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LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2026



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WORSHIP



Additional Parking Available

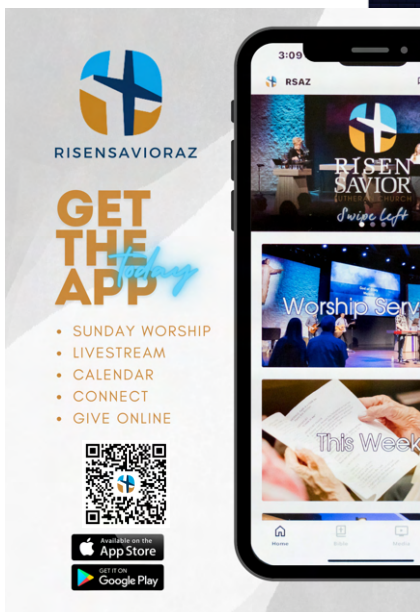
Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who have limited mobility.

Admin Building Office Hours
Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Closed Jan. 1-2



Don't Miss a Sermon- Livestream is Available

Join us on our app or website Livestream sermons are available for the 8:00 & 10:30 am services.



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.

WHAT'S APP? Our Risen Savior App has many features that you might not be aware of... Did you know that there is an event calendar link right on the Home page? It's so handy to check out events, Bible Study options, dates, times, locations, etc. Check it out today!



Begins Jan. 12 at 9:30 am in the SB Psalms Conference Room.

This GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. During these gathering, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there isn't 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. Contact Linda with any questions at lrauch007@icloud.com. Use QR code to register.



WELCOME PARTY!

January 11 at 5:00 pm in the North Building.

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.

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am in front of the SB Patio.

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.



We had another successful year for Operation Christmas Child! Risen Savior contributed 437 boxes for boys and girls, and we were able to write a check to Samaritan's Purse for \$3,520.32 in donations. What a wonderful way to spread the word and love of Jesus across the world! Thank you so much for your generosity.



"Behind the Scenes" these wonderful volunteers make boxes of cookies for our shut-ins to enjoy each month. Pictured above; Pat McClintock, Ann Stivers and Ruth Martin. Thank you ladies!



A FREE CONFERENCE:

AGING MADE EASIER

*and lots
more FUN!*

January 27
9:00 am - 12:00 pm




Join *Neighbors Who Care* for a day of informative speakers and a Senior Services Resource Fair to help seniors and families navigate aging with confidence, support, and helpful resources. This is a free conference, but please register by using the QR code. This conference will be held in the North Building. Contact *Neighbors Who Care* directly at 480.895.7133 with any questions.



Risen Savior Turkey Drive Update

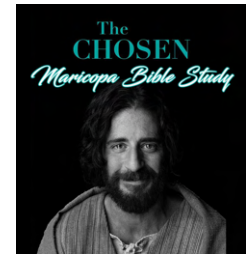
We'd like to thank all of you for your generosity in making the 2025 Food and Turkey Drive a great success. Your financial contributions and/or food donations allowed us to significantly surpass our last year's efforts overall!

To summarize:

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Turkeys Donated	134/164	22%
Monetary Donations	\$6,630/\$5,524	-16%
(2024 we had a large single donor \$1,000)		
Food Collected	3000/3,141 lbs	5%

We also receive support from our Sun Lakes non-member residents as well.

Thanks to all who helped support this critical mission of ours.
Chuck Deuth, Men's Ministry
Annie Wolf, Women's Ministry



MARICOPA BIBLE STUDY: THE CHOSEN

Mondays at 6:30 pm, RSVP for address. This study meets every Monday in Maricopa City. RSVP to Linda 480.452.8980 to get the meeting location or to ask questions.

Christmas Program

Women's Morning Ministry had a wonderful Christmas Program last month with over 60 women in attendance last month. Stocking items were donated for CFLA boys and girls.





Women's Morning Ministry

Resumes January 15 at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Join us as we kick-off 2026 with a guest speaker, see details below. RSVP to Annie at annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.

Joan invites you to join her for an interactive Women's Bible Study:

Practical Prayer Tools for Perplexing Days: Spending Time with God in 2026

Come & discover reusable, creative ways to jumpstart your prayer life in 2026 with tools such as: Alphabet Prayers, Neighborhood Prayer-Walking, 3-Pronged Gratitude Journal, and Praying God's Word.

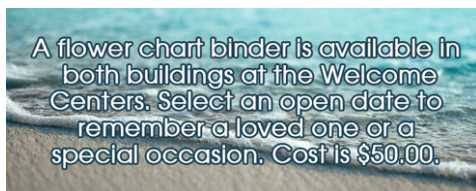
Facilitated by
Joan C. Webb
Author, Life Coach, Spiritual Director

January 15, 2026
9:00-11:00am
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
23620 S. Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ North Building
anniewolfchandler@gmail.com



Women's Ministry Facebook Page

This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. "Like" our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.



What are Stephen Ministers?

