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WORSHIP

Worship Services Update

September 6 Worship Services will remain Livestream only at 8:30 am Traditional and 10:00 am Contemporary with Communion at 11:00 am.

After September 6: We are planning on going back to in-person worship on **September 13** with our normal schedule of services at 7:30 am traditional, 8:50 am and 10:10 am contemporary, and 11:30 am traditional.

Livestream: The 7:30 am Traditional service and the 10:10 am Contemporary service will be livestreamed on Facebook and our website.

Communion: September 20 from 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm in the Church Parking Lot in addition to communion during all 4 in-person worship services.

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

Worship Service Survey

Anytime on our Website.

Please complete the survey that was sent via email and is available on the Home Page of our website. It only takes a few minutes, but will assist us with future service decisions. Thank you!



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rslcs/>

Instagram: @RisenSaviorAZ

Twitter: @RSLCS

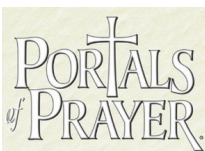


BUILDING UPDATE

Work on the new building and parking lot continues to make great progress. Here is the latest work that is either completed or near completion:

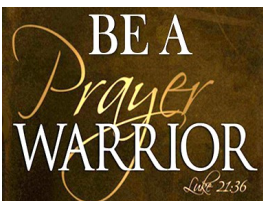
- New parking around the Administration Building (TPC)
- Classrooms painted
- Tile in kitchen and bathroom nearly finished
- Exterior finish nearly completed
- Concrete for the raised seating has been poured
- Drop ceiling is being installed
- Electrical work is being finished
- Heating and Cooling systems installed

We are still hopeful that we will be able to use the new building for the Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve services.



Portals of Prayer Booklets, Prayer List and 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. If you are unable to get to the Church building, email prayers@rslcs.org your address and we will mail you a copy .



Prayer Warriors—RSVP to Attend

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 and to RSVP for social distancing.

join us!

New Online Prayer Meeting

Starts September 1 at 9:00 am via Zoom.

This will be an ongoing weekly meeting that all are welcome to join. You can find the Zoom link on our website calendar. Simply click on the link to join the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dave at 480.895.6782.

TO PLACE A PRAYER OR VISIT REQUEST:

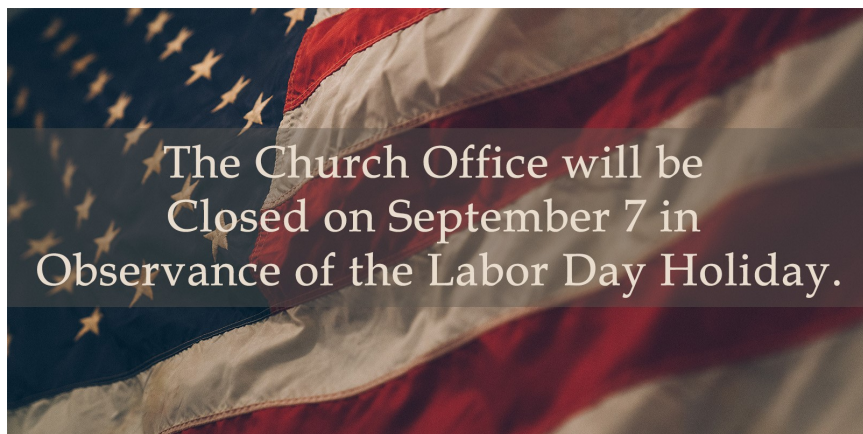
- † Submit a prayer request by filling out a Prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or email prayers@rslcs.org. Prayers remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless an update is provided.
- † To have someone pray with you by phone or in person, email prayerwarriors@rslcs.org.
- † 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.



Staff Update:

Business Manager Becomes the Director of Operations

Susan Mello, who has served as our Business Manager since 2014 has now assumed the position of Director of Operations. While keeping many of her former duties, she is now taking on more responsibilities in the daily operation of our ministry. She will be working closely with our Directors in managing their budgets and making progress on their goals. Susan's skills and passion for the ministry of Risen Savior make her the perfect candidate for this position.



VISITATIONS

If you or someone you know would like a visitation, please notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency by emailing visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number.



LWML Meeting Update

LWML will resume meeting as soon as the Lord allows. We will **not** meet in September and please pray that we will be able to meet in October when we will be voting for new officers. Please save your mite box contributions and continue to pray for the LWML Mission Projects which make an impact around the world.



Stephen Ministry

Discuss it with God. Nothing is too large or small to take to the Lord in prayer. Take this opportunity to pray to the Lord and see His guidance. This may be the ministry He has prepared you for. Contact Pastor Mark at mark.hoffmann@rslcs.org for more information.

