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Worshiping

A Very Different Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is going to be a bit different this year. February 14, 2018 is not only Valentine's Day, but also on the Christian Church calendar, it is Ash Wednesday!

Valentine's Day is typically a day when you tell the special people in your life how much you love them. For those who have a special someone, it is a day to give them flowers, candy or some other token of affection.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season Lent, the six weeks that lead up to Easter. It is generally a time when we reflect on our lives and more specifically, the way we have messed up and how much we need forgiveness. Many Christians will have ashes put on their foreheads with the saying *"From dust you came, to dust you shall return."* The idea is to prepare us for the great news of God's love in the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus and the forgiveness He won for us. We are indeed mortal, but because of Jesus we will spend an eternity with Him in heaven.

Now do you see the dilemma? How does one approach Valentine's Day when it is also Ash Wednesday? And how do you approach Ash Wednesday when it is also Valentine's Day? This could get very confusing. I can imagine a young man out on a Valentine's date with that special someone. She leans in for a kiss and he affectionately puts ashes on her forehead. This would not bode well for the rest of the evening. Then there is the pastor who has the members of his congregation approach him reverently at the altar in the Sanctuary and in a very solemn moment he reaches out and gives them a rose and a box of candy.

How do you meld together a celebration of love with the beginning of Lent? Very well I think. While Valentine's Day is more focused on romantic love, it is still focused on individuals who deeply care for one another. The season of Lent is a time for us to realize just how deeply loved and cared for we really are. A couple of passages from the Bible come to mind;

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"(Jesus said) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends... I have called you friends..." (John 15:13,15)

Jesus didn't give us flowers and candy, but instead gave up His life for us. Giving us back to our Father in heaven. Giving us the ability to truly love one another. What a great way to celebrate Ash Wednesday - focusing on His love. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day, loving one another as Jesus has loved us!

Pastor Ron

Worship Services



Communion is given at ALL 11:30 am services each week.
Communion is given at ALL services on the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. It is a day to remember that from the dust of the earth we came and to dust we will return, until we are resurrected on the last day when Christ returns. We will have Worship services at **12:30 pm** and **6:30 pm** that will feature the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Service Schedule

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| Lenten Service | February 14 th | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Lenten Service | February 21 st | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Lenten Service | February 28 th | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Lenten Service | March 7 th | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Lenten Service | March 14 th | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Lenten Service | March 21 st | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Palm Sunday | March 25 th | 7:30 am/*11:30 am 8:50 am/10:10 am |
| Maundy Thursday | March 29 th | *12:30 pm/*6:30 pm |
| Good Friday | March 30 th | 12:30 pm/6:30 pm |
| Easter Sunday | April 1 st | *6:00 am *7:30 am/*11:30 am *8:50 am/*10:10 am |

*Holy Communion Served

Lenten Dinners

5:00 pm Lenten Dinners served by our ministry groups.

Come join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before the Lenten evening Service. There is no cost to attend and no sign-up required, asking for a good will offering.

February 14th – The Perfect Place, lasagna or spaghetti with meatballs

February 21st – Men's Group, soup and chili

February 28th – Risen Savior staff, smoked ribs or grilled chicken

March 7th – Open/pending

March 14th – Grace Girls

March 21st – Early Learning Center

Fellowship

Sunday Morning - Join us for coffee and donuts in-between services on the patio. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and to sign-up to serve.

New Members

The next New Members Class starts **Tuesday, March 6th, from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the TPC South Conference Room, running weekly through April 10th**. If you're interested in getting connected and finding out more about who we are at Risen Savior and joining our church, please call the church office at **480.895.6782** or email **news@rslcs.org**.

Dave Anderson & Roger Walck



In Concert at Risen Savior

Sunday, February 18

3:00 pm

in our Sanctuary

A concert of gospel, hymns,
praise & worship, and
storytelling.

A free-will offering
will be taken to support
Shepherd's Canyon
Retreat Center

Children and Youth Information

Our Nursery is available at all services for **children ages 0-3 years old**; turn left when coming through the main front doors and follow the signs. *For the safety of all our kids, please sign your children in and out.*

Families are learning about Jesus and growing in their love for Him!

