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COVID-19 Prayer

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation from people during this time. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Remind each of us to be kinder, think more about others in need and to have grace during this time of duress.

In Jesus name...Amen

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and repetition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

—Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

WORSHIP



Livestream and In Person Worship

We will be continuing livestream worship on Sundays at 9:00 am. At this time, we are following the Governor's lead on when we will safely meet again for in-person worship and do not have a scheduled date. Know that we are working on a plan for how we will safely open our doors. Please keep reading our various correspondence to stay informed of any and all updates at this time.

Visit our website www.rslcs.org or our Facebook page, facebook.com/rslcs to worship with us each Sunday. This is also a great way to worship together with your friends and family! Each week's sermon is available on our website if you happen to miss a week (or two). Visit the website under "Resources" and select the sermon you would like to view.

Ways to Give Each Week

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

CONNECT

CHURCH STAFF MEETINGS VIA ZOOM-KEEPING THE MINISTRIES ON TRACK DURING THIS TIME!



RSLCS Congregants Giving Back!

Since COVID-19 began we have been blessed with many of you offering to assist those in need. We have been able to help three families purchase groceries from the store. **THANK YOU!** This situation has put our faith to the test and with examples like these, we are doing God's work as he would want.



Sanctuary Building Sanitation During COVID-19 Closure

- † Sanctuary pews sanitized, kneeling pads replaced and fixed where needed
- † Roof repaired, leaks fixed, washed and coated
- † All air filters replaced
- † Tile stripped and waxed in the Sanctuary, nurse's station, hallways, fellowship, office area and some of the classrooms
- † Ceramic tile in bathrooms cleaned, sealed and grout colored
- † Fellowship Hall carpet cleaned
- † Kitchen appliances deep cleaned, shelves, drying rack and drawers cleaned
- † Kitchen tile cleaned and floor mats de-greased and cleaned
- † The Perfect Place carpet cleaned and deep cleaned room and shelves
- † All school classrooms deep cleaned (shelves, fans, air vents, doors and walls)
- † Worn doorstops replaced

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Visit www.rslcs.org for the Latest Updates at Risen Savior/COVID-19

There are video updates from Pastor Ron and links that contain great information regarding "Worship", "Help" and "Give". Please visit the website for more details.

Eblast Updates

If you haven't yet signed up to receive our weekly Worship details and church updates, please email news@rslcs.org to be added to the list. This is a great way to always stay informed on what Risen Savior has going on!



Portals of Prayer Booklets, Prayer Cards and Give Envelopes

We have placed each of these items in front of the Sanctuary doors for those who want to come by and grab a copy. 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 what size Portals of Prayer). Mail all prayer cards and Give envelopes back to the office address; 23714 S. Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248.



BUILDING UPDATE

The building on the North property is making great progress. The exterior sheathing is complete, much of the electrical has been roughed in along with the plumbing. The duct work for the A/C is just about finished and they are nearly done installing all of the interior studs. The drive-up canopy on the TPC has been removed and they are preparing to tear out the asphalt to put in the additional parking. In the near future you will see more work done on the exterior as they get ready to put on the EFIS (The stucco on the outside of most buildings). We are a little behind schedule due to the spring rain, but we are hopeful to make up time in the coming months.



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Twitter: @RSLCS





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.



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 information at lcef.org or call 800.843.5233.

There's Still Time to Take the ALSO Challenge!

Here's how to get the most out of the taxes you already pay: give \$22 or \$226 on up to \$2,269 and ALSO will turn your tax credit donation into a scholarship to help a child receive a Christian education. All amounts help!

If you pay Arizona state income tax, you can redirect your tax dollars to create scholarships at no cost to you. Simply make a donation to ALSO, Claim your tax credit on your Arizona state taxes and

Receive your money back as a dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

Deadlines are coming up soon. Before you file your state taxes to give your donation. **Get details and give online today at ALSOsto.org**

Since 2002, ALSO has awarded millions in tuition scholarships to children attending Lutheran schools where they grow in their faith each day. These scholarships are made possible by hundreds of people who contribute to ALSO.



ARIZONA LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION

Providing scholarships made possible by tax credit donations.

Children First Leadership Academy Food Box Delivery

We will continue with donations likely into the summer months. We are currently providing weekly food boxes as funds are available. We will be set-up to receive direct food donations once our health safety ban is lifted. Check donations are still needed and appreciated. We are currently utilizing grocery online ordering and pick-up. You can respond by mailing your donation directly:

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Memo: Children First Leadership Academy



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Piece Maker Quilters Update

Even though the quilters are unable to meet every Wednesday at this time, they are still busy working at home doing the Lord's work by making beautiful quilt tops to be assembled when we are able to meet again. Some of the group are also working on the DIY face masks, others are making hats, working on prayer shawls, knitted/crouched squares for blankets and sundresses for under privileged girls. We are keeping everyone in our prayers for health and safety. We are always in need of donations of fabric, 1/4" elastic (for masks), thread, and yarn. If you have any of these supplies you would like to donate them, contact Sandra at 480.202.5772 or Barb at 602.565.7137 to arrange a pick-up.