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.

ANSWER Continued...



Piece Maker Quilters-RSVP

Two Sessions on Wednesday's in the Fellowship Hall.

First session is from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and second session is 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 to keep the groups small.

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.

While piecing fabric together, the Piece Maker Quilters strive to share the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ with those in need of comfort through a warm quilt or hat. Items recently donated: Quilts-to *Time Out* shelter in Payson. *Time Out* is not only a shelter for domestic violence victims, but also a place that provides counselors, career advice, a soothing place for the children and help with housing and court related issues.

THANK YOU to all who have donated sewing supplies such as cotton blend fabric, clean sheets in good shape and yarn. (We are especially low on yarn right now!) This is an ongoing need and we appreciate all donations! With funds from the annual Quilt Sale, we are able to purchase additional sewing supplies to round out our needs. Please know that we welcome all who enjoy working together to create cozy, colorful quilts to share with those in need.



LBW

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Braille Update

No return date has been scheduled for this group. Keep an eye out for more details next month.



Lutheran
Social Services
of the Southwest



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.

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.

ANSWER Continued...



Hooks and Needles Ministry Update

Due to the need for continued social distancing, we will not be reconvening our meetings until Fall. We will keep you informed of the date as the time approaches. In the meantime, please feel free to continue working on your strips. It is helpful if you can sew your rectangles together into 7" x 63" strips (9 rectangles sewn together lengthwise) or change color or pattern every 9 inches. Any completed strips can be dropped off at the Church Office. From there they will be collected and sewn together into blankets. We are in need of yarn donations. These also can be dropped off at the Church Office. Thank you and we hope to see you soon! If you have any questions contact Marian at mrmyczek@gmail.com or 602.920.3319.



To listen to their weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", then scroll further to "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.



Sunday Ministry Partner Sign-up Process

Our Sunday morning Ministry Partner 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 that 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.

For more details on how to get more involved, see the bottom of the website home page. There is a short video to assist you in how to sign-up. Contact the Church Office with any additional questions.

DEVELOP



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

We are continuing to meet virtually through video studies, e-devotion videos, word of the week, question of the week and verse of the week. Details about our new Bible Study are below. 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!

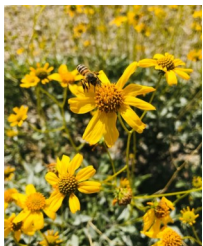
Mini-Devotion—My Worry Kite

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

It's monsoon weather in Arizona. I like the smell of the rain. My kids like to fly kites, although we don't do that during a monsoon storm! Today I decide to fly a kite, but mine is imaginary. In my mind, I write my prayer requests on the kite-face, filling it up corner to corner. Then I release the string, sending my worries and concerns about others to God. My hand shakes as I let go of my grip. Giving my worry-kite over to Him is new for me. Yet I know God cares for me as well as those I love.

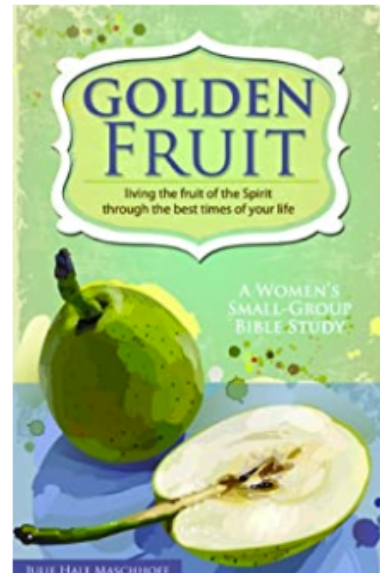
Lord, you don't leave me breathless, to zigzag uphill all day dragged by my worry-kite. Instead you encourage me to release my anxieties, up where the clouds are light. I feel lighter, too!

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Bible Study "To Bee Gentle"

Annie Wolf has written a wonderful Bible Study for these unprecedented times. You can find the study on our website under "Ministries", "Women". We hope this blesses many who may not be on the email list. Feel free to print yourself a copy. If you have any questions, contact womensministries@rslcs.org.



Women's Zoom Bible Study

Starts September 9 at 9:30 am- RSVP

"Living the fruit of the Spirit through the best times of your life."

We are called to be daughters and wives, sisters and friends, mothers and grandmas. We are called to be volunteers, employees, citizens and leaders. As we fill these various roles, we are to be intuitive, creative, persistent, supportive, and productive. Is it any wonder that we may also be tired and crabby?