Children, Youth and parents are invited to the education hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00 am. We encourage families to worship together at either the 8:50 am or 11:30 am service.

- Children age 3 through Grade 5 go to **JAM! Sunday School**
- Youth Grades 6-8 participate in **Ignite Confirmation**
- Youth Grades 9-12 go to the **High School Bible Study**
- Parents are invited to join the **Book Club**



JAM! Sunday School

- Every lesson points to Jesus
- Highly interactive lessons come fully loaded with hands-on activities, video, music and discussion in both small and large groups
- Curriculum covers the entire Bible—Genesis to Revelation

Come join in the fun on Sunday mornings at **10:10 am** as we learn about Jesus and know Him personally. All children Age 3 - Grade 5 are welcome. Check in near the Sanctuary, meet in second floor classrooms.

Ignite Confirmation

Ignite is where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. It sparks discovery, conversation, friendship and bible engagement. Ignite is a step in a lifelong walk with God.

We want to know Jesus more fully and love Him more deeply.



Youth meet Sunday mornings from **10:00 am - 11:20 am** for the following studies:

- Old Testament, Grade 6 in The Perfect Place
- New Testament, Grade 7 in The Ignite Room located in the Modular Building
- Lutheran History & The Catechism, in the Youth Room located in the Modular Building

Ignite Confirmation Continued...

Save the Dates!

World Religions Retreat

All youth and their parents are welcome to join us for the World Religions Retreat on **February 10th** from **9:00 am – 2:00 pm** in TPC North Conference Room.

Youth will gain awareness and understanding of the five major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Guest speakers will provide a brief overview of their religion along with a discussion of shared values and commonalities among their religions.

In addition, students will learn the significance of the Great Commission from missionaries as they share their life journey spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lunch will be provided. There is no fee to attend.

Sacraments Retreat

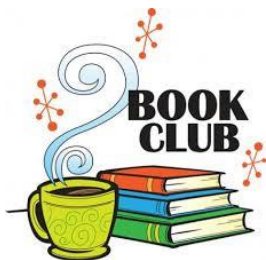
Youth learn about the Sacraments in preparation to receive their First Communion. The Sacraments Retreat will be held at Risen Savior from **9:00 am - 2:00 pm** on **Saturday, February 24th**. First Communion will be received on **Maundy Thursday, March 29th**.

High School Bible Study



All over the place right now, there are people who need you. Discover how much God loves you and cares about you! His good and perfect Word applies to your life today. Join Craig and Beth Dunning for Max Lucado's series **"Made to Make a Difference"**.

Sunday mornings at **10:10 am** in The Pathway Center.



Understand God more deeply while experiencing His power and presence in your daily life. Together we will explore the nature of God and gain new insights into His character.

Our first book will be *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer. Informative and inspiring, *The Knowledge of the Holy* illuminates God's attributes--from wisdom, to grace, to mercy--and shows how we can more fully recognize and appreciate each of His divine aspects.

Join us for lively discussion in our new book club. It will be a great time getting to know one another and strengthening the bond we share in Christ. Book Club meets **Sunday mornings from 10:00 am - 11:10 am** in The Pathway Center.

Note that *The Knowledge of the Holy* is available in paperback, as a pdf file and audio.

ALSO

If you pay Arizona state tax, you can redirect your tax dollars to create scholarships. You can help a child receive a Christian education and get your money back as a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state taxes. Since 2002, ALSO has given millions in tuition scholarships made possible by tax credit donations.



Providing scholarships through tax credit donations. Learn more at ALSOsto.org

Director of Family Ministry Update (DCE)

The Staffing Committee did not meet during the month of December due to the busyness of that time of year and the demands it would place on any candidate. The committee began meeting again last month and have interviewed two more top candidates for consideration. They are also still interested in one of the previous fall candidates. Once the list has been narrowed to one or two final choices, we will invite them to visit our church to get to know the ministry and the staff. Our goal is to be ready to issue a call sometime this month. Please be praying for the future DCE of Risen Savior during this time.