How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are a member of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

JANUARY 11, 2026 · 2PM

Join us as President Mike Gibson installs
Senior Pastor Jacob Boessling & Director of Worship Abby Lee
Message by Rev. Tim Ahlman

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You're cordially invited to Gethsemane for the special Installation Service at Gethsemane Church, Tempe, AZ, as they welcome Rev. Dr. Jacob Boessling as their Senior Pastor and Ms. Abby Lee as their Director of Parish Music (Director of Worship).

This will be a joyful moment in the life of their church as we pray for their ministries, and celebrate God's provision. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry **Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.**

We are praising God for the multitude of blessings he has showered on us during 2025! The annual Quilt & Bake Sale held last month was a great success! We sold over 100 quilts! And almost all the baked goods. This has provided revenue for expenses for machine repairs, batting, fabric, and miscellaneous supplies.

We also enjoyed a Christmas potluck last month. Games, frivolity and fellowship were enjoyed by all! Leftover quilts from the sale are already being sent around the valley to organizations that will provide extra warmth for the recipients of these quilts. We thank all of you for supporting this ministry!

We also know there are some of you out there that REALLY want to join us! We meet every Wednesday from 9:00 to noon in the South Building Fellowship Hall. *We can't stress this enough-* You do NOT need to be a quilter or even have the ability to sew! Can you tie a knot? Stick a pin in fabric? Iron? You are IN! The best part: the participants! We truly have a wonderful time making these quilts, mouths and hands going a mile a minute! Coffee and treats are provided each week (rotation). If you have questions? Call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.

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.



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 are donated 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.

Braille Ministry

Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

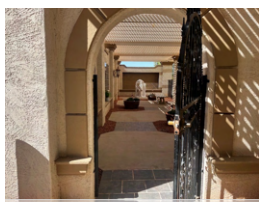
Our dedicated group of volunteers meet weekly producing books of the Bible for the seeing impaired. We would be happy to show our production process, answer any questions and invite those interested in joining this rewarding ministry to call Vicki at 480.262.0171



"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 risensavioraz.org under the "About Us" tab for more information.

FINANCIALS

Financials are 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.



Did You Know We Have a Memorial Garden?

Our Memorial Garden is located behind the South Building (look for outdoor 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 at info@risensavioraz.org.



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.



GETTING TO KNOW US...

Risen Savior first opened its early childhood program in 2002 with three classrooms and 88 students. We have had three building campaigns over the years, adding the education wing, a modular building, and the second floor. We are currently operating with nine classrooms, serving Infants through Kindergartners in the South Building. The facility also features a MultiPurpose Room, Library, STEAM room and the Indoor Play Area for toddlers. Many of our young children enjoy their specials – music, library, yoga, science, and art in these classrooms.

Risen Savior's Early Childhood Center (ECC) is rated a 4-Star center by Quality First and participates in Arizona's quality initiatives like the Apprenticeship Pathway and the Pyramid Model. This is indicative of our commitment to excellence in early childhood education. If you are interested in getting more information about the ECC, contact Linda Pauley, Director at 480.802.1505.

Padre Dave's "Theology Thoughts" Blog

Thinking out loud about God, Christian theology and more specifically the evangelical catholic theology as lived out amongst Lutherans; and Pastor Dave's 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 reflection on topics that come to mind on a given day... Visit <http://padrepoedel.substack.com/>



Bible Study: 2 Corinthians

Begins January 11 at 9:05 or 10:15 am in the North Building Discipleship Room.

Sometimes even your best effort doesn't seem to be enough. You've explained things as clearly as you could, given the best advice you know, offered all the help you could give... and then someone else comes along when you've had to step away, confuses everyone, and proceeds to mess things up.

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians), Paul found himself in the position of cleaning up and straightening out what has become an angry mess in the church at Corinth. False teachings and false teachers have thoroughly confused the Corinthian congregation, which was already struggling to be faithful in a pagan society that cared nothing for God's ways and plans. 2 Corinthians is an intensely personal letter from the apostle Paul, written to bring the church fully from the bewildering darkness swirling around them, back to the saving light of Christ and the embrace of God's grace.

In this new study, we will listen to the correcting advice Paul gave the Corinthian church in this powerful letter. Each session will cover a section of 2 Corinthians, providing background to more fully understand each problem being highlighted and the insight Paul's letter provides for avoiding that mistake. Our study guide (available for purchase at the first class for \$6) includes the full text of each session's portion of 1 Corinthians, helpful notes on important words and points of the passage, links to other scriptures that further reveal the message Paul is giving, and questions to guide and deepen our understanding of the text. If you are interested in attending, email Barry at britchie11@juno.com so that enough materials are available.

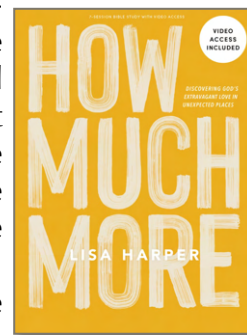
Visitation Ministry

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 ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.



