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WORSHIP



WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE FOR JULY: We will be worshipping online only through the month of July. After looking at the Governor's Executive Order, the current positive percentage in testing, the rise in COVID hospitalizations, the decline in attendance, the age of those attending and the increasing difficulty in having the necessary volunteers to run our services we concluded that we would move to online only beginning this weekend, July 5.

We will be livestreaming a Traditional Worship Service at 8:30 am and a Contemporary Worship Service at 10:00 am each Sunday through the month of July. At the conclusion of each service, it will be archived on our website and available at any time for viewing.

Drive-Thru Communion will be from 11:15 am -12:15 pm will be offered this Sunday, July 5 and again on July 19.

I know that many of you yearn to be with fellow believers in worship so I would suggest, if you feel comfortable, inviting a few friends over for worship and a time of fellowship. If you do this wearing a mask you would be following the guidelines that have been given to us and still enjoying worship with fellow believers.

In Christ,
Pastor Ron

Ways to Give Each Week Online

Text to Pay - Text the amount you'd like to give to 855.946.1637. You'll receive a text reply with a link to complete the transaction.

E-Give – Click on the “Give” link at the top of the Home page on the website, rslcs.org and follow the directions.

Mail – Send your check payments to: RSLCS 23714 S. Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248

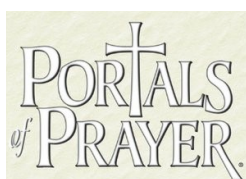


Welcome Our Summer Intern

Help us welcome Hannah Rost, our Worship Intern for the summer. Hannah is from Loveland CO, and is a Junior at Concordia University, Irvine, majoring in Commercial Music and minoring in Worship Arts Leadership. We're looking forward to her sharing her gift of music with us, as we help train and equip her in the area of worship leadership.

Risen Savior Thank You for Supporting the Community!

This is directly from a member who attends Risen Savior,
"This morning my family took on the task of distribution to 15 families in a very rural part of our reservation. The small community is known as Carrizo; usually overlooked during hard times. They have little to no running water and sadly the water is usually brown. I am teary-eyed hearing that the families were beyond appreciative and emotional upon receipt of the food boxes. They were more excited about the masks. With all my heart I want to say thank you and may God abundantly bless all who helped. We ask for continued prayers for healing."



Portals of Prayer Booklets, Prayer List and July Newsletters

We have placed a box of items in front of the Sanctuary doors for those who want to come by and grab a copy. We will refill as needed. If you are unable to get to the Church building, email prayers@rslcs.org your address and we will mail you a copy (please note which size/item you would like).

CONNECT Continued...

Do You want to Connect ?

You can sign-up to receive weekly e-blasts that include our worship details, calendar and other church updates. Send your request email to

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours
Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
June - September

BUILDING UPDATE

The new building is making great progress. Soon, they will be applying the first of two coats to the exterior finish. This will probably take a month to complete. Inside the heating and cooling, electrical and drywall is moving along at a good pace. The inside is really starting to take shape and you can get a feel of how great of a space it is! Work on the parking around the Church Office has begun with the curbing being poured and the ground being leveled. We will see a great deal of progress in the next month and then things will be happening inside the building where you will not necessarily see the progress.



Prayer Warriors - UPDATE

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in The Perfect Place.

If you have a passion for talking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those who need physical, emotional or spiritual support, join us on Wednesdays! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions.

TO PLACE A PRAYER OR VISIT REQUEST:

- † Submit a prayer request by filling out a Prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or email prayers@rslcs.org. Prayers remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless an update is provided.
- † To have someone pray with you by phone or in person, email prayerwarriors@rslcs.org.
- † To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number.
- † After hours that need a timely response by a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 Ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.





The COVID-19 Pandemic appeared unexpectedly, so not everyone was prepared to manage a situation like this. This created a lot of challenges for each one of us, but even more for the Carepoints and the community leaders. At some point, we can have fear and freeze or we can become an overcomer.

All of this began March 13 in Guatemala where, due to COVID-19, schools closed, total lockdown and social distancing. La Cuchilla Carepoint became an overcomer by delivering to 125 families with food bags, facemasks and hand soap to the families to help them stay healthy and safe during this time.

Most people at La Cuchilla have seasonal jobs in plantations, work in construction or have informal jobs in order to sustain themselves. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, La Cuchilla and the communities around are in a really difficult situation, because they cannot go to their jobs at the fields or markets to sell. The government has put in place some programs to support those families with the most need in the country, by giving out food bags through the public schools and some of the families have received this support, however, there are some families not meeting the requirements in order to receive the help.