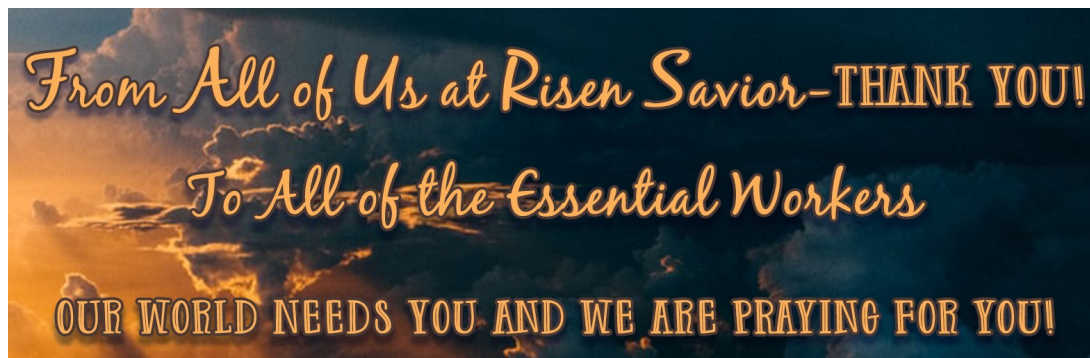


Convention Update

The LWML Pacific Southwest District's Convention has been cancelled. The monthly meeting of our local LWML will resume when our government officials allow meeting together. Please earnestly pray for God's mercy and healing, for Jesus' sake.

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.



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, a pew card or by phone with their names. Please include an address so we can send a card. Names are posted in the display case outside to the left of the Sanctuary. 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.



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La Cuchilla February Trip

The children choosing their Friendship Partners!



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La Cuchilla Update-4.23.20

La Cuchilla is a new Carepoint located at La Cuchilla, Mazatenango. The initial plan for this CarePoint has changed due to the current situation with the COVID-19. The original plan was to start the program on April 15 providing the first meal for 204 children. However, due to the government measures to prevent the spread of the virus, schools are closed until the end of April. The leader of the CarePoint has been determined to support the families of the community even though the school is closed. For this reason, the CarePoint started the program providing food bags to 125 families of the 204 children enrolled in the program.

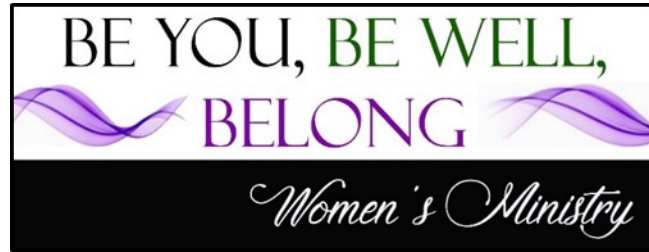
The reason providing food for families has become a priority is because a direct effect of all the measures taken by the Guatemalan government, a lot have been left children without access to nutritious meals at school, parents have been left out without a job, and there are no sources of a stable income for the homes.

“As a community, we want to thank you for the support during this pandemic time. This is a big blessing to each family. Thank you, to each of the US friends who think of us”. – Lesbia Ramirez, Mother

“Thank you for the food bag, we know the sacrifices you have made to keep supporting us. I know many of the mothers and I know their situation at home, this gift is a blessing to our homes”. – Julia Aguila, Mother



DEVELOP



This group is currently meeting virtually through video studies and messages. If you are not already on the email list, contact Annie at womensministries@rslcs.org. Let's stay connected in creative ways at this time until we can see each other again!



Follow the Youth on Instagram: [RSLCS_Youth](#)

We now have a private Facebook page for the Youth and Parents to get updates. Email Shannon at the email address below to get added to the group.

[Contact Shannon at shannon.porter@rslcs.org for details about youth ministries.](mailto:shannon.porter@rslcs.org)



Ignite Confirmation and Project Showcase

These events have been postponed until this Fall. More details coming soon.



Trivia Night

May 6 at 7:00 pm in your home.

Join us for another fun night. See you email for details or contact Shannon to be added.

Impact ISA Update

This summer's ISA Mission trip has been cancelled due to the COVID-19. Please contact Shannon for details.

DEVELOP Continued...



