



# RISEN SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2025



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# WORSHIP

Join us for prayers, music and a message of hope. If you have lost someone dear to you, remember them at this service. Call the Church Office at 480.895.6782 to include your loved one in this service by giving their name to be read aloud and for a candle to be lit in their memory.



When something new is coming up in your life, do you look forward to that event with excitement, uncertainty, or even fear? Do you eagerly anticipate the new event or are you more cautious? And once the new experience happens, how long do the feelings stay with you?

This year during Advent services we will be looking toward "The King's Coming." These worship experiences will look at how people of the past saw the King's coming and how people today think and feel about our King's coming. Invite a friend to join you as we prepare for Christmas and our King's coming. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to join us in-person, livestream will be available for the 6:30 pm service.



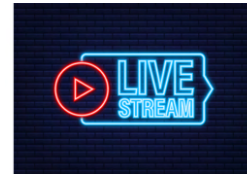


# WORSHIP



## 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.



## 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.

## 2026 Giving Envelopes

2026 Giving Envelopes will be available for pick-up not through December 7 in the South Building.

December 14 and December 21 in the North Building After December 21 in the Administration Building during usual office hours.

If you give online or no longer need physical envelopes, please put one of the stickers, located on the table, on your box of envelopes and leave it on the table.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 28 ONLY

8:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Contemporary	Worship Center
11:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary

8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM SERVICES LIVESTREAMED  
Inspire Kids Club meets at 9:30 am in North Building

Admin Building Office Hours  
Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Closed Dec. 25-26 & Jan. 1-2

## 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](https://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 the "Connect" button (bottom of the Home page) has soooo many options to connect! Check-in, Connect Card, Prayer Request, Eblast Sign-Up, and More!



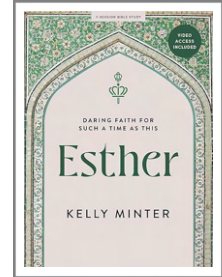




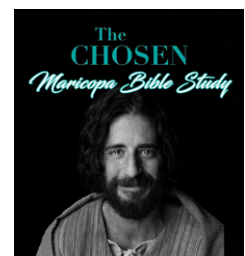
All women are invited to the Women's Ministry Christmas Program! There will be special music, breakfast breads and spreads from Barrio and coffee. Along with a book and jewelry boutique. Cost to attend is two dozen stocking stuffer items for boys and girls ages 8-12. Be sure to RSVP.



*Women's Morning Ministry*  
**NO Meetings from 12/18-1/8**  
**December 11 at 9:00 am off-site.**  
 Join us for an off-site Connect event at Jane's home.  
 RSVP to Annie at [annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org](mailto:annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org) for address and details.



*Women's Evening Ministry*  
**December 2 & 16 at 6:30 pm in the North Building Ignite Room.**  
 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! RSVP to Liane at [lkhenkell@gmail.com](mailto:lkhenkell@gmail.com).



**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.





*Annual Quilt and Bake Sale*  
December 7 from 7:30 -11:30 am  
Between services in the North Building

- Gorgeous, handmade quilts
- Mouth watering baked goods
- Something for everyone!

*All proceeds from the Quilt Sale are used in purchasing supplies such as batting, sewing machines, pins, scissors, thread, etc.*



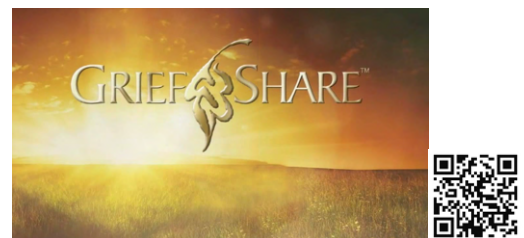
**CHANDLER**  
*Symphony Orchestra*

*Deck the Holidays Concert!*  
December 7 at 3:00 pm in the Worship Center  
*Tickets are available on [chandersymphony.org](http://chandersymphony.org)*

This beloved Holiday Fundraising concert will be a crowd-pleaser this year. CSO will perform all of your holiday favorites. There will be just one concert this year, at 3:00 pm so watch for the start of ticket sales and get yours early! Tickets are only available through CSO's website for \$17.85 each.

## 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.



**GRIEF SHARE**

**Begins Jan. 12 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 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](mailto:lrauch007@icloud.com).

## LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

**Thursdays at 6:00 am in front of the South Building 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](mailto:cmdeuth1@gmail.com).



Just a few pictures of the October Women's Ministry "Week of Hope" gathering for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Over 40 women came together to connect, pray, remember those who've passed and celebrate those who have survived treatment.





## 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](mailto:info@risensavioraz.org) for more information.



## Women's Ministry Facebook Page

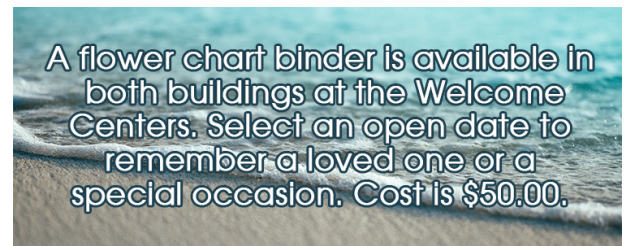
This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. "Like" our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at



## 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](mailto:michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org).