Because of what we have described, delinquency increased in these communities, people started to force homes and public institutions to get some food or articles to sell in the streets to get money. In May, someone broke into the school at La Cuchilla, but thankfully the neighbors of the school scared him away. He came into the back of the school through the rubber tree plantation. It was just a day before distributing food bags for the families of the community. We were able to see the hand of God protecting the school and using the people around to scare this person. This is not the first time this has happened and now that the CarePoint will start at the school building, we see the need to increase the security around the building. By doing this, the children and any supplies at the Carepoint stay safe specially once everything opens and we get back to a normal way of operating.

You can join us praying for:

- The families at La Cuchilla and their financial situation.
- the Carepoint leadership health every time they buy and distribute the food bags for the community.
- For the children's safety and good care at home during quarantine.
- For the security of the school.



ANSWER Continued...



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen leaders to offer high-quality, one-on-one Christian care to people going through tough times. They usually provide care to one person at a time and meet once a week for an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their leaders for supervision and continuing education. For more information, contact Pastor Mark at mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org.

Visitations

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.

Due to COVID-19 the Choir will not be meeting this summer. Look for more details in the Fall.



Piece Maker Quilters-RSVP Needed

Two Sessions on Wednesday's in the Fellowship Hall.

First session from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and second session 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Anyone who plans to attend must call Sandra 480.202.5772 to let her know which session they will be attending.

The purpose of the Piece Makers Quilters Group is to provide the warmth and comfort of handmade quilts and knitted hats to those in need. These items are enjoyed by those in our communities and throughout the world.

To continue social distancing, we are offering two sessions (see details above). Each group is about seven people. If anyone is interested in joining one of the groups you are asked to call Sandi 480.202.5772. Since many of us ironed quilt tops in April and May, we are ready to go with making the quilts and have been finishing at least 10 a week. We are consciously wearing masks and/or keeping our distance while we sew on the quilts. Please know that we welcome all who enjoy working together to create cozy, colorful quilts to share with those in need. If there are any questions, call Barb 602.565.7137 or Sandi 480.202.5772.



LWML Meeting

Tentatively, September 10 at 1:00 pm in The Perfect Place.

More information will be posted as available during this uncertain time. The first Sunday of each month is "Mite Box Sunday" and is an opportunity to bring your mites to church and place in the LWML box. These mites help support the International and Pacific Southwest District adopted mission grants.



Ignite Confirmation Updates

- ⇒ Project Showcase will be August 29 and 30
- ⇒ Confirmation has been rescheduled for September 13
- ⇒ Ignite will begin September 20



Be You, Be Well, Belong-Women's Ministry

We are currently meeting virtually through video studies. If you would like to join, contact Annie at womensministries@rslcs.org. Let's stay connected in creative ways until we can see each other again!

Annie Wolf wrote a Bible Study during COVID-19. You can find a link on our website under "Ministries", "Women".

Adult Forum

This Bible Study is postponed until the Fall.

Update Shannon Porter, DCE Update

Dear Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I need to let you know that Shannon Porter, our DCE for Family Ministry, has resigned from her position at Risen Savior. In her letter of resignation, she said in part, "I recently have come to the conclusion that my beliefs and values no longer align with that of the LCMS. Therefore, out of mutual respect, and understanding of the LCMS doctrine I will be stepping down from my position as Director of Family Ministry in order to live my life to the fullest." While I am saddened at this news, I support Shannon in her decision and pray that God blesses her in every way.

I am committed to the Youth Ministry at Risen Savior and will be working hard at our next steps and a search for a new staff person to lead this important part of our ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Ron

RSLCS Foundation Free Life Planning Assistance

Do you have questions regarding your will, trust or gift planning? It's something most of us put off even though our circumstances are constantly changing. We provide a FREE service to assist with your life planning needs. Contact the church office for more information 480.895.6782.



Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

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 susan.mello@rslcs.org.

Did you know?

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a loan program that originated from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This program is intended to provide American small businesses with cash-flow assistance through 100% federally guaranteed loans backed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and if certain conditions are met, will be up to 100% forgivable. On May 1, 2020, Risen Savior Lutheran Church received a PPP loan in the amount of \$325,422. This represented 2.5 times the amount of our monthly payroll costs and can be used to cover payroll costs, mortgage interest payments and utility payments as needed for a period up to 24 weeks. Based on the June 19, 2020 PPP Flexibility Loan Forgiveness Interim Final rule, we are confident that the PPP loan for Risen Savior will be 100% forgiven.