This nine-session Bible study helps the Christian woman put all of these roles, characteristics and emotions into perspective. Each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and considers how the lives and stories of nine biblical women convey that characteristic. As you study women like Esther (self-control) and Dorcas (goodness), Ruth (love) and Elizabeth (joy), you'll see how God is at work in your life too and how His promise of salvation and peace through Jesus are fully yours all the time." RSVP to womensministries@rslcs.org.

DEVELOP Continued...



School Supply Boxes for Children First Leadership Academy

We are still able to receive donations if you haven't had a chance to do so yet. Thank you to those who have already donated and to the youth that helped to pack the boxes. This is such a blessing for 300 children!

Landscape Ministry

This group meets Thursdays at 5:30 am for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds. Contact Chuck for more information cmdeath1@gmail.com.

Adult Forum

This Bible Study is postponed until the Fall.

We are now on Instagram!
Follow Us @RisenSaviorAZ



Follow the Youth on Instagram:
@ImpactYouthRSLCS

There is a private Facebook page for the Youth and Parents to get updates.



Staff Update

Director of Family Ministry

Jill Lopez, who was the lead teacher in our Kindergarten, has stepped in on a part-time basis to assist in Children's and Youth Ministry. Jill has been on staff and a member at Risen Savior for many years. She was one of the adult chaperones to last year's youth gathering and she has a passion for instilling the faith in both children and youth. It is great to have Jill step into this role for such an important ministry.



September 13 at
7 pm-contact Jill
for details.

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?

For the months of June and July, Giving was above budget. This is such a blessing for the Ministry of Risen Savior and we are so thankful for your continued support.

We are still feeling the effects of COVID19 with overall Church receipts down just over \$50,000 for the calendar year-to-date. This is due to missing the Giving budget in March, April and May combined with lost receipts from the Bridge Club. In exercising good stewardship of what God has blessed us with, we continue to monitor our expenses and have underspent our Operating Budget which has given us a solid financial position and allowed us to support our Mission Organizations that are also facing the same decrease in receipts during this pandemic. We want to continue to bless these Missions and have pledged to meet and in most areas exceed our commitment for the year. Your continued support of the Ministries of Risen Savior has allowed us to do that.

Financial Summary for July 2020:

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

Giving Results

Giving was **over** budget by \$5,913 for the month of July and **under** budget by (\$37,696) CYTD20. For CYTD20, we are at 96% of the budget for Giving. The shortfall is predominantly in Loose Plate giving.

Spending

Spending was **under** budget by (\$31,273) for the month of July and **under** budget by (\$128,849) CYTD20.

The Preschool has underspent due to control over variable costs such as food and labor that has been impacted by lower enrollment.

The Church has put controls in place to monitor expenses and adjust as needed based on Giving. In light of the decrease in Giving and Preschool Revenue, we continue to monitor expenses and limit based on necessity.

Preschool and Kindergarten (PS&K)

PS&K Net Income was **over** budget by \$11,611 for the month of July and **under** budget (\$114,294) CYTD20.

Current enrollment at the Preschool is approximately 75% of the pre-COVID19 levels.

Due to public schools offering online only to begin the school year, the Preschool is offering a K-3 mentoring program where students come to the Center and receive assistance with online school as well as childcare. This program has been highly successful with as many as 17 children attending.

Net Operating Cash

As of July 31, 2020, Operating Cash is a **negative** (\$105,042) which is an increase of \$3,481 from the end of June.

