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WORSHIP

Join us for
**SUNDAY
 WORSHIP**
Services

TRADITIONAL
8/11:30 AM
 CONTEMPORARY
9:00 & 10:30 AM



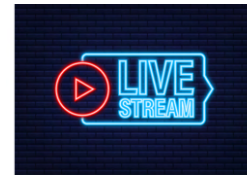

Traditional



Contemporary

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.

**Faith
 & Doubt**



Current Series

Admin Building Office Hours
 Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Closed Nov. 27-28

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.

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- SUNDAY WORSHIP
- LIVESTREAM
- CALENDAR
- CONNECT
- GIVE ONLINE

Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

WHAT'S APP? Our Risen Savior App has many features that you might not be aware of... *Did you know, that the Bible link has sermon series attached that are associated with that verse? Check it out at the bottom of the app home page.*

WORSHIP



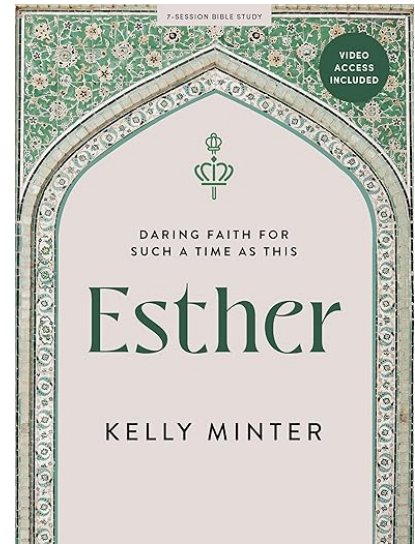
Please join us for one of our two services the eve of Thanksgiving as we give thanks to the one who gave us everything. Feel free to invite your friends and family.

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. Communion will be served at each service and if you are unable to join us in-person, livestream will be available for the 6:30 pm service.



Women's Evening Ministry November 4 & 18 at 6:30 pm in the North Building 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.



Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. We hope you join us if you need extra support this holiday season. Contact Linda Irauch007@icloud.com with any questions, there is no cost to attend.



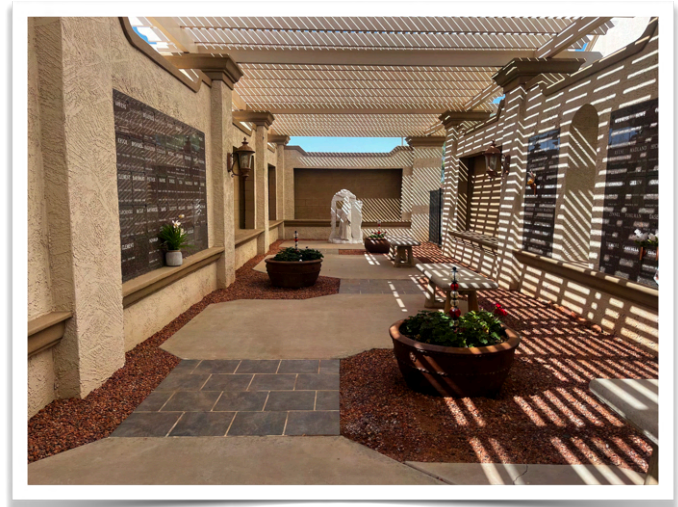
Rummage Sale Thank You!

Huge thank you to each of you who volunteered your time and to those who donated items to this year's Rummage Sale. Thanks to you, we made over \$12,000 for our Fellowship Ministry. These funds support a variety of things needed for RS ministries and local organizations. Just recently, the Fellowship Ministry purchased five new tables for the church.