Group Bible Studies

Adult Forum - Led by Pastor Teuscher

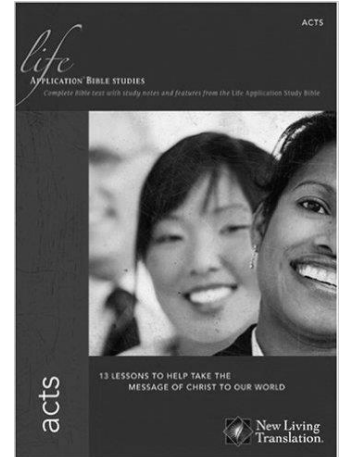
This month we will continue our study of Christian denominations in America from a Lutheran perspective using a course entitled “*One Christ – Many Creeds.*” This course is about what Lutherans believe and why they believe it. To assist us, we will look at the major American denominations and see how they differ with us on the basis of the Bible. We all want to be totally assured that when we die, we will go directly to heaven. The certainty of salvation comes only from God who sent His only Son into our world to pay for our sins. Let’s make sure we have this straight. This study will assure you that our teachings are taken directly from the Scriptures. Join us each **Sunday at 8:40 am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, call Pastor Teuscher at **520.316.0514**.

Men’s Early Bird Bible Study

The Men’s Early Bird Saturday Gathering will continue **Saturday, February 10th and 24th**, in The Pathway Center. Come early for coffee and donuts at **7:15 am** with discussion and Bible study from **7:30 am to 8:30 am**. This group meets the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month. If you have questions, contact Chuck Deuth at **480.766.3626**.

Group Bible Studies Continued...

Led by Barry Ritchie, these classes will help you better apply the teachings of the New Testament to your life, work, and relationships. Using the *Life Application Bible Study Series method*, each of these 13-week classes will lead us through an important part of the New Testament. Copies of the study guide for each class will be available for purchase (\$6.00). The study guide includes our weekly lessons, the entire text of the Bible book (s) we'll study, as well as that book's *Life Application Bible Commentary* (including illuminating notes, application hints, maps, tables, personal sketches, and more). As previous attendees will tell you, you will find these classes fascinating, enjoyable, and enriching. We'll meet **Sunday mornings in the Conference Room.**



8:50 am: *The Acts of the Apostles.* The Acts of the Apostles (“Acts”) provides the only detailed history of the early years of the church found in the Bible. Covering the thirty years after Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts provides an incredible look at life in the 1st century as Peter, Paul, and the first Christians spread the Good News about Christ throughout the Roman Empire. We will read about the events that sent this message from Jerusalem to “the ends of the earth”, a message that compelled the first Christians to sacrifice everything for that faith... and compels us to act, as well. This class will lead us through the entire book of Acts to help us better understand our faith and our history, and to inspire us to greater devotion to Jesus and His church.

10:10 am: *The Letters of Peter.* Besieged on all sides, the early disciples faced threats from the Roman Empire and from those who would twist the story of Christ into a pagan form. Followers of Christ could easily have been defeated or diverted. A distinct minority in a pagan society, they could have capitulated to their culture. But, challenged by God through these holy writers and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they stood fast, even unto death. In a time when the surrounding culture presses the church for compromise, these letters will inspire and challenge us to be bold in our proclamation.

If you're interested in attending, please let Barry Ritchie know of your interest by sending an email to britchie11@juno.com or by phoning him at **480.839.1382**.

The Lutheran Hour

The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer and the Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus are the interim speakers for The Lutheran Hour. Please pray for the search of a new Lutheran Hour Speaker. The Lutheran Hour brings: “*Christ to the nations; and, the nations to the Church.*” Please find the Lutheran Hour at lhm.org; Scroll down on the website to “This week on TLH” then scroll a little further to “Listen Now” and enjoy the daily devotions and the actual broadcast each week.

Women's Ministries

Grace Girls

Circle of Healing (COH) provides services and resources to homeless or low income at risk youth (K-12th grade), parents and elderly. COH services include education, violence/drug prevention education, cultural awareness, and positive character development, through crisis intervention, guidance, instruction, positive activities, and mentoring. The Grace Girls at Risen Savior along with the RS staff, RS fellowship team, RS Men's Group, anonymous members, their families and friends are the only active servants giving directly into this ministry at this time. Thank You for continuing to provide goods and gifts!



