



RISEN SAVIOR

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Begins
Sept. 13*

September 2026

We will return to our 4 service schedule after Labor Day weekend!

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

INSPIRE KIDS CLUB AT 10:30 AM (NORTH BUILDING)

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WORSHIP

4 Services are back starting Sept. 13!



Admin Building Office Hours

Closed 9/7

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

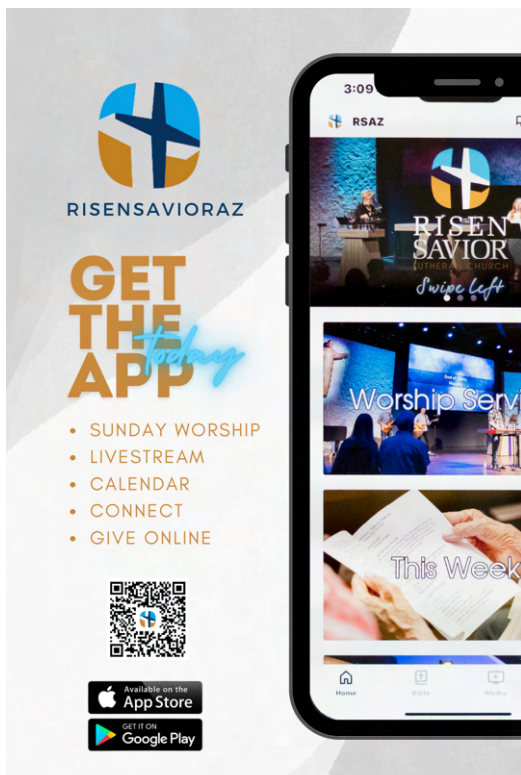
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our available service times, don't worry, the entire sermon will be available the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit risensavioraz.org, select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

Additional Parking Available

Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who have limited mobility.



What's on the App?

"Give" link, simply click on the "Give" graphic at the bottom to set up an account or to access your current online giving account. Or you can submit a one-time gift too-this makes giving to the church so much easier for you to "set it and forget it". You can edit your giving account information at anytime. If you have any questions about giving, contact Barb at the Church Office.



GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUPS

Beginning Monday, Aug. 31 at 9:30 am
OR Sept. 2 at 6:00 pm
in South Building, Psalms Conf. Room

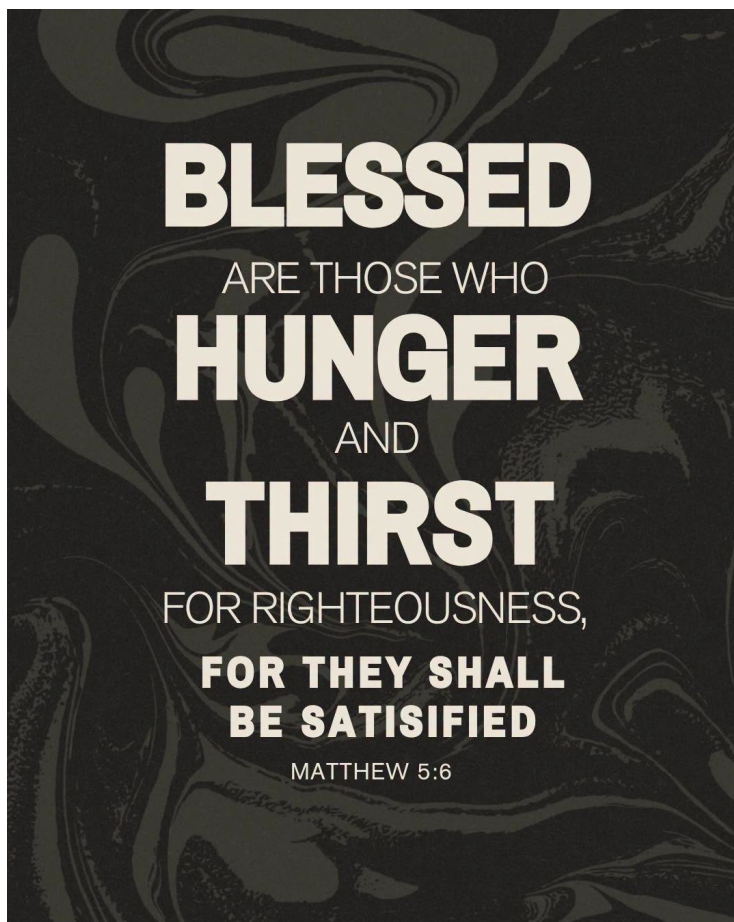
GriefShare is a weekly seminar/support group
for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.
For more info contact the Church Office or email Linda at lrauch007@icloud.com.



