765	3,893
Preschool Income	751,400	763,195	(11,795)	729,476	21,924
Other Income	44,053	44,120	(67)	57,620	(13,567)
Total Expenses	1,905,568	1,982,895	(77,327)	1,879,010	26,558
Net Income	(40,537)	(76,680)	36,143	(43,605)	3,068



Risen Savior Core-God Talk

Begins August 7

at 9:30 am OR 7:00 pm in the NB.

As Christians seeking to navigate life in this world, there are so many questions that we want to explore. Who is God? How are we saved? Was Jesus God or man or somehow both? How does God work in our world today? What is the golden thread that holds the Bible together? When is Jesus coming back and what will that day be like?

Using God's Word as our foundation, God Talk is an opportunity to dive deeper to explore some of the great questions of faith. Along the way we will discover that how we answer these questions will shape the way that we see God, the world, life, ourselves, and others. The Christian faith was never meant to be a mindless pursuit of God, but theology, how we think about God and what we believe about God, is a rich pursuit that informs our minds and directs the way we live every day. This is a 6-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. Use the QR code to register.

Adult Forum

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

"Say WHAT?" Let's take a deeper dive into the sermon texts each week. All adults are welcome!



ALPHA Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has Questions?

New Study Begins September 10

at 6:30 pm in the North Building.

Do you know someone who has "Big" questions about church and God? *Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray?* This course is geared towards the unchurched or VERY new to attending church. Be sure to invite that ONE person we all know who asks these types of questions by using this article as an invitation or use the QR code for more information. Dinner is included with an RSVP. Email kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org with any questions.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study

(NO Meetings in August)

September 13 & 27

**This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
each month at 7:30 am**

in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

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-Monthly Meetings are on Summer Break.

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.



Scan the QR code to choose your step or visit our website under “This Week”. The steps have been sorted via strategy calendars (*see strategies below*). Don’t forget that baptism, missions and more are also options for you (*these won’t be on a calendar*). There is something for everyone. If you’re not sure which “one” to take, contact the Church Office and we’ll help you out! Now let’s “take one” and grow our faith!



WORSHIP



CONNECT



ANSWER



DEVELOP

Let's get started!

1. Choose your “one” step
2. Begin/complete your “one” step
3. Grab a set of “footprints” from the Welcome Desk (*circle cut outs*)
4. Place your name on the back and feel free to include the step you took
5. Add your “one” step to our clear, acrylic box at the Welcome Desk.

*Feel free to do this each time you
“take one” throughout 2025.*

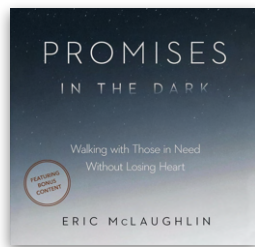
Let's watch our faith grow at Risen Savior!



*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have
already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of
that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Phil 3:12*

Women's Ministry Fall Studies

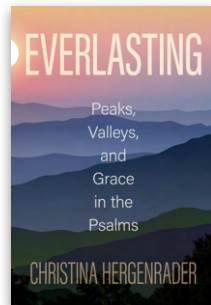
Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the NB.



August 7 1 week-Book Overview

Joan Laubenstein will jumpstart our fall season with "Promises in the Dark; Walking with Those in Need Without Losing Heart" by Dr. Eric McLaughlin. This book strengthens the hearts of readers to persevere in God's calling to walk with those in need. As a missionary doctor in Africa, McLaughlin knows how walking closely with those who suffer and bearing others' burdens can easily lead to burnout or cynicism—unless we find the path to perseverance that the Lord provides.

McLaughlin explores how to endure in such a yet-to-be-redeemed world as ours, which is full of tragedy and heartache, pointing to God's promises, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more."



August 14-5-week book study

"Everlasting Peaks, Valleys and Grace in the Psalms" by Christina Hergenrader.

"Anxious. Worthy. Ashamed. Nostalgic. Lonely. Secure. This is just a handful of emotions we observe in the Psalms-and in our day-to-day lives, too. While in this life we experience mountaintop moments, deep valleys, and everything in between, we can rest in God's everlasting love and grace. Gather your friends and together you can read, feel, discuss, pray, and grow closer to the Lord."

Discounted book cost \$15.00, RSVP to get the discount to Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.