Grace Girls Mission for February is: Scarves and Gloves

Grace Girls February Meeting Dates:

- **Thursday, February 8th and 22nd, 8:45 am – 11:00 am** in The Perfect Place with Dawn Hopkins
- **Tuesday, February 13th and 27th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm** in The Pathway Center with Ruth Ann Endicott

Join us for fellowship and prayer. RSVP to gracegirls@rslcs.org or call/text Annie Wolf at 480.203.1880.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Membership in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League consists of women who are communicant members of the LCMS congregations and who participate by promoting the LWML programs. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Christian fellowship with other women of Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

The next LWML meeting will be **February 8th at 1:00 - 3:00 pm** in the North Conference Room of The Pathway Center.

February Mission: The Orphan Grain Train and the District LWML are sponsoring the 6th Undie Sunday as a Gifts from the Heart Ingathering. Please bring **NEW** undies for boys/girls and women/men to church on **Sunday, February 11th**. These will be given to needy people in the Pacific Southwest District and the Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.

Spring Valentine Luncheon: "LOVE Beyond Measure" will be on **Saturday, February 17th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Vicar Brian Muldowney will speak about "La MESA," a ministry to the homeless which, is sponsored by Christ Greenfield Lutheran Church. **Tickets are \$20.00 and will be for sale outside by the Fellowship Hall TODAY and next Sunday, February 11th or RSVP to Carol at 480.510.2456.** The Mission Aviation Fellowship will also be a recipient of the luncheon proceeds.



Risen Savior Choirs

Risen Savior adult choir rehearses at **7:00 pm on Thursdays** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Questions? Contact Bill Bade at wlb7939@gmail.com.

Risen Savior Hand bell Choir rehearses at **5:45 pm on Thursdays** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. We are in need of substitute bell ringers. If interested, please email Carla Robertson at organist@rslcs.org.

Youth Hand Chime Choir is looking for new members; 5th and 12th grade. Rehearsals are **Thursdays, 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm** in the Sanctuary Choir Loft. Contact Carla with questions, organist@rslcs.org.

Caring Ministries Team

Seniors, if you are looking for information regarding transitioning into Independent or Assisted Living, contact PACE (People, Access, Community, Education) at **480.246.3515**. They will help you make informed decisions and their housing directory will help you narrow your options and make the process easier. You can also find them on the internet at www.seniorhousing.org.

Blood Pressure Screenings are on the **2nd Sunday** of the month in the Church hallway. Our next meeting will be in the Church Conference room on **February 13th**. If you are interested in serving on the Caring Ministries Committee (*you do not have to be in the medical profession*), please contact: Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

If you or someone you know would like to notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number. For prayer submissions to the News & Notes weekly prayer partners, please email prayers@rslcs.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit or crochet and wish to be a part of the team that knits or crochets these shawls, please contact Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.

These shawls are given to shut-ins, someone grieving a loss, hospitalized, etc. If you know of someone, please contact Pastor Mark. Enclosed with each shawl is this lovely prayer.

*This shawl was created especially for you
With love and prayers,
May God who formed your being,
Who knit you together in your mother's womb,
Who gave you the breath of life,
Renew you this day and give you hope
To sustain you.
May this prayer shawl be a sign of Christ's
Healing presence.
May it warm you when you are weary:
May it surround you with comfort to ease
Your suffering;
May it encircle you with caring when you
Are in pain.
Wear this prayer shawl and remember
Jesus loves you.
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
Care Committee*

Prayer Warriors

The Prayer Warriors will be meeting weekly on **Thursdays at 9:00 am** in The Pathway Center where they pray for everyone on our prayer list. They would also like to send cards to those in the military and on missions, so if you have an address for them, please include it when completing your prayer request or send it to prayerwarriors@rslcs.org. Anyone can join this group and there is no cost to attend.

Altar Guild

If you would like to serve on Altar Guild and have questions, please contact Linda at 480.993.6083 or Joan 602.405.8910.



Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Missions workers meet every **Tuesday at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kay at 480.838.4552 or kwellik@cox.net.

Sunday Volunteer Sign-up Process



Our Sunday morning volunteer positions are scheduled through Planning Center. **We are using a tool in Planning Center called “Sign-up-Sheets”.** Rather than the office scheduling, **now you will be able to choose which Sundays/services you’d like to serve.**

At the beginning of each month you will receive an email asking you to select which Sundays you would like to serve. These dates will be saved in your Planning Center account and you’ll receive reminder emails as the date approaches.

We know that some of our married couples use Planning Center share the same email address. If you do, here’s what we need ONE of you to do: (One of you may keep your current password, but the other needs to create a new one). Enter the link to get to the sign-in page of Planning Center at <https://accounts.planningcenteronline.com>. Type in your email address and click the checkmark button. **Remember, if you share an email address with another Planning Center user, you must keep track of which account you’re accessing when you are signing up or making changes to your schedule.**

Another hint: any time you’re in Planning Center you can identify the account by looking at the top right of your browser window. Please call Susan Myres with questions at **480.895.6782**.

The Perfect Place



The Perfect Place is a recreational adult day care facility located in Sun Lakes, AZ. We provide a safe, structured environment for social activities for seniors facing memory challenges, thereby enabling their caregivers an opportunity for respite. The staff and dedicated team of volunteers recognize caregiver challenges and the needs of their loved ones. Most of them have had a loved one for whom they were the caregiver.

We have much to explore and to celebrate this month! Throughout the month we will be exploring Family Folklore by sharing stories from childhood and family traditions. We will celebrate President's Day and February 11th is National Inventors Day. We will be playing some games revolving around when things were invented.... did you know the trampoline was invented in 1934? The week of February 12th we will celebrate Valentine's Day at each of our sessions and have fun making valentines and cards for loved ones. (February 16th is National Caregivers Day. If you know a caregiver let them know how special and appreciated they are.) These are just a few of the fun things we will be doing this month. We are always looking for volunteers to join the fun! If you are a person who enjoys playing games and interacting with others this might be the perfect place for you to serve.

Realizing the challenges these caregivers face, the staff took on the project of writing a book focusing on the caregivers' journeys with their loved ones faced with dementia and other cognitive and neurological diseases. We are excited to have completed this project and have made it available to the community! "*The Perfect Place: Where Hope Lives, Love Reigns, and All Are Accepted*" provides an honest look at the challenges caregivers face when caring for someone with dementia. Copies of this book may be purchased by calling The Perfect Place office or by going to our website: **www.theperfectplacebook.org**.

If you believe your family or a caregiver you know would benefit from our program, you can contact The Perfect Place office at 480.895.2892 or email us at **theperfectplace85248@gmail.com** and our staff would be happy to talk with you.

9:00 am – noon Mon, Fri – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, (All Day Options).

Missions

Piece Maker Quilters

Last December, 30 quilts and 25 hats were delivered to Phoenix Rescue Mission. The Phoenix Rescue Mission is a place of hope, healing and new beginnings for men, women, and children in our community struggling with homelessness, addiction, and trauma. Their mission statement: *Providing Christ-centered, life-transforming solutions to persons facing hunger and homelessness.*

Also last December, 12 baby quilts, 100 hats, 4 bibs and 10 bears were delivered to Child Crisis Arizona. They have been helping families for 40 years. Child Crisis Arizona provides emergency shelter, foster care, adoption, counseling, early education, home visitation and parenting support services to Arizona's most vulnerable children and families. Their mission is to provide children with a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong, successful families.

Last month, 6 quilts were given to The Salvation Army.

If you have any questions or interest about our group, please stop by on **Wednesday** afternoon between **1:00 pm and 4:00 pm**. You may also contact Sandra at **480.207.6177** or Barb at **480.814.8441**.

LCEF



Align Your Investments with Your Personal Values

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) empowers ministries to share the Gospel and build God's kingdom through Word and deed. An investment with LCEF puts your blessings from God to work for ministries, supporting what you value most. Making disciples is something we all can share through the LCEF ministry. There are a variety of LCEF investments to suit your needs. Find more at **lcef.org** or call **800.843.5233**.