WELCOME PARTY

SUNDAY, OCT. 11
5:00 PM North Building

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



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

MATTHEW 5:6



EVERY ONE BRINGS ONE

Visit our *Every One Brings One* web page under the "Worship" drop down. This page will give you some great ideas on how to invite someone to Risen Savior. We have seen so many new faces this year on Sundays and at many of our events/studies. Let's continue the momentum to help others find Jesus!

Women's Morning Ministry

Returns on September 17 at 9:00 am in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Are you searching for connection and a deeper faith? Women's Morning Ministry resumes this month with guest speaker, Lynne Hartke *"Intentional Pauses: Connecting with God, Ourselves, and Others in a Fast-Paced World"* This ministry is open to all women and offers a variety of book studies, faith-searching and connection activities throughout the year. Contact annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org with any questions.



Risen Savior Women's Ministry presents
2 unique weeks of *Intentional Pauses: Connecting with God, Ourselves, and Others in a Fast-Paced World*.
Coffee-Connect

SEPT. 17, 24
9-11AM

Lynne Hartke

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

Need someone to talk to?
You don't have to go it alone.

Contact the church office to make an appointment with a Stephen Minister



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"When I was with my Stephen Minister, I felt Jesus was with me. I saw the love of God in his eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through."





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The On-Ramp

Begins Oct. 20, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Five sessions (six total) of learning with session one being dinner with the Pastor on Oct. 18 at 6:00 pm.

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

RSVP to info@risensavioraz.org or use QR code.



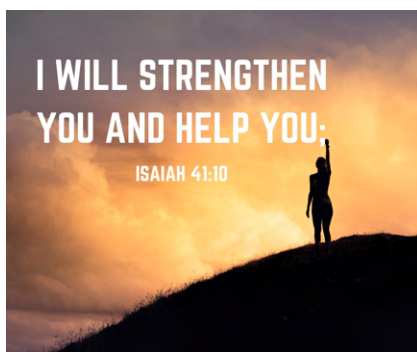

To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", or to link "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.



Calling All Volunteers!

We are coming into our busier season soon...we will need additional people to be a part of our Sunday mornings! Specifically;

- Coffee/donut servers
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Welcome Desk Ambassadors



THIS HAS TO BE
ONE OF THE BEST
TRENDS EVER!



GRAB A PIC OF MINI JESUS AROUND TOWN!

Have you been seeing mini Jesus everywhere you go? We have, and it has inspired us to ask you to snag a quick pic of mini Jesus “in the wild” wherever you happen to see him or take him. Here at Risen Savior we have given out over 5,000 Jesus’, which is great news and an easy way to share a “little Jesus” or to use as an invitation and your “Bring One”.

We want you to share with us where you see him or who you are sharing him with. If that person became your “Bring One”, let us know that too! Send your pics to jill.vermeire@risensavioraz.org so we can share them throughout 2026. Below was a submission from last month.



RS member, Teri Bitler, took her mini Jesus’ with her during her surgery!

Women’s Ministry Evening Bible Study



Every Other Tuesday
at 6:30 pm in the NB.

Book Study Starts September 22 at 6:30 pm
in the NB Discipleship Room.

“Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it’s a struggle. Throughout God’s Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray.”

This 6-week session book study with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible. You’ll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You’ll see examples of how to pray when you’re alone and when you’re gathered with others. Above all, you’ll notice there’s no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you’ll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. This group meets every other Tuesday evening. Contact Susan at starleal@rocketfam.com with any questions.



Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conf Rm
This Ministry is in need of donated yarn; four-ply, worsted yarn works best. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office or in the Ministry Donation Cabinets in the either building. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Marion at 602.920.3319.