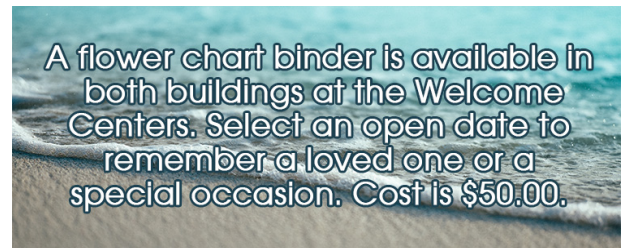
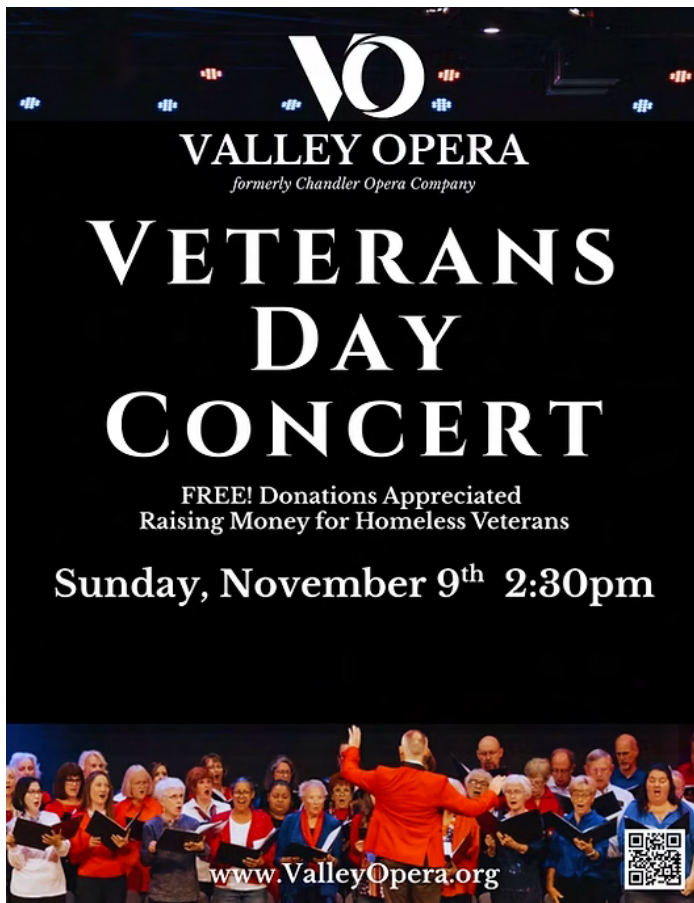


What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

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. You are not required to be a member of Risen Savior to meet with a Stephen Minister. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.



Did You Know We Have a Memorial Garden?
Our Memorial Garden is located behind the South Building (look for the exterior directional signs). It's a beautiful, quiet and calming space to visit loved ones who are 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.



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.

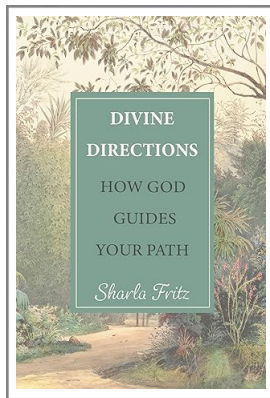
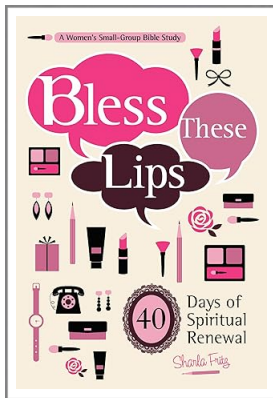


Women's Morning Ministry

No Meeting Nov. 27

Save the Date-Christmas Program Dec. 4!
Thursdays at 9:00 am in the North Building.

Women's Morning Ministry is having two book studies this month. 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.



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.



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

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.

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.



LBW
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

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

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.

A yellow rectangular graphic with a red turkey illustration on the left. The text reads: "Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Drive" in a red cursive font, "Drop-off Frozen Turkeys & Meal Items" in a bold black sans-serif font, "Sunday, November 16" in a bold black sans-serif font, and "7:30 am -12:00 pm" in a bold black sans-serif font. Below the text, it says "Supports:" followed by the AZCEND logo (a green heart with a blue dot) and the Children's First Leadership Academy logo (a tree with hands as leaves).

Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Drive

Drop-off Frozen Turkeys & Meal Items
Sunday, November 16
7:30 am -12:00 pm

Supports:  

12th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Drive

Once again, the Men's and Women's Ministries are partnering up to support AZCEND and Children's First Leadership Academy (CFLA) families. Hundreds of families have already registered with the food bank to request a Thanksgiving meal with AZCEND. These families and families from CFLA that are in need this year, are who we are focused on helping! Let's help to meet the need! Our goal is to raise enough turkeys/meals and donations to feed 325 local families for the holiday.

You can help by bringing a small/medium sized FROZEN turkey, meal items or a check (*any denomination is welcome, recommended \$25 for a turkey or \$50 for a meal*) or use the QR code to donate online. All checks should be payable to Risen Savior with a memo "Turkey Drive".

Meal items can be brought in **starting November 9**, look for donation boxes in all three buildings. All items brought on November 16 can go directly to the food trucks in the parking lot.

Drop off FROZEN turkeys on November 16 only please!