Active Duty Military Personnel

We would like to acknowledge and pray for all active duty military personnel associated with RSLCS. Please contact us on the prayer request line **prayers@rslcs.org**, on a pew card or by phone with their names. Cards will be sent if you include an address. First names are now posted in the display case outside to the left of the Narthex.

The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

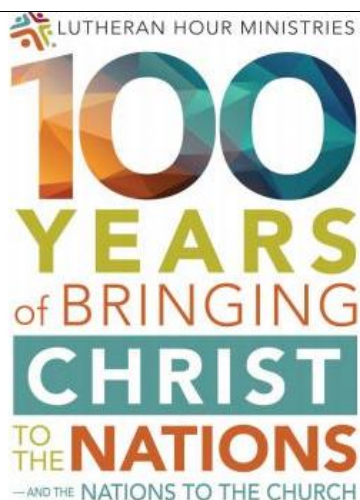
Chandler Salvation Army Support

The food drop-off for the Chandler Salvation Army is the **first Sunday** of each month. Please bring your non-perishables to the cabinet located in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall. The donation box for clothing and small household goods for the Salvation Army is located in the northwest corner of the church parking lot.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest



Showing kindness, doing justice and serving those in need, we are located statewide and serve 10 counties across Arizona. Arizona non-profits do many things well that make this state a better place to live but we do this with the support of many partners. You are the rock stars. Thanks for creating the kind of community God envisions for Arizona. To learn more about the work of LSS-SW, please visit their website and subscribe to their e-newsletter, www.lss-sw.org.



2018 Lutheran Hour Ministries Grand Canyon District Rally

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

Join us for a fun-filled and informative
day of activity.



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| 8:00am – 8:45am | Registration & Breakfast |
| 9:00am | Welcome |
| 9:15am | Paraguay Presentation |
| 9:30am | Presentation from J. Lampe from the Bible Museum |
| 10:45am | Musical Concert with International Emmy Award winning Musician – Dr. Jesse McGuire |
| 12:15pm | Lunch |

To register/RSVP
Sharon Kolanowski
kolanosm@q.com
1-785-366-6701

Event to be held at:



14802 N. 75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381

Miscellaneous

Annual Church Picnic

Join us at Tumbleweed Park on **Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** for hot dogs, hamburgers and fun for all ages! There will be a bounce house, face painting, balloon creations, and more! You can find us at the McDowell Pavilion, use the Germann Rd. entrance and look for our signs.

St. Olaf Choir 2018 Winter Tour

Sunday, February 11th, 3:00 pm at the Camelback Bible Church, Paradise Valley, AZ.

Explore Arizona Weekend



The weekend of **March 9-11** includes 2 nights stay in a cabin, 4 meals, marshmallows by the fire and a 4-hour train ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad! Enjoy refreshments on the train while it rides through a Bald Eagle Preserve. Weekend package costs: Kids \$90.00, Adults \$130.00, First Class \$155.00 (includes special amenities on the train). **Contact Samantha at 480.703.6682** to register or for more information.

Free Community Center Activities

Open to the public and directly across Alma School from RSLC is the Optum Care Community Center, offering special senior classes by certified instructors. Four broad areas targeting Emotional, Social, Intellectual, and Physical needs include events and instruction opportunities weekdays on a drop-in or reservation basis. Find yourself involved in intriguing titles/subjects such as: BRAINSAVERS, FITNESS WORKSHOP, STRESS MANAGEMENT, MEDICARE 101, HEALTHY MINDS, MOVIE DAY, LIFE BIO, NUTRITION, ARTS & CRAFTS, YOGO, ZUMBA, TAI CHI, and more. Location: 985 W. Chandler Heights Rd, #12, **602.735.0006**, open **8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday**. No fees or membership costs. Stop in for a tour or more information.

Baptisms

For information about you or a child being baptized please contact the church office.

Calling All Solos

Solos is a group of singles that meet for activities each month.