FINANCIALS

Monthly and Quarter End Financial Overview

Key Financial Indicators – June 2026

	June 2026	Budget	Delta	June 2025	Delta
Operating Cash	176,350	NA	NA	(63,107)	239,457
Weekly Tracked Giving	37,663	32,000	5,663	26,445	11,218
Weekly Loose Plate	989	920	69	1,180	(191)
Net Income	(28,625)	(85,613)	56,988	(66,838)	38,213

Key Financial Indicators – January – June 2026 vs 2025

	Jane-June 2026	Budget	Delta	Jan-June 2025	Delta
Total Tracked Giving	1,154,481	1,070,500	83,981	1,010,919	143,562
Total Loose Plate	55,727	62,700	(6,973)	58,658	(2,931)
Preschool Income	722,722	749,780	(27,058)	751,400	(28,678)
Other Income	40,317	35,640	4,677	44,053	(3,736)
Total Expenses	1,783,407	1,874,340	(90,933)	1,905,568	(122,161)
Net Income	189,840	44,280	145,560	58,594	131,246



"You, Lord, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation" Lamentations 5:19. Established in 2010, RSLCS Foundation, Inc. is a 501c (3) organization that receives gifts and bequests in support of Risen Savior missions and ministries. As steward of your earthly God-given gifts, prayerfully consider an annual gift to RSLCS Foundation, as well as a legacy gift in your Estate Plan. For ways to give, and bless Risen Savior missions and ministries, please visit risensavioraz.org under the "About Us" tab for more information.



Fall Bible Studies

LWML Resumes 9/10
 Men's Early Bird Bible Study Resumes 9/12
 Christ in the Old Testament Begins 9/13
 Women's Morning Ministry Begins 9/17
 Women's Evening Ministry Begins 9/22
See our website for details

ANNUAL RUMMAGE



Friday & Saturday

Oct. 23-24

7 am-12 pm



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



This year's Operation Christmas Child Campaign begins Oct. 25 with the final day for box submissions being November 15. Boxes can be picked up/dropped off on Sundays at either building or at the Admin Building. All boxes are due back no later than November 15 to the North Building. If you do not have the time or ability to shop for items, you can make a donation of \$30.00 and we will submit a packed box with your name. Make donation checks out to "Risen Savior" with "OCC" in the memo. Contact Karen at 562.818.6753 with any questions.

WAYS TO GIVE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

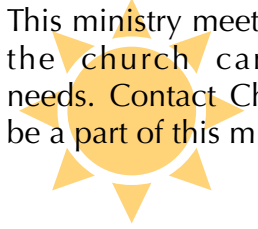
- BY MAILING A CHECK**
 23914 S ALMA SCHOOL RD.
 CHANDLER, AZ 85248
- GIVE ONLINE**
www.RisenSaviorAZ.org/give
- BY TEXT**
 TEXT RISEN SAVIOR TO 77977 AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS

If you have any questions about giving or gifts, please contact the Director of Operations, Susan Mello at susan.mello@risensavioraz.org.

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am at the South Building Patio.

This ministry meets weekly for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds and landscaping needs. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of this ministry at cmdeuth1@gmail.com.



Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Although summer finds many of our members visiting other states to the North, we still gather weekly and manage to complete quite a few quilts each week. If you are cleaning cupboards, and find you have sheets you no longer need, consider donating them to our ministry. We use sheets to back all our quilts. Sheets need to be full sized or larger and without stains or holes. While you are in the cupboard, if you have any cotton blend fabric, we are always excited to accept any yardage!

It goes without saying that we thank all of you for supporting our ministry!

We also know there are some of you out there that REALLY want to join us! We meet every Wednesday from 9:00 to noon in the south building Fellowship Hall. We can't stress this enough: You do NOT need to be a quilter or even sew! Can you tie a knot? Stick a pin in fabric? Iron? You are IN!

The best part: the volunteers and fellowship! We truly have a wonderful time making these quilts, mouths and hands going a mile a minute! Treats provided each week on rotation.

If you have questions, call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.

HANDBELL REHEARSALS

**THURSDAYS FROM 5:30 PM-6:45 PM
IN THE SOUTH BUILDING SANCTUARY.**

If you enjoy playing handbell music in a worship setting, and would like more information about joining our group, please contact organist@risensavioraz.org.

What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.

A flower chart binder is available in both buildings at the Welcome Centers. Select an open date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Cost is \$50.00.

Visitation Ministry

This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ and the care of the congregation beyond the walls of the church. Some of those who help in this ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.

Braille Ministry Resumes 9/8

**Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the
SB Fellowship Hall.**

Our dedicated group of volunteers will resume for their weekly meetings next month to produce books of the Bible for the seeing impaired. We would be happy to show our production process, answer any questions and invite those interested in joining this rewarding ministry, contact Vicki at 480.262.0171 with any questions.

Alpha Team Leader Training

September 2 at 6:00 pm in the NB.

Join us at this Alpha Study leadership meeting if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If you are not familiar with Alpha, the course is geared towards the unchurched or those very new to attending church. If you are interested in volunteering to be a leader for this study, plan to attend this informational meeting to get any questions answered. RSVP to jerrymack06@comcast.net.