A promotional graphic for 'Risen Savior Lutheran Church Free Online Vacation Bible School'. The background is a dark blue cityscape with stylized buildings and cranes. The text is arranged as follows: 'Risen Savior Lutheran Church Free Online Vacation Bible School' at the top in white. On the left, 'STARTING 6/1 LESSONS POSTED MONDAY'S THRU 6/29' is written in white, slanted text. In the center, 'CONCRETE & CRANES' is written in large, bold, yellow and blue letters, with a red crane and a red truck below it. On the right, 'TAKE HOME PACKETS AVAILABLE EACH WEEK!' is written in white, slanted text. At the bottom, 'Online Registration open 5/10 • rslcs.org (under Ministries: Children)' is written in white. A small banner at the bottom center says 'BUILDING ON THE LOVE OF JESUS PHILIPPIANS 1:5'.

Mondays through the month of June, starting June 1.—**UPDATED**

This program is for kids age 3 years old - incoming 5th graders. Due to COVID-19 we have modified this year's VBS. The program is going to be offered free of charge and be once a week (for 5 weeks) through an online program. You will need to register each child and then pick up the materials each week. Feel free to invite your friends to be a part of summer VBS online at Risen Savior.

Please contact Shannon at 480.895.6782 or shannon.porter@rslcs.org.

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.

Thank You!

We are so thankful to our faithful congregants who have continued to support the ministry at Risen Savior. We continue to receive your donations in the mail and electronically. The number of families that give electronically has nearly doubled.

We are truly blessed by your generosity!

We continue to work with our local post office on our mail delivery and are so thankful for your patience during this time. We are told that the issue is resolved. If you receive returned mail from Risen Savior, please contact the office at 480.895.6782 or Susan Mello at susan.mello@rslcs.org.

Financial Summary for February and March 2020:

Below, you will see detail for **both** February and March financials. The narrative section will be a summary of both.

Giving Results

Giving was *under* budget by (\$37,060) for the months of February and March and *under* budget by (\$27,019) CYTD20.

We are currently running at 75% of budgeted giving.

Spending

Spending was *under* budget by (\$12,549) for the months of February and March and *under* budget by (\$68,049) for the period ending December 31, 2019.

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 (\$36,922) for the months of February and March and *under* budget (\$33,648) CYTD20.

The Preschool closed on March 16, 2020 due to concerns for Teacher and Student safety due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Unfortunately, Preschool employees began to be furloughed on April 3, 2020.

We are in the process of determining a re-open date.

Net Operating Cash

As of March 31, 2020, Operating Cash is a *positive* \$31,240.

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.

Key Observations:

Preschool and Kindergarten

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Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review Cont.

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We continue to offer distance learning for our Kindergarten and Virtual Preschool for our younger children.

Funds from Kindergarten Tuition and State agencies allow us to keep 2 individuals employed for these programs as well as preparing a plan to re-open the center in the near future.

Risen Savior February Financial Review Cont.

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Feb-20	Feb-20	\$ Over	FYTD20	FYTD20	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	145,398	137,750	7,648	276,890	259,200	17,690	1,535,760
All other income	1,248	4,230	(2,982)	9,044	8,460	584	50,800
Total Church Income	146,646	141,980	4,666	285,934	267,660	18,274	1,586,560
Preschool & Kindergarten	98,652	95,850	2,802	212,352	209,425	2,927	1,170,355
Total Operational Income	245,298	237,830	7,468	498,286	477,085	21,201	2,756,915
Operational Expenses	212,154	221,430	(9,276)	422,716	437,505	(14,789)	2,622,940
Net Income/(Loss)	33,144	16,400	16,744	75,570	39,580	35,990	133,975
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
February 29, 2020							
Cash/Receivable Balance 02.29.20		722,929					
Liabilities		2,097					
Restricted Assets		111,221					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		451,622					
Designated Programs		103,423					
Total Unrestricted Assets		555,045					
Net Operational Cash 02.29.20		54,566					
Cash/Receivable Balance 01.31.20		698,807					
Restricted Assets		124,655					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		443,965					
Designated Programs		102,151					
Total Unrestricted Assets		546,116					
Net Operational Cash 01.31.20		28,036					
Net Operating Cash Change		26,530					

Risen Savior March Financial Review Cont.

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Mar-20	Mar-20	\$ Over	FYTD20	FYTD20	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	140,091	184,800	(44,709)	416,981	444,000	(27,019)	1,535,760
All other income	3,519	4,230	(711)	12,513	12,690	(177)	50,800
Total Church Income	143,610	189,030	(45,420)	429,494	456,690	(27,196)	1,586,560
Preschool & Kindergarten	58,503	101,100	(42,597)	270,854	310,525	(39,671)	1,170,355
Total Operational Income	202,113	290,130	(88,017)	700,348	767,215	(66,867)	2,756,915
Operational Expenses	215,966	219,240	(3,274)	638,682	656,745	(18,063)	2,622,940
Net Income/(Loss)	(13,853)	70,890	(84,743)	61,666	110,470	(48,804)	133,975
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
March 31, 2020							
Cash/Receivable Balance 03.31.20		672,848					
Liabilities		1,966					
Restricted Assets		157,839					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		382,912					
Designated Programs		98,891					
Total Unrestricted Assets		481,803					
Net Operational Cash 03.31.20		31,240					
Cash/Receivable Balance 02.29.20		722,929					
Liabilities		2,097					
Restricted Assets		111,221					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		451,622					
Designated Programs		103,423					
Total Unrestricted Assets		555,045					
Net Operational Cash 02.29.20		54,566					
Net Operating Cash Change		(23,326)					