This loan will be instrumental in limiting the financial impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Please note, until we have received forgiveness for the loan, the financial impact will not be presented in the financials. We estimate forgiveness to occur not later than the end of October 2020.

Financial Summary for May 2020:

Below, you will see detail for May financials. Please note that these results do not reflect the impact of our Paycheck Protection Loan.

Giving Results

Giving was **under** budget by (\$6,931) for the month of May and **under** budget by (\$46,719) CYTD20. For CYTD20, we are at 93% of the budget for Giving. The shortfall is predominantly in Loose Plate giving.

Spending

Spending was **under** budget by (\$4,407) for the month of May and **under** budget by (\$79,234) CYTD20.

In light of the decrease in Giving, we continue to monitor expenses and limit based on necessity.

Preschool and Kindergarten (PS&K)

PS&K Net Income was **under** budget by (\$34,260) for the month of May and **under** budget (\$125,352) CYTD20.

Preschool attendance is down considerably due to the recent increase in COVID positive tests. We are evaluating this trend and determining next steps.

Below is a summary of what has occurred with the Preschool recently:

The Preschool closed on March 16, 2020 due to concerns for Teacher and Student safety due to the COVID outbreak.

The Preschool reopened on May 4, 2020 at approximately 35% of the pre-Coronavirus attendance.

Our Preschool has been deemed a DES Enrichment Center which provides paid childcare for Essential Workers in exchange for us practicing pandemic health and safety protocols.

Net Operating Cash

As of May 31, 2020, Operating Cash is a **negative** (\$45,822) which is a decrease of (\$75,338) from the end of April.

Please note that this does NOT include the impact of the PPP Loan.

This is significantly below our budgeted position for this time of the year, but we are putting controls in place to limit the effect of this through the end of the calendar year.

Risen Savior March Financial Review Cont.

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	May-20	May-20	\$ Over	FYTD20	FYTD20	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	122,869	129,800	(6,931)	669,781	716,500	(46,719)	1,535,760
All other income	669	4,230	(3,561)	14,373	21,150	(6,777)	50,800
Total Church Income	123,538	134,030	(10,492)	684,154	737,650	(53,496)	1,586,560
Preschool & Kindergarten	52,745	95,600	(42,855)	349,604	525,200	(175,596)	1,170,355
Total Operational Income	176,283	229,630	(53,347)	1,033,758	1,262,850	(229,092)	2,756,915
Operational Expenses	208,418	212,825	(4,407)	1,007,131	1,086,365	(79,234)	2,622,940
Net Income/(Loss)	(32,135)	16,805	(48,940)	26,627	176,485	(149,858)	133,975
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
May 31, 2020							
Cash/Receivable Balance 05.31.20		986,294					
Liabilities		1,250					
Restricted Assets		625,124					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		321,866					
Designated Programs		83,876					
Total Unrestricted Assets		405,742					
Net Operational Cash 05.31.20		(45,822)					
Cash/Receivable Balance 04.30.20		696,646					
Liabilities		127					
Restricted Assets		182,429					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		388,787					
Designated Programs		97,787					
Total Unrestricted Assets		486,574					
Net Operational Cash 04.30.20		27,516					
Net Operating Cash Change		(73,338)					