The next Game Night is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10th** at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This month, it is the A-K's turn to bring snacks. Some of the games played are Yahtzee, Mexican Train, Skip Bo and Hand/Foot. Please know that all singles from the church and community are welcome to attend. So feel free to bring a game, a friend or both!



BUILDING UPDATE



The building committee will have met a total of five times by the end of this month to work through the current and future needs of our ministry. The committee members and architect have been examining various details of this project such as; better traffic flow for the parking lot, how to connect the new north property with the current south property, a second worship center, classrooms, and more. By Easter, the committee plans to have a progress update to present to the congregation.

We will continue to send out regular updates, to keep all of you well informed of the progress that is being made at your home church. Stay tuned...

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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The following is a summary of financial activity for Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If you would like more detailed reports, please contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org.

Did you know?

It's not too late. You can help a child receive a Christian Education at no cost to you. You can redirect your state taxes to create scholarships. Please visit the **Arizona Lutheran Scholarship Organization** at www.ALSOsto.org for more details or contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at mellos@rslcs.org. Please make sure to list **Risen Savior Lutheran School** as your recommended school.

You may contribute to ALSO up until April 15, 2018 to receive an Arizona state tax credit on your 2017 Arizona taxes.

Financial Summary for December 2017:

- Giving Results
 - For December, Giving **exceeded** budget by \$21,275 and is **over** budget \$51,046 for FYTD18.
- Spending
 - Spending was **under** budget in December by (\$4,907) and **under** budget (\$53,197) FYTD18.
- Early Learning Center (ELC)
 - ELC Net Income was **over** budget by \$5,791 for the month of December 2017. For FYTD18, the ELC net income is **over** budget \$19,190.
- Net Operating Cash is \$70,787 which is a positive increase of \$56,247 from November 2017. As a reminder, we begin the fiscal year with a Net Operating Cash of zero. We expect Net Operating Cash to be negative until December or January. While there has been excellent control on spending, much of this positive Operating Cash is due to timing of expenses as well as not having a full time DCE yet. As a comparison to last fiscal year, Net Operating Cash for December 2016 was (\$29,485).

Financials Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense

| | Dec-17 Actual | Dec-17 Budget | \$ Over Budget | FYTD18 Actual | FYTD18 Budget | \$ Over Budget | Annual Budget |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Giving | 172,235 | 150,960 | 21,275 | 706,836 | 655,790 | 51,046 | 1,403,050 |
| All other income | 1,265 | 4,020 | (2,755) | 25,333 | 24,080 | 1,253 | 48,200 |
| Total Church Income | <u>173,500</u> | <u>154,980</u> | <u>18,520</u> | <u>732,169</u> | <u>679,870</u> | <u>52,299</u> | <u>1,451,250</u> |
| Early Learning Center | <u>108,650</u> | <u>102,885</u> | <u>5,765</u> | <u>639,623</u> | <u>612,050</u> | <u>27,573</u> | <u>1,258,200</u> |
| Total Operational Income | <u>282,150</u> | <u>257,865</u> | <u>24,285</u> | <u>1,371,792</u> | <u>1,291,920</u> | <u>79,872</u> | <u>2,709,450</u> |
| Operational Expenses | <u>215,498</u> | <u>220,405</u> | <u>(4,907)</u> | <u>1,235,428</u> | <u>1,288,625</u> | <u>(53,197)</u> | <u>2,590,905</u> |
| Net Income/(Loss) | <u>66,652</u> | <u>37,460</u> | <u>29,192</u> | <u>136,364</u> | <u>3,295</u> | <u>133,069</u> | <u>118,545</u> |

High Level Statement of Operational Cash

December 2017

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash/Receivable Balance 12.31.17 | 624,801 |
| Restricted Assets | 50,194 |
| Unrestricted Assets | |
| Designated Savings | 415,802 |
| Designated Programs | 88,018 |
| Total Unrestricted Assets | <u>503,820</u> |
| Net Operational Cash 12.31.17 | <u>70,787</u> |
| Cash/Receivable Balance 11.30.17 | 587,531 |
| Restricted Assets | 48,630 |
| Unrestricted Assets | |
| Designated Savings | 426,213 |
| Designated Programs | 98,148 |
| Total Unrestricted Assets | <u>524,361</u> |
| Net Operational Cash 11.30.17 | <u>14,540</u> |
| Net Operating Cash Change | <u>56,247</u> |



