



# RISEN SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2025

### Any Given Sunday

Series Begins Sept. 14

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# WORSHIP

## Begins September 7 *Sunday Worship Schedule*

8:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Contemporary	Worship Center
10:30 am	Contemporary	Worship Center
11:30 am	Traditional	Sanctuary

8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM SERVICES LIVESTREAMED

INSPIRE KIDS CLUB AT 10:30 AM

## *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.



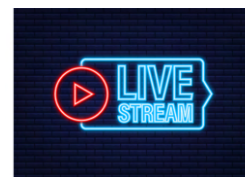
## *Sermon Archive*

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](http://risensavioraz.org), select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our past sermons.

## Admin Building Office Hours

Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



## *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.







**WELCOME PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 7**  
**5:00 PM NORTH BUILDING**

New to Risen Savior?  
 Curious about who we are?  
 Interested in meeting  
 others? Join us for informal  
 conversation and light  
 appetizers. No RSVP needed.

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

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

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

RSVP to [info@risensavioraz.org](mailto:info@risensavioraz.org)





**Novemberfest**  
 Risen Savior's 10th Annual

*Save the Date!*

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


Food • Live Music • Dancing • Entertainment

**★ LABOR DAY ★**



**TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Meets every other week, beginning September 9



6:30 - 8:00, Ignite Room (North Building)

DISCOVER HOW GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK, FAITHFUL TO FULFILL HIS PROMISES!

Join us every other week as we begin a new study on 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 7-week study by Kelly Minter is available for purchase on Amazon. RSVP to Liane at [lkhenkell@gmail.com](mailto:lkhenkell@gmail.com).

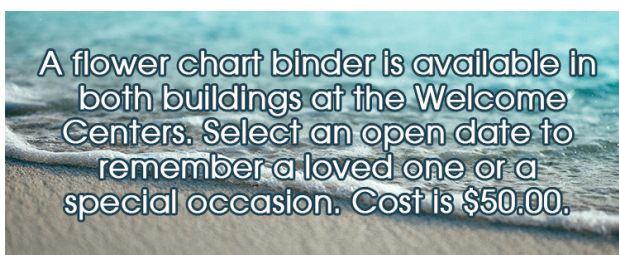


## Fridays at 9:30 am in the SB Psalms Conf. Room.

This GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. During this 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. Contact Linda with any questions at [lrauch007@icloud.com](mailto:lrauch007@icloud.com).

## 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](mailto:visits@risensavioraz.org). Be sure to include the facility and contact number.



## REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT

\* 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). 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](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## 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](mailto:cmdeuth1@gmail.com).



## What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is part of Risen Savior's ministries that is offered to church members and others to provide high quality, one-to-one, Christ centered care to people experiencing life difficulties. If you are struggling with a life issue, please contact the Admin Office to discuss help through Stephen Ministry. More info on page 8.

Joan invites you to join her for a  
2-part interactive Women's Bible Study:

### "It's a Wonderful (Imperfect) Life"

**Do you ever try too hard to make it "just right", especially in your relationships with others, yourself, and God?**

**It can be EXHAUSTING!**

- ✓ Discover the difference between over-trying to do it all just right and partnering with God for excellence.
- ✓ Balancing Self-Care with Other-Care.
- ✓ Resting in the joy that you don't have to fix it all including the people you love most.

Facilitated by

Joan C. Webb

Author, Life Coach,  
and Spiritual Director



 **Thursday, September 18th**  
**Thursday, September 25th**

 **9:00-11:00am**

 **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**  
**23620 S. Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ**  
**North Building**

 **[anniewolfchandler@gmail.com](mailto:anniewolfchandler@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.







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

You might think that there would be few people who would want a quilt during this time of the year, but we are delivering quilts each month to very deserving organizations. There is always a need for a bed covering or a comfort laptop. Along with giving quilts, we have been including a kit of hygiene products for women. The quilting group collects hygiene items until we have enough for 20 or so bags before we deliver them. If you have extra items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, lip gloss, deodorant, hand sanitizer, bars of soap, etc. we would gladly accept them! We pack them in "make-up" bags for delivery. Items can be left in the Ministry Donations cabinet (south building hallway or North Building near the Kitchen) or stop by and see us on Wednesdays! We would love to have you visit! We assemble quilts, sew edges, pin, trim, and cut. We do all this with a healthy addition of conversation and sharing. 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.