GiGi	Taylor	7/1	Karen	Welker	7/13
Emily	Musa	7/1	Linda	Antonio	7/13
Troy	Zirpel	7/2	Nancy	Brawner	7/13
Ryan	Schrimsher	7/2	David	Ohlund	7/13
Allison	Abersold	7/2	Jeffery	Mans	7/13
Robert	Walch	7/3	Barry	Ritchie	7/14
Suzanne	Swanson	7/3	Marney	Raufmann	7/14
Mary Ellen	Hayden	7/3	Bob	Zinnel	7/15
Sandy	Woodard (Cox)	7/3	Nancy	Farmer	7/15
Tony	Young	7/3	Clint	Watkins	7/15
Tracie	Padilla	7/3	Raymond	Long	7/15
Sarah	Devieux	7/4	Daniel	Torre	7/15
Floyd	Mullen	7/4	Bradley	Alexander	7/15
Roger	Duros	7/4	Lydia	Kasel	7/15
Austin	Pauley	7/4	Barbara	Campbell	7/16
Wyatt	DeMeritt	7/4	Gail	King	7/16
Mason	DeMeritt	7/4	David	Moore	7/16
Valerie	Myers	7/5	Emily	Fauth	7/16
Marion	Pohlman	7/6	Tanner	Swallows	7/16
Jerry	Letnes	7/6	Kay	Wellik	7/17
Kathleen	Ramirez	7/6	Laura	Ostrand	7/17
Kathy	Deuth	7/6	RaeJean	Hennig	7/18
Jill	Lopez	7/6	Dean	Crocker	7/19
Emma	Fendrick	7/7	George	Latorraca	7/19
Shirley	Treadway	7/8	John	Freund	7/19
John	Soza	7/8	Shirley	Jacob	7/20
Reagan	Steinmetz	7/8	Terry	Lange	7/20
Bill	Bade	7/9	Barbara	Niemeyer	7/20
Leslie	Pettis	7/9	Ardis	Lehr	7/20
Mark	Milne	7/9	Megan	Mello	7/20
Jaco	Theron	7/9	Dodie	Stroup	7/21
Lee	Ritchie	7/9	Anthony	Fox	7/21
Logan	Crosley	7/9	Tom	Jorgensen	7/21
Marlis	Mobbs	7/10	Lillian	Look	7/22
Caryn	Cole	7/10	Carol	Fontaine	7/23
Irma	Cole	7/11	Hans	Naumann	7/24
Luke	Adamovic	7/11	Mel	Hennig	7/24
Mia	Adamovic	7/11	Michael	Andrews	7/24



Don	Lehr	7/24
Melanie	Lange	7/24
Thomas	Adams	7/25
Alexa	Lantz	7/25
Ann	Krupp	7/26
George	Roberts	7/26
Nancy	Ohlund	7/26
Elizabeth	Dunning	7/26
Paula	Floth	7/27
Jessica	Bowles-Livermore	7/27
Calleigh	Theron	7/27
Prescilla	Walker	7/29
Michael	Scott	7/29
Gail	Osten	7/29
LaVerne	Larson	7/30
Charles	Bell	7/31
Mildred	Torre	7/31
James	Zwar	7/31
Mackenzie	Steiner	7/31



John & Bette	Neff	7/26/1946	Roger & Angie	Johnson	7/30/1988
Willa & Robert	Kohl	7/10/1954	David & Shari	Nolan	7/30/1988
Walter & Ilse	Moore	7/30/1957	Mike & Suzette	Schulze	7/8/1989
Hans & Irma	Naumann	7/5/1958	Douglas & Sandra	Kraus	7/29/1989
Roger & Luana	Senske	7/19/1958	Len & Lois	Willis	7/24/1993
John & Cristine	Kibler	7/24/1960	Chuck & Karen	Horn	7/22/1994
Norm & Joyce	Riffel	7/2/1961	Dennis & Jayne	Westlind	7/1/1995
Robert & Judy	Hayes	7/1/1962	Robin & Matthew	Robertson	7/5/1995
Charles & Marilyn	Keck	7/21/1962	Kenneth & Mia	Newell	7/7/1995
Vance & Sue	Best	7/11/1964	Ron & Michelle	Burcham	7/26/1997
Donald & Virginia	Swoboda	7/24/1965	Joel & Alicia	Endicott	7/24/1999
Gary & Barbara	Weber	7/13/1966	Lynsey & Lucas	Schmidt	7/24/1999
Robert & Sharon	Frossard	7/16/1966	Kevin & Kristin	Zeller	7/8/2000
Bill & Barbara	Bade	7/6/1968	Andrea & Scott	Fitzharris	7/17/2004
George & Marsha	Duffield	7/26/1969	Christopher & Heather	Duensing	7/31/2004
Michael & Sandra	Meltebeke	7/23/1972	Gary & Angela	Swallows	7/2/2005
Bob & Shary	Hertel	7/29/1972	Annie & Christopher	Jansen	7/7/2007
Ron & Mary	Kent	7/29/1972	Jaco & Sue	Theron	7/7/2007
James & Paula	Roush	7/29/1972	Jared & Jennifer	Evans	7/23/2010
Grady & Belinda	Anderson	7/26/1975	Marianne & Russell	Palazzolo	7/2/2011
Gordon & Mary Lou	Hagg	7/2/1981	Stephen & Debra	Jaculis	7/21/2013
Vicki & Steve	Hewlett	7/21/1984	Walter & Ginny	Ruch	7/7/2018
Robert & Ruth	Plowman	7/12/1986			