Meal item options:

(Any additional items are welcome to be added to this list)

Canned yams, or sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned corn, canned cranberry sauce, canned cream of mushroom soup, turkey gravy, chicken broth, cake/cookie/brownie mix, container of frosting, box of stuffing, box of mashed potatoes, French fried onions, cornbread mix, frozen turkey

Feel free to donate any amount of the items above for Thanksgiving meals or add your own family favorites! 100% of all donations will go towards AZCEND and CFLA.



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 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.



This year's Operation Christmas Child Campaign final day for box submissions is November 16. Boxes can be picked up/dropped off on Sundays at either building 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.



"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

Monthly and Calendar Year to Date (CYTD) Financial Overview Key Financial Indicators – September 2025

	Sept 2025	Budget	Delta	Sept 2024	Delta
Operating Cash	-145,799	NA	NA	-278,997	133,198
Weekly Tracked Giving*	38,329	34,500	3,829	27,205	11,124
Weekly Loose Plate*	1,223	925	298	1,069	154
Net Income	-27,286	-51,665	24,379	-35,407	8,121

Key Financial Indicators – Jan.-Sept. 2025 vs 2024

	Jan-Sept. 2025	Budget	Delta	Jan-Sept. 2024	Delta
Total Tracked Giving*	1,484,253	1,481,000	3,253	1,310,649	173,604
Total Loose Plate*	73,061	65,700	7,361	67,221	5,840
Preschool Income	1,097,203	1,170,685	-73,482	1,068,408	28,795
Other Income	61,845	66,155	4,310	72,390	-10,545
Total Expenses	2,828,397	2,978,455	-150,058	2,752,663	75,734
Net Income	-112,035	-194,915	82,880	-233,995	121,960



COFA Mission Partner Presentation

November 2 at 9:15 am in the South Building Fellowship Hall.

There will be two representatives from Christian Outreach For Africa (COFA), Michael Martin, Executive Director of COFA and David Hannah, from South Africa making the presentation on the ministry updates in South Africa. We have funded various projects at St. Peter School and the orphanage in Middleburg. Through COFA, Pastor Ron has been part of the teaching team training pastors and evangelist for the past four years. (COFA is one of two international missions supported by Risen Savior).



Men's Early Bird Bible Study

November 8 & 22

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.

LWML Zone 26 Rally

November 1 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Women of Risen Savior are invited to participate in the LWML Zone 26th Fall Celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church, 803 E. Plaza Circle, Litchfield Park, AZ. Liane Henkel (a member of Risen Savior) will be the speaker representing the Garuna Foundation. Cost is \$8.00.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Nov. 13 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.

Mission Grant Update

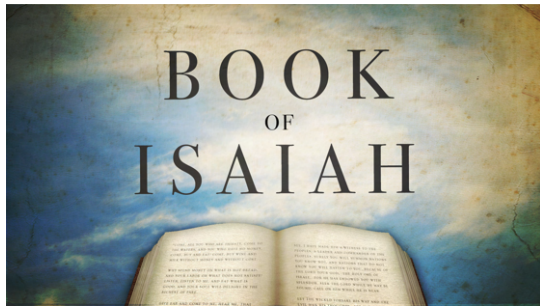
Orphan Grain Train: \$100,000. The Orphan Grain train has shipped many supplies to war-torn Ukraine. They have also given generously to 12 orphanages within the country. There are chaplains, etc. that share the Gospel with the orphanage children. The sole cost for this ministry of mercy is shipping the donated goods to people in need. This grant will cover the cost of shipping seven containers loaded with food, clothing, and medical supplies to the country of Ukraine.

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.



Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah

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

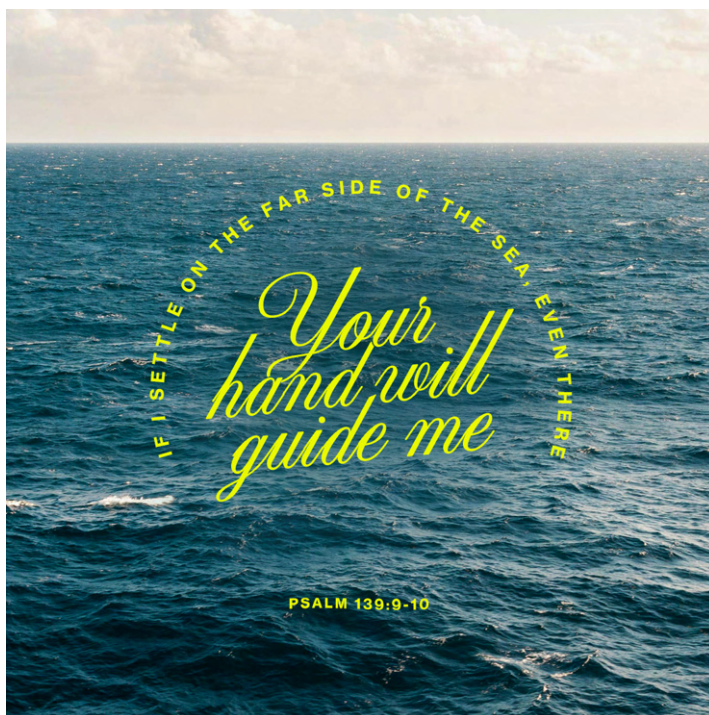
Join us Wednesdays as we read and discuss Scripture for an hour. We just began reading through the book of Isaiah, a book so broad in its scope - from creation to new creation - that some have called it a "miniature Bible"! Outside the Psalms, no other Old Testament book is cited more than Isaiah, so 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.