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:

August 3 With guidance of the Holy Spirit, pray for a safe and wholesome environment at all levels of education, and for mutual respect and compassion of both teachers and students. Psalm 23

August 10 Pray that our school administrators, and other leaders would humble themselves and recognize the freedom for families to educate their children under the tenets of their faith. Deuteronomy 11:19-21

August 17 As the Holy Spirit leads, ask God to bless and protect all who speak and stand firm, against all ungodly philosophies, with courage and boldness. We thank you, God, for all such people. Proverbs 1:20-21, Colossians 2:8

August 24 Ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you pray for America's churches to impact families. I Chronicles 16:29, Matthew 28:20, Hebrew 10:23-25, 1 Peter 4:10

August 31 Thank God and pray for our civil servants and all first responders. Please ask God to protect them as they patrol, protect and administrate their duties throughout our neighborhoods, state, and nation. Romans 13:1,6, II Chronicles 7:14

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 9:30 am service in the North Building Youth Rooms.



Inspire Kids Club
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
Sundays at 9:30 am in the NB Youth Rooms.

Look for the Sign-in table.

When Jesus was a boy, He grew in wisdom. God wants us to discover wisdom too. When we make the wise choice, we reflect the character of Jesus to people around us.



Starting September 7

INSPIRE KIDS CLUB
(AGES 3 - 6TH GRADE)
10:30 AM IN THE NORTH BUILDING

Service Times

8:00 AM - TRADITIONAL - SOUTH BUILDING
9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY - NORTH BUILDING
10:30 AM - CONTEMPORARY - NORTH BUILDING
11:30 AM - TRADITIONAL - SOUTH BUILDING

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE AT 9 & 10:30 AM IN THE NORTH BUILDING.





IGNITE (GRADES 7-8) MEET SUNDAYS AT 6:00 PM
IN THE NORTH BUILDING.

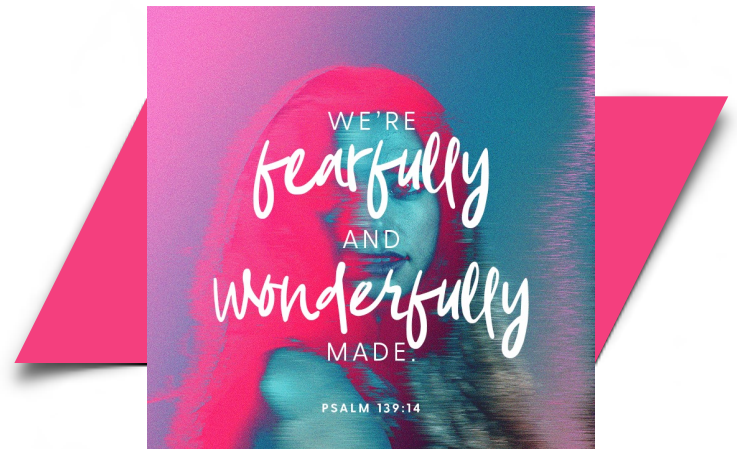
IMPACT (Grades 9-12) MEET SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM
IN THE NORTH BUILDING.



There may be no relationship simultaneously more important and more complicated for middle schoolers than friendship. Whether it's being a friend, finding the right friends, or navigating friendships that need to change, students in this phase are grappling with the ins and outs of friendship in new, more significant ways. Our hope in this series is to guide them toward facing friendship with the grace, love, and wisdom of Jesus, both for themselves and for their friends.



ALL FRIENDSHIPS CAN BE COMPLICATED, BUT CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS? THEY CAN BE TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY COMPLICATED! STILL, MANY HIGH SCHOOLERS PLACE A HIGH VALUE ON FRIENDSHIPS. THAT'S WHY, IN THIS THREE-WEEK TRADITIONAL AND ONE-WEEK EXPERIENCE SERIES, WE'RE HELPING STUDENTS UNPACK THE INS AND OUTS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS IN HEALTHY, HELPFUL WAYS. WHETHER IT'S BEING A FRIEND, FINDING FRIENDS, OR NAVIGATING TOUGH FRIENDSHIP CHANGES, OUR PRAYER IS THAT THIS SERIES WILL HELP HIGH SCHOOLERS BE BETTER, STRONGER, AND CLOSER FRIENDS!



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Are you going through a difficult time?

Ever feel like it would be nice to have
a confidante to talk with?



A Stephen Minister may be the answer.

Contact the Church Office
for more information 480.895.6782

Stephen Ministry Training Course

Begins September 16 at 1:30-4:00 pm in NB.

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God Talk

This is a five-week course will help you
navigate life in today's world.

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in the North Building.
RSVP to kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org.



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