**NEW Bible Study begins September 13
at 9:10 am & 10:15 am in the NB Discipleship Rm.**

No Meeting on October 4.

Where is Jesus in the Old Testament? Join us for an exciting 13-week Bible exploration of how the Hebrew Scriptures point us to Christ. We will begin at the Creation, travel to Eden, walk through God's promises to Abraham and David, listen to the prophets, and see how sacrifices, psalms, wisdom, and Old Testament events prepare us for Jesus. This class is designed for everyday Bible readers—no special background needed. Together we will read Scripture, ask good questions, and discover how the whole Bible tells one story: God's promise to restore fallen humanity through His Son. Taught by Barry Ritchie, classes will be held in the Discipleship Room in the North Building, with two separate offerings available - at 9:10 AM and 10:15 AM. So that enough materials can be prepared, please let Barry know if you'll be attending by emailing him at [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchier11@juno.com). See you there!



His Story, Our Story

**Begins September 3 at 9:30 am &
7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Rm.**

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

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

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



Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships—helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.

Baptism at Risen Savior

If you or someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782 or scan the QR code to complete a short form.





LWML Monthly Meeting

September 10 at 1:00 pm in the South Building Genesis Conf. Room.

LWML is returning after their summer break. This group meets monthly on the second Thursday at 1:00 pm if you would like to join us. There will be a brief meeting, topic to study, prayer time and close with coffee and a treat. All women are welcome to attend!

LWML Mission Grant Update

Reaching God's Children in Haiti - \$61,782. Trinity HOPE began working with Lutheran schools in Haiti in 1999. Originally feeding 42 children in one school, the ministry now feeds 65,000 children, teachers, and cooks in over 265 Christian schools across the country. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where more than 4.7 million people suffer from acute hunger. The children are victims of gang violence, inflation, cultural insecurity, lack of jobs for parents, and the worship of Satan through the Voodoo religion. 11 of the 36 feeding program directors are Lutheran pastors who visit their schools twice a month to teach lessons from God's Word. There is a prayer before each meal, and children profess their faith in Jesus. The children receive the light, love, and warmth of knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior with each meal. This grant will fund 160,472 meals served to children and teachers over two years.

Giving Toward LWML Grants

Please consider supporting our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Grants by giving one of the following ways.

· www.risensavioraz.org/give OR on the Risen Savior App, select 'Give'

Please select the Fund: "Other Offerings" and Type "LWML Missions" in the text box. We are suggesting a minimum \$5.00 donation to help cover transaction fees.



Prayer Warriors

Prayer Focus

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

If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer for a specific topic, all you do is add this prayer to your regular prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week for this month is:

Sept. 6 - This Labor Day, thank God for giving us all our skills and talents. Help us oh Lord to use these gifts for all people to bring glory to Your Name. Genesis 2:15, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 5:14-16

Sept. 13 - Let us pay attention to those whose occupations require working in the extreme Arizona heat. Ask the Lord to help us grow our sincere appreciation of their works, and to provide them with His protection, encouragement, and rewards. Psalm 121:5-6, Galatians 6:9

Sept. 20 - Pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work in people's hearts and minds as they hear the gospel shared in the Alpha Study. Matthew 13:3-9, 2 Corinthians 4:4,6, Colossians 4:3-4

Sept. 27 - Pray that all personnel in the military serve with integrity and self-control and that our Lord grant protection for them and their families. Psalm 33:12, 25:20-21

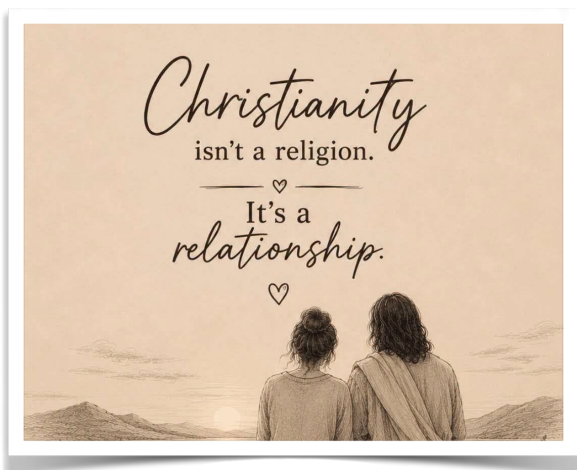
**Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down one's
life for one's friends.**

John 15:13



Asking For A Friend

Begins October 15 at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Room. Everyone has questions. Some are easier than others. Some, quite frankly, don't have answers. As the world looks at the church, there are many questions that it has for the church. Some of them are questions that we grapple with ourselves, while others may surprise us. How do we faithfully give answer to the questions that the world is asking of us in a way that is faithful to God's word and gives winsome witness to the world while not appearing tone deaf to what is happening in our world? During this study, we will explore some of the great questions that the world is asking of the church and how we might respond in a way that is both helpful and hopeful. This is a six-week course, RSVP using the QR code. Email Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org with any questions.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study Meetings on September 12 & 26

This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 7:30 am

in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.