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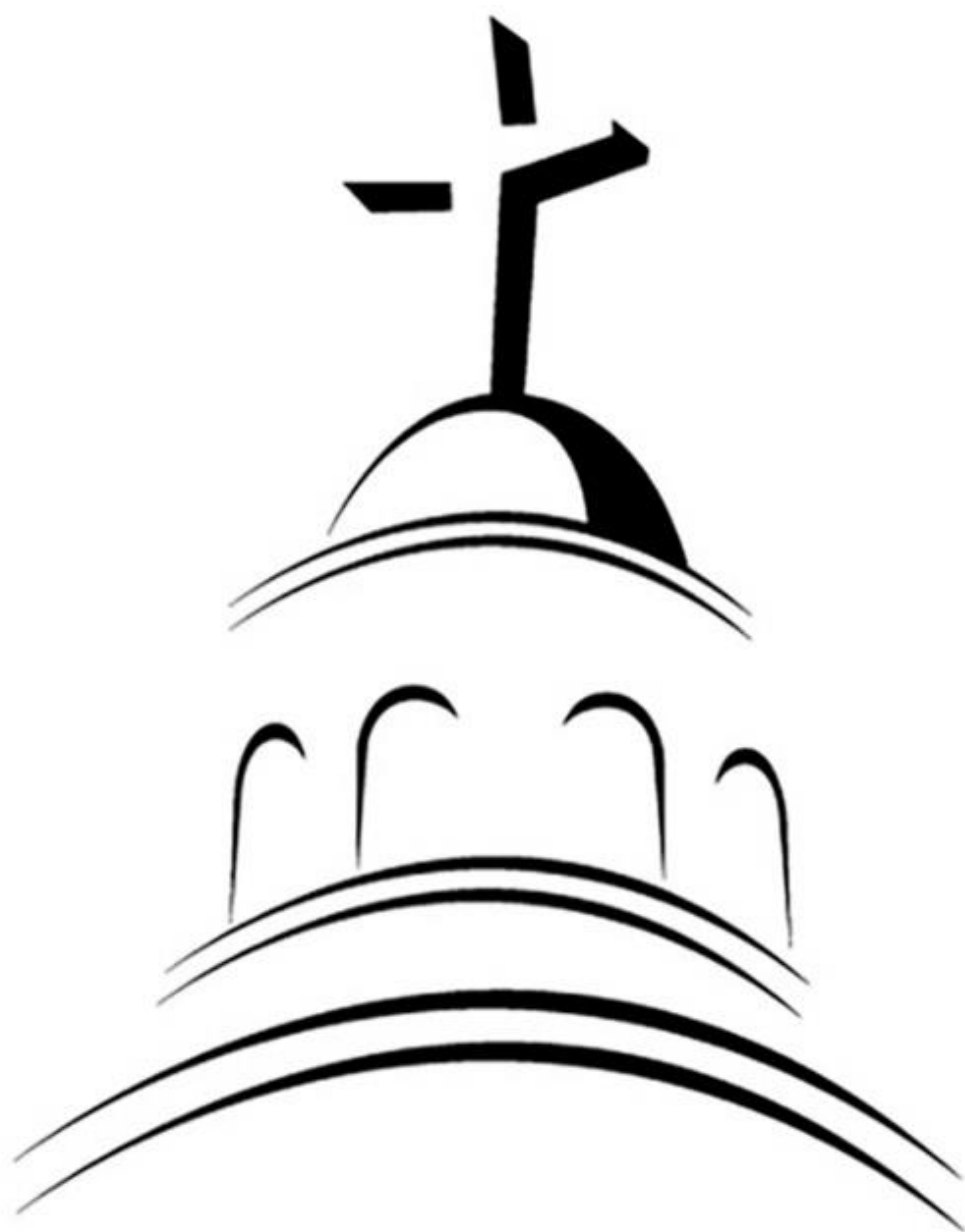
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