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!

Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

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

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.



Adult Forum

No Meeting Nov. 2

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.

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.

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!



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:

November 2 - Pray for a faith that doesn't waver and for the courage, as disciples of Christ, to share it. Matthew 17:20, Luke 17:5-6, Romans 10:17

November 9 - Thank you to our Almighty God for His love, healing and protection for our military veterans. Ask God to continue to bless them and their families who have sacrificed for our liberties. Psalm 33:12. Psalm 41:1-3

November 16 - Thank God for the ALPHA Study. As the Holy Spirit leads you, pray that the participants may develop a lasting relationship with Jesus, our Savior, and seek a church family. I Chronicles 16:29, Hebrews 10:23-25, I Peter 4:10

November 23 - Thank and praise God as you count His blessings this Thanksgiving Day-try it. Then use them to bless others. I Peter 4:10, Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 Psalm 100:4, Colossians 3:17

November 30 - Pray that in this season of Advent that our hearts are focused on the birth of our Savior, the source of our HOPE. Romans 5:2,5, Psalm 39:7

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.



There is power in a thankful heart! Consider when a heart focuses on what it does not have, it is discontent and unhappy. But when a heart focuses on being thankful for everything, it is content and joyful. Let's choose a life of joy and give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart!

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



Trying to do something on your own is difficult. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that no matter the situation, when we follow God, we can have confidence that He is with us.



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.

YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION



Ignite (Grades 7-8) Meet Sunday Night at 6pm in the North Building

Impact (Grades 9-12) Meet Sunday Night at 7pm in the North Building



If we really stop and pay attention, it's easy to see how nearly everything and everyone around us has the potential to have an effect on us. And if that's true, then that means middle schoolers have the potential to have an effect on what is happening in their world. From family to classmates to neighbors to social media, they have influence, and what they do with that influence matters. In this series, we'll challenge students to pay attention to the domino effect that their influence has on others and encourage that to be shaped by the effect Jesus wants us to have in the lives of others.



If we really stop and pay attention, it's easy to see how nearly everything and everyone around us has the potential to have an effect on us. And if that's true, then that means your students have the potential to have an effect on the world around them, too. From family to classmates to neighbors to social media, every student in your ministry has an effect on somebody around them. In other words, they have influence, and what they do with that influence matters. In this series, we'll challenge students to pay attention to the "butterfly effect" that they have on others and be encouraged to be shaped by the effect Jesus wants them to have.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 2
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30

November 8
Ignite & Impact serve at Novemberfest!

November 9
No Ignite or Impact
Join us on **November 8**
to serve at Novemberfest!

November 15
Risen Savior Day of Service

November 16
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30

November 23
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30

November 30
No Ignite or Impact - Thanksgiving



Who is Jesus?

This is the most important question we can ask:

Who is Jesus?

In a world in which information is readily available and opinions abound, this fundamental question stands above all other inquiries and considerations.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes Jesus is exactly who He said He is. Along with the ancient Church, we confess that Jesus is true God and true man in one person. He is the Son of God who was crucified and raised from the dead for the salvation of all who trust in Him.

Christ is not Jesus's last name, but identifies Him as the Messiah (Christ is the Greek translation of Messiah), the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises that God saves His people.

This fulfillment and salvation happened in history in real time and in a real place (first century AD in Israel) through a flesh-and-blood person named Jesus.

The Bible is the true and trustworthy Word of God that records God's love for the world through His Son Jesus. The miracles recorded in the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus are true and accurate.

Jesus physically died on a cross and physically rose from the dead in three days. He physically ascended into heaven, and the Church awaits His second coming when He will judge all people.

Those who trust in Jesus as their Savior will rise to eternal life in heaven. Those who deny Jesus and live in their sin will be cast out of His presence to hell.

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