Did You Know We Have a Memorial Garden?

Our Memorial Garden is located behind the South Building (look for outdoor signs). It's a beautiful, quiet and calming space to visit loved ones there and is always open. If you are interested in more information about how to reserve a personal niche space for you or a loved one, please contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org.

REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT/PRAYERS

* To have someone pray with you by phone, in-person or to submit a prayer request email info@risensavioraz.org (add prayers to the subject line). Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.

*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org and include the facility and contact number.

*After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM IN THE SB FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Join us each Sunday as we gather to study the Bible. Each week's study is individual, so join us at any time. All adults are welcome!



NEXTGEN INFORMATION

Nextgen | **You Belong Here**

One of the most important messages a young person can hear at church is simple: You belong here. See how this message is being lived out this September across NextGen:



INSPIRE | Learning to Hear from God

Birth – 6th Grade, Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building.

Our youngest children are discovering that God is always with them, while elementary students explore

CONFIRMATION | Ready to Race

Confirmation students are nearing the finish line of their Ready to Race journey. As they prepare for Confirmation Sunday in October, they are taking greater ownership of their faith and what it means to follow Jesus.



IGNITE | Growing Together

7th & 8th Grade, Sundays from 6-7:30 pm in the North Building.

Junior high students are exploring belonging, emotions, challenges, and relationships, discovering how faith in Jesus shapes the way they see themselves and care for others.



IMPACT | Real Talk

9th - 12th Grade, Sundays from 7-8:30 pm in the North Building.

High school students begin Real Talk, creating space for honest conversations, difficult questions, and faith that extends beyond Sunday morning.

Every generation has a role. Learn a name. Encourage a student. Welcome a family. Pray for our kids and teenagers.

You are seen. You are valued. You belong here.

NURSERY

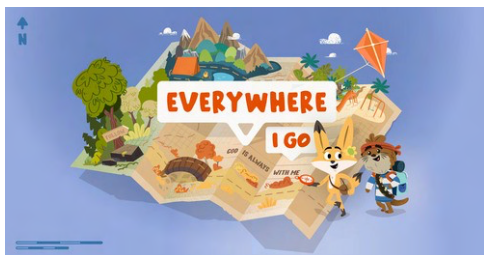
(Age 3 and under)

Available on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 am services in the North Building Nursery Room.

Inspire Kids Club (Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)

NO meeting 9/6

Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building Youth Rooms.



Preschoolers cannot see God, but they need to know that He is always with them. God is close enough to hear their giggles and tears, and He hears them when they pray to Him. So, we have four Bible stories to share this month that will help preschoolers learn that God is always with them.



Life is busy for everyone. That's why it's so vital for all of us to learn how to pause, take a deep breath, and tune our hearts to hear from God. We serve a God who wants to speak to us and who designed us to hear from Him every day! For many of us, though, hearing from God feels complicated. Where do I start? How do I know if it's God or my own thoughts? God loves when we ask those questions—and we're excited to help kids ask those questions, too, as we explore FREQUENCY - Learning to hear from God.

NEXTGEN INFORMATION

Inspire

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 6
No Inspire (Labor Day)

September 13
Inspire moves to 10:30 am

September 20
Inspire 10:30 am

September 27
No Inspire

October 4
Inspire 10:30 am

October 11
Inspire 10:30 am

October 18
Inspire 10:30 am

October 25
Inspire 10:30 am



Confirmation Deadlines

If you are planning to be confirmed on October 25, **you must turn in your Confirmation book** to Jill or at the Sunday School check-in desk before **Sunday, October 11.**

Please make sure all requirements have been completed in the Next Steps tab, and that you have emailed your photo, faith statement, and Confirmation verse to aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org.

Ignite & Impact

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 6
No Ignite or Impact (Labor Day)

September 13
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

September 20
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

September 27
No Ignite or Impact

October 4
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
No Impact

October 11
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

October 18
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

October 25
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm







ALPHA Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has