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 Continued

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Jul-20	Jul-20	\$ Over	FYTD20	FYTD20	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	102,713	96,800	5,913	864,804	902,500	(37,696)	1,535,760
All other income	134	4,230	(4,096)	14,786	29,610	(14,824)	50,800
Total Church Income	102,847	101,030	1,817	879,590	932,110	(52,520)	1,586,560
Preschool & Kindergarten	71,444	83,520	(12,076)	472,267	674,380	(202,113)	1,170,355
Total Operational Income	174,291	184,550	(10,259)	1,351,857	1,606,490	(254,633)	2,756,915
Operational Expenses	184,582	215,855	(31,273)	1,390,501	1,519,350	(128,849)	2,622,940
Net Income/(Loss)	(10,291)	(31,305)	21,014	(38,644)	87,140	(125,784)	133,975
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
July 31, 2020							
Cash/Receivable Balance 07.31.20		952,350					
Liabilities		(3,470)					
Restricted Assets		610,679					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		347,474					
Designated Programs		102,709					
Total Unrestricted Assets		450,183					
Net Operational Cash 07.31.20		(105,042)					
Cash/Receivable Balance 06.30.20		993,319					
Liabilities		839					
Restricted Assets		685,128					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		314,865					
Designated Programs		101,010					
Total Unrestricted Assets		415,875					
Net Operational Cash 06.30.20		(108,523)					
Net Operating Cash Change		3,481					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonathon	Isola	9/1	Avery	Miorandi	9/14
Carolyn	Tagatz	9/2	Larry	Mueller	9/15
Elizabeth	Replogle	9/2	Millie	Hambleton	9/15
Arlan	Fuhr	9/2	Donald	Carey	9/15
Mark	Schultz	9/2	Bettie	Brakebill	9/15
Lori	Hoffmann	9/2	Betty	Barnhouse	9/15
Jennifer	Evans	9/2	Margo	Huber	9/15
Augustus	Tietbohl	9/3	Catherine	Tinerino-Moore	9/15
Dan	Broome	9/3	David	Wright	9/15
Cheryl	Schaab	9/4	Amanda	Hussey	9/15
John	Tarvin	9/4	Ruth	Endicott	9/16
Denise	Brown	9/4	Frank	Farmer	9/16
Andy	Myers	9/4	Mary Lou	Giles	9/16
Christian	Hoff	9/4	Candace	Watson	9/16
Eve	Ritchie	9/4	James	Golichowski	9/16
Brody	Zirpel	9/4	Ava	Mans	9/16
Connie	Blair-Massengale	9/6	Aidan	Knollmueller	9/16
Jeff	Goldberg	9/6	Peggy	Dahlke	9/17
Trinity	Karst	9/6	Yvonne	White	9/17
Carol	Devereaux	9/7	Steven	Endicott	9/18
Ted	Bray	9/7	Linda	Griffin	9/18
Bob	Saathoff	9/7	Sue	Theron	9/20
Luke	Torre	9/7	Larry	Schuller	9/21
Iris	White	9/8	Mark	Becker	9/21
Shelley	Nelson	9/8	Allison	Weis	9/21
Lincoln	Gloss	9/8	Rita	Horkey	9/22
Joan	Laubenstein	9/9	Carol	Wibe	9/22
Jean	Selle	9/9	Toby	Day	9/22
Velda	Boardman	9/10	Angela	Gloyd	9/22
Arlan	Ayres	9/10	Amanda	Dunning	9/22
Judith	Fuhr	9/10	Lexie	McDonald	9/22
Tracey	Latorraca	9/10	Mason	Korpalski	9/22
Amy	Otolski	9/10	Robert	Timm	9/23
Ruth	Eggert	9/11	Patricia	Crocker	9/23
Dexter	Dunning	9/11	Heidi	Starostecki	9/23
Barbara	Wagner	9/12	Amara	Clarke	9/23
Kristy	Steiner	9/12	Karen	Horn	9/24
Sharon	Crawford	9/13	Clyde	Spencer	9/24
Cole	Pedroia	9/13	Jennifer	Meder	9/24
Ron	Olsen	9/14	LeAnn	Fekjan	9/25
John	Erickson	9/14	Gabor	Selak	9/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tessa	Hoffmann	9/25	Ernest & Verla	Matuschka	9/16/1951
Preston	Kucenski	9/25	Ted & Liz	Tollefsen	9/18/1954
Haley	Meyer	9/26	Dick & Barbie	Bergerson	9/25/1959
Hunter	Meyer	9/26	James & Carol	Joura	9/16/1961
Judy	Weber	9/27	Jim & Yvonne	White	9/7/1963
Joyce	Schwartz	9/27	Steven & RuthAnn	Endicott	9/17/1965
			Ronald & Dorothy	Mitchell	9/3/1966
			Gary & Ellen	Voelker	9/4/1966
			Lewis & Betty	Barnhouse	9/23/1966
			Richard & Barbara	Graham	9/6/1969
			Dennis & Carol	Rittenback	9/27/1969
			Charles & Janet	Myers	9/11/1971
			Tom & Kathy	Jorgensen	9/20/1975
			Teri & Bob	Bitler	9/30/1978
			Donald & Iris	White	9/8/1979
			Doug & Anna	Friesen	9/26/1981
			Tony & Lori	Young	9/26/1981
			Robert & Kimberly	Abersold	9/3/1988
			Anthony & Allison	Weis	9/3/1988
			Mark & Maureen	Milne	9/10/1988
			John & Laura	Lasiter	9/30/1989
			Carol & Clint	Fontaine	9/2/1992
			Gary & Rita	Horkey	9/30/1994
			Matt & Tracy	Tamke	9/24/1999
			Roger & Gail	Osten	9/30/2000
			Kristy & Scott	Steiner	9/29/2007
			Bradley & Kathryn	Stark	9/13/2008
			Steven & Gigi	Taylor	9/3/2015
			Jonathon & Diane	Isola	9/3/2016