Women's Evening Ministry
**Returns January 20 at 6:30 pm in the
NB Discipleship Room.**

"How Much More" by Lisa Harper. In this 7-session Bible study, you'll discover divine love in the often overlooked and misunderstood passages. And you'll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us! Books can be purchased on Amazon with the QR link. RSVP to Liane at lkhenkell@gmail.com.





ADULT FORUM

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

Join us as we continue studying Jesus' ministry in Galilee. How did the people respond to the miracles and teachings of Jesus? Bible stories about Jesus at times seem to be just historical events of life many centuries ago. Come and learn who Jesus is for you today. All adults are welcome!

ALPHA Team Leader Training

January 13 at 6:00 pm in the NB Multi-Use Room.

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



Risen Savior Core-God Talk

Begins January 22



at 9:30 am OR 7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Rm.

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 (no cost for this study).

FOR WHERE
two or three
GATHER
IN MY NAME
There I am
with them
MATTHEW 18:20



FEELING COLD DURING SERVICE?

Grab a Shawl!

Available at All Services in Both Buildings.

Shawls are available to borrow service if you get cold. See a Service Team Leader to borrow one. Please return the shawl after the service.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study *January 10 & 24*

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 start a new year together. 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

January 8 at 1:00 pm in the SB Genesis Conf. Rm

The Holy Spirit continues to bless the Mite offerings of the LWML through supporting missions around the world! Thanks be to God! Our Bible Study is "Do You See What I See?". Copies will be available. YOU are welcome to join us! 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.



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:

January 4 - Pray that in this new year, our Lord will move in the hearts of our nation's elected leaders, and give them wisdom and courage, so that they will act in ways that are pleasing to Him, thereby serving the people they represent. Micah 6:8, II Chronicles 7:14, Deuteronomy 5:7-21, Psalm 33:12

January 11 - Pray that the Lord would lead those who have questions about their faith to attend the Alpha study meetings, and to give former Alpha participants the boldness to invite their friends to the new class. James 1:5, Matthew 28: 18-19a

January 18 - With the help of the Holy Spirit, pray for protection for all the participants in the March for Life in DC Friday the 23rd, as they march boldly together in the public square to confess their belief in their theme: "Life is a Gift" Proverbs 1:20-21, John 10:10b, Psalm 139:13-14, Romans 6:23b

January 25 - Pray for God's protection for our Chandler Pregnancy Center as well as for all life affirming pregnancy centers. Psalm 33:20-22, Proverbs 3:5-7, John 10:10b, Jeremiah 1:5

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION

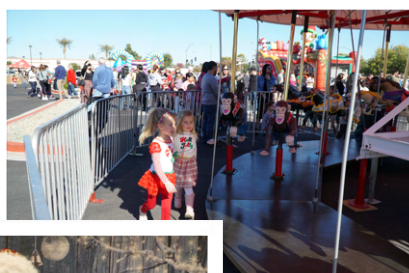
Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.



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



Practicing a skill or a sport is a lot of work, but practicing something every day helps you learn how to do it better. This month we will learn that, when we follow Jesus and actually live out the things we hear and learn, the Holy Spirit helps our faith grow.



Jingle Jan Fun!



Ignite (Grades 7-8) Meets Sunday Night at 6pm in the North Building
Impact (Grades 9-12) Meets Sunday Night at 7pm in the North Building

NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

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

There are a lot of books that teach a lot of things. But there is only one book that teaches the best things – things like how to live for God, hear from God, pray to God, and tell others about God. This month, we will learn how people in the Bible do all those things!

January & February EVENTS

January 4
No Ignite or Impact

January 11
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

January 25
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

January 18
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

February 1
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

February 8
No Ignite or Impact
(Super Bowl)

February 15
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

February 22
Ignite 6-7:30 pm
Impact 7-8:30 pm

February 21
Seder Meal 6-8th grade
5-8 pm

February 28
Gala Youth Fundraiser

Check it out!





Join a Conversation!

This study is a series of group conversations that explore Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.



Sign-up here!



ALPHA Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has Questions?

Study Begins January 20 at 6:30 pm in the North Building.

Do you know someone, or are YOU 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. Ever wish talking about faith felt more natural? We've created a space to help you take the next step, no matter where you are in your faith journey. 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.

Quotes from those at Risen Savior who completed the ALPHA Study:

- ~Made my faith stronger. Made me feel very loved by Jesus.
- ~Give it a try, I was nervous to attend but fell in love with the program. I highly recommend it, everyone is welcome.
- ~Increased my spirituality and willingness to listen.
- ~It has helped me think about Jesus again and how much of an impact He has in everyday life.
- ~It has brought me closer to God in a way I didn't think it would.

The On-Ramp

Begins Jan. 14, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Five sessions (six total) of learning with session one being dinner with the Pastor on Feb. 15 at 6:00 pm.

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

RSVP to info@risensavioraz.org

January 23, 2026 National March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Plan now to join other Lutherans to march and stand boldly together in the public square and confess our beliefs about the sanctity of life. Visit LCMS.org for more information.

There are only two kinds of people in the world: NEIGHBORS AND ENEMIES. Jesus said to love them both.