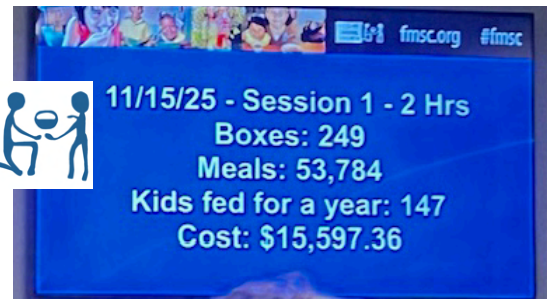


## Baptism at Risen Savior

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.







Last month we held a community event at Feed My Starving Children, which was a huge success! As you can see from the numbers above, OUR 176 volunteers are helping to feed the world one bagged meal at a time! Thank you to all who participated to help make a difference and to feed children and families around the world.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Braille Ministry

NO Meetings 12/23-1/6

**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](http://risensavioraz.org) under the "About Us" tab for more information.



## 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.

# FINANCIALS

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@risensavioraz.org).

LIFE: "The world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God's Word.... especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we cannot force people to believe God's Word and value God's precious gift of life, we "lift up our eyes to the hills" trusting that "our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Ps. 121:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts...through the Gospel of Jesus." [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)







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!

## ALPHA Team Leader Training

**January 6 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](mailto:Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org)



## *Men's Early Bird Bible Study* *December 13 Only This Month*

**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 end 2025 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.



## *Adult Forum*

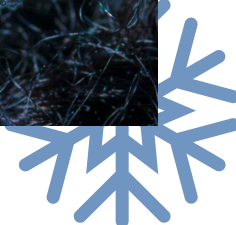
**No Meeting Dec. 14**

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

Adult Forum continues to study the Gospel of Mark. 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.



*Sing to the Lord a  
new song, for he has  
done marvelous  
things: his right  
hand and his holy  
arm have worked  
salvation for him.  
Psalm 98:1*





Carol Bradburn, Amy DeMeritt, Daniel DeMeritt,  
Betty Gast, Darrell Gast, Allen Hank, Sandy Hank,  
Caitlin Hudlin, Jake Hudlin, Robin Jenkins,  
Geri Lakey, Cissy McGraw,  
Vinoth George Washington, Greg Virden,  
Mary Virden and Bemis Eshbaugh



## *Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

**Dec. 11 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.

## *LWML Mission Grant Update: \$100,700*

*Forged by Fire Services* would like to provide laundry service by obtaining a professionally built eight-station laundry trailer with all the supporting equipment. The laundry trailer would be set up in the parking lot at an LCMS church. When offering the service, the LERT trained volunteers have an opportunity to talk to the people about the grace, mercy, and love of Jesus Christ. This grant will provide funds for the purchase of the portable laundry trailer.

## *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](http://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](mailto: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:

**Dec. 7** - Thank God for His PEACE that is in our hearts and souls because of Jesus. Luke 2:4, Psalm 29:11, Romans 5:1

**Dec. 14** - Pray that our hearts be filled with the same JOY that the shepards felt as the angels declared the birth of our Savior. Psalm 100, Luke 15:7, John 15:11

**Dec. 21** - Give thanks to our Almighty God, who because of His perfect LOVE gave the world His one and only Son to be our Savior. John 3:16, Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 31:3

**Dec. 28** - Praise God and give thanks for the HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE of the gift of our Savior, JESUS Christ. Isaiah 9:6, John 3:16, Romans 14:16-17





# YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at [Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org).



**Inspire Kids Club**  
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)  
**NO Mtg 12/28**  
Sundays at 10:30 am in the  
NB Youth Rooms.  
Look for the Sign-in table.

## NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

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



What is the best gift you have ever given someone? What did it cost you? Time? Money? Maybe going without something you wanted or even needed? The best gifts are the ones that require sacrifice on the part of the giver. This month, we will learn that's what makes Jesus the most incredible gift. God gave us His Son, Jesus.



There are a lot of exciting things about Christmas. The most exciting thing is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus! This month, we will learn about how Jesus' birth is part of God's plan to restore what was broken.



**NO Mtgs Dec. 14 & 28**  
**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



This year, we're celebrating the holiday season with a new series called Not Just on Christmas. This series introduces students to the Advent season and the things that the people watching and waiting for Jesus found when He came to Earth. While so many think the Christmas story ends with the birth of Jesus, we want students to see that in reality, this is just the beginning of the hope, peace, joy, and love He brought to the world. These are things we can experience through Jesus not just on Christmas, but throughout the year.



## Join a Conversation!

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



### ALPHA Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has Questions?

Study Begins January 13 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](mailto: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.
- ~Became very close to God.
- ~Thinking deeply about things I haven't thought deeply about in a long time.

## 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](mailto:info@risensavioraz.org)