**ANNUAL RUMMAGE** **SALE**  
**Friday & Saturday**  
**Oct. 17 & 18 7 am-12 pm**

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

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



## **Hooks and Needles Ministry**

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

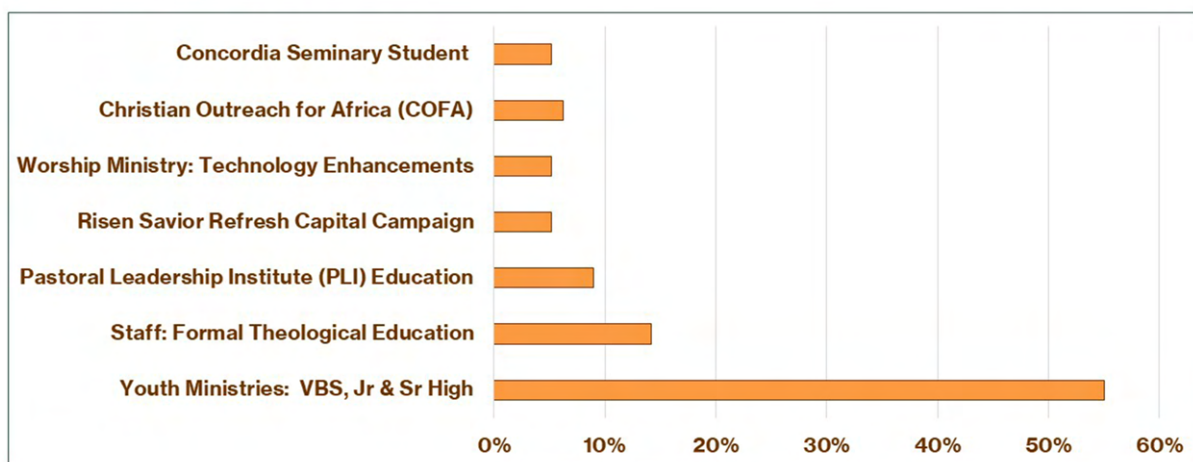
This group meets weekly, and all are welcome. We knit and crochet blankets that we donate to the homeless and Hospice. If you would prefer to work at home, patterns and instructions are available in a drawer under the bed in the First Aid room in the North Building. If you need yarn, or have any questions,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

# FINANCIALS

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



## All Grant Allocation through July 2025



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” “RSLCS Foundation” tab for more information.

### Ways to Give:

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

*Thank you for  
your generosity!*





## *His Story, Our Story*

**Begins October 9 at 7:00 pm in the NB.**

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

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

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

## ADULT FORUM

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

A study of the Gospel of Mark begins the first Sunday in September. Under the theme "Who Is Jesus?", Pastor Ken will lead the class through the Gospel studying it as a three-act play. All adults are invited to learn about this interesting Gospel. All adults are welcome!

**LIFE:** *"The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Ps.100:3). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to pray about preventing the death of sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide."* [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## *Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

Sept. 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.

## 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.



## Men's Early Bird Bible Study

**September 13 & 27**

**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.





Are you going through a difficult time?