Ruth	Hiner	5/1	Jane	Meyer	5/17
Vickie	Ayres	5/2	Matthew	Kasel	5/17
Jessica	Schulze	5/2	Erv	Jacob	5/18
Abbey	Mello	5/2	Audrey	Jung	5/18
Gary	Swallows	5/3	Barbara	Fox	5/18
Louise	Grant	5/4	Carol	Thomas	5/18
Frank	Sandez	5/4	Marlys	Blinn	5/19
Peggy	Denisuk	5/4	Dennis	Rittenback	5/19
Steve	Kaczmar	5/4	Kaylee	Ross	5/19
Tatum	Richards	5/4	Marlene	Trempe	5/20
Charlene	Clausen	5/5	Paula	Parker	5/20
Mike	Schulze	5/5	Claudia	Pagnard	5/20
Jennifer	Blunt	5/5	Caden	Ricketts	5/22
Marie	Waskel	5/6	Henry	Clausen	5/23
Judith	Badger	5/6	Justin	Kniep	5/23
Brenda	Konicke	5/6	Barbara	Riley	5/24
Delaney	Brown	5/6	Harvey	Zehnder	5/24
Samuel	Derr	5/6	Stevan	Slijepcevic	5/24
Lou	Martin	5/7	Gwen	Curtis	5/25
Jason	Pagnard	5/8	Lewis	Barnhouse	5/25
Alice	Andert	5/9	Bailey	Kannberg	5/25
Mia	Newell	5/9	Grace	Norris	5/26
Adam	Beadle	5/9	Jim	White	5/26
Timothy	Hoffmann	5/9	Wayne	Will	5/26
Sophie	Schaefer	5/9	Lariat	Windisch	5/26
Bill	Giessing	5/10	James	Dean	5/26
Jacob	DeMeritt	5/10	Myles	Coleman	5/26
Miles	Kniep	5/10	Bette	Neff	5/28
Mervin	Lemburg	5/11	Teri	Bitler	5/28
Michael	Bonsaver	5/11	Carolyn	Singer	5/29
Julia	Teuscher	5/12	Kristine	Polnow	5/29
Phillip	Denisuk	5/12	Jared	Evans	5/29
Aaron	Kucenski	5/12	Ilse	Moore	5/30
Kaden	Karst	5/13	Jeannine	McLean	5/30
Troy	Hickel	5/15	Mark	Evans	5/30
Tiffany	Fauth	5/15	Augustine	Padilla	5/30
Irma	Naumann	5/16	Jessica	Combs	5/30
Alexander	Dunning	5/16	Jessica	Irick	5/30
Marilyn	Tarchinski	5/17	Wayne	Chase	5/31



Augustus & Josephine	Tietbohl	5/16/1953
Dick & Lois	Koskovick	5/28/1955
Edward & Shirley	Treadway	5/6/1956
Neil & Gwen	Curtis	5/4/1957
Donald & Muriel	Nelson	5/29/1960
Bill & Polly	Giessing	5/19/1962
Lloyd & Linda	Fish	5/2/1964
Bill & Karen	Insel	5/2/1964
Robert & Sherri	Tanner	5/23/1964
Dennis & Alice	Andert	5/13/1967
Randy & Linda	Buns	5/11/1968
Henry & Charlene	Clausen	5/9/1975
Chuck & Kathy	Deuth	5/31/1975
Thomas & Kathy	Adams	5/28/1977
Bryan & Kathleen	Newman	5/27/1979
Guy & Beth	Drake	5/28/1983
Deb & Steve	Ellis	5/17/1986
Gabor & Karen	Selak	5/13/1989
Don & Judith	Badger	5/26/1990
Gary & Margo	Huber	5/21/1993
William & Eva	Ellis	5/28/1993
Dave & Julie	Constance	5/27/1995
Henry & Gail	King	5/26/1997
Rick & Patricia	Park	5/2/1999
David & Sarah	Heese	5/8/1999
Jason & Rebecca	Pagnard	5/19/2001
Peter & Elizabeth	Moody	5/10/2003
Raymond & Kathy Kennedy	Long	5/24/2003
Charles & Kavitha	Kothapalli	5/18/2007
Nathaniel & Courtney	Erickson	5/4/2008
John & Susan Thomas	Erickson	5/4/2017