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

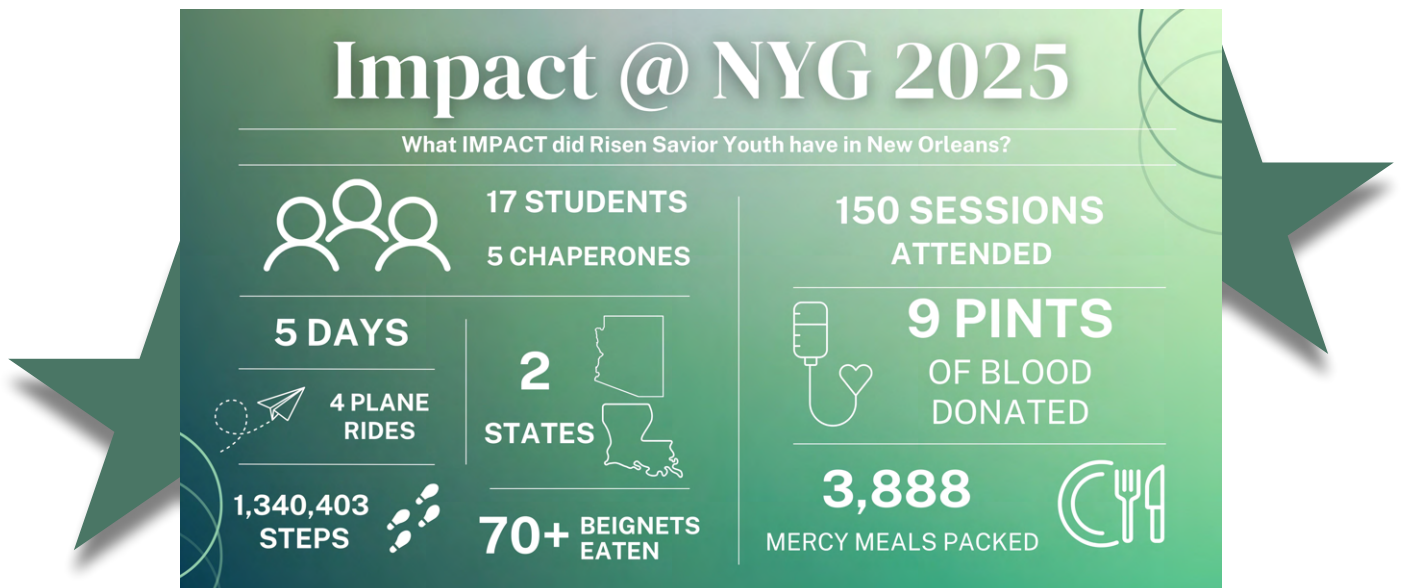
A Stephen Minister may be the answer.

Contact the Church Office for more information 480.895.6782









## Stephen Ministry Training Begins September 16 at 1:30-4:00 pm in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

What Is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised laypeople, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you are interested in training to become a Stephen Minister, contact Laura at 610.762.6488 or [lkvadoc@hotmail.com](mailto:lkvadoc@hotmail.com) or Bob Torres at 858.735.1058 or [btorres51@att.net](mailto:btorres51@att.net). The training is 20 weeks in duration.



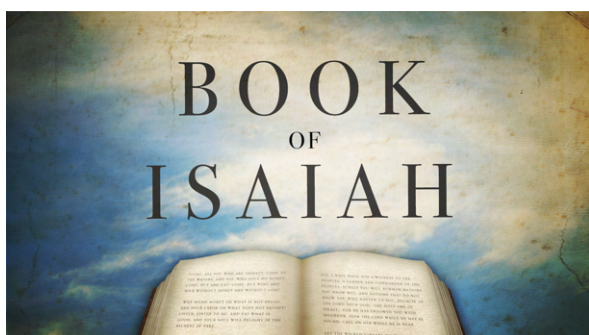
## Impact @ NYG 2025

What IMPACT did Risen Savior Youth have in New Orleans?

	<b>17 STUDENTS</b> <b>5 CHAPERONES</b>	<b>150 SESSIONS</b> <b>ATTENDED</b>
<b>5 DAYS</b>	<b>2 STATES</b> 	 <b>9 PINTS</b> <b>OF BLOOD DONATED</b>
 <b>4 PLANE RIDES</b>	<b>1,340,403 STEPS</b> 	<b>3,888</b>  <b>MERCY MEALS PACKED</b>
	<b>70+ BEIGNETS EATEN</b>	

## NEW Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah

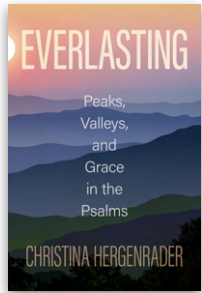
**Begins September 10 at 5:00 pm in the SB Fellowship Hall.** Join us Wednesdays as we read and discuss Scripture for an hour. This Fall we will begin reading through the book of Isaiah, a book so broad in its scope - from creation to new creation - that some have called it a "miniature Bible"! Outside 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. In order to be prepared, please let Barry know [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com) if you plan to attend. (And if you forget, come anyway!)





## Women's Ministry Fall Studies

Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in  
the North Building.



**Book Study:** Join us as we continue our study on "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." RSVP to [Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org).

## NEW Sunday Bible Study:

### I Corinthians: Godly Solutions for Church Problems

Sept. 7 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 new 13-session study, we will study the advice Paul gave the Corinthian church. A 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 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 joining us, please contact Barry at [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com) for materials.

## Prayer Warriors Prayer Focus

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

If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at [mandjscott@cox.net](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:

**Sept. 7** - Pray that the Lord would lead those who have questions about their faith to attend the ALPHA Study. James 1:5

**Sept. 14** - Offer praise and thanksgiving for the presence of Pastor Ken (Rev. Kenneth Hennings) and his wife Valerie among us. Pray that their ministry will enhance our worship and strengthen our passion to follow our Lord with confidence. John 15:16a, II Thessalonians 2:13-14

**Sept. 21** - Pray that the Holy Spirit will create a hunger in each of us to spend time in God's Word. Isaiah 55:10-11, I Peter 1:24b-25a

**Sept. 28** - Pray for all Christian missionaries who bring the Gospel to people still living in darkness. Ask God to protect them and open the door for them to reach these souls. Matthew 28:18-20



Whatever is true,  
whatever is noble,  
whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable —  
if anything is excellent or  
praiseworthy — think about  
such things

Philippians 4:8

## Youth & Teen Information

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



God made me. God loves me. And God has plans for me. That is the foundation we want to begin to construct and create for our preschoolers this month. We want them to grow up knowing God has plans for them that include good things for them to do. We want them to know they can trust God's plans and that His plans are always best. And just like we can wait for birthdays and Christmas, we can wait on God's plans too!



### Inspire Kids Club (Ages 3 yrs- Grade 6)

Sundays at 10:30  
am in the NB  
Youth Rooms.

Look for the Sign-  
in table.



As we continue to follow the journey of God's people, we discover that Moses wasn't ready for his leading role; that Joshua and Caleb had to go against the flow; that Rahab put everything on the line for the sake of a God worshiped by her enemies; and that Ruth set aside the safety of home to forge into the unknown. God's people were on the move, but every new step was an act of courage. While our kids aren't facing down an Egyptian ruler or setting off for new lands, they still need courage to do difficult things every single day. From speaking up in class to starting a conversation with a new kid to facing a doctor visit, kids need the help of God's Holy Spirit.

When kids choose to rely on God's help to do something hard, even when they're afraid, others can see God at work—and on the move.

### 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.





## Confirmation Sunday is Almost Here!



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

Confirmation Books Due: Sunday, October 5 at or before the 10:30 am service.

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

Email your confirmation info to [aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org](mailto:aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org) by the same date.

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

**DODGEBALL**  
*tournament*  
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 7**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
1035 E GUADALUPE RD  
TEMPE, AZ 85283  
**IGNITE & IMPACT**  
Register with Jill at  
[Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org)

### IMPORTANT FALL DATES

**Dodgeball @ Gethsemane**  
On September 7, we will be meeting at Gethsemane for Dodgeball night from 6 - 7:30pm.  
Registration is required, so please register by emailing Jill at [jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org](mailto:jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org).  
If you need help with transportation to and from Gethsemane, please let Jill know.

**Fall Family Worship Night**  
October 12, 4-7pm  
All generations are welcome to a night of worship and fun at Risen Savior in the North Building.

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

**Novemberfest**  
November 8 is Novemberfest!  
We need students to help set up, clean up and serve as a part of this community event! Sign-ups will be available in Ignite & Impact soon.

More Info



Sign-Up

## 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](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.

### **ALPHA is looking for leaders!**

Do you like to help lead others? We need leaders for our next session of Alpha starting in September.

Join us at our informational leadership meeting:

September 3, 6:00 pm, North Building



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



### **NEXGEN IS LOOKING FOR**

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

If you are interested in working with kids at Risen Savior and would like to learn more about what is involved, contact Jill

[Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org)

We would love to have you as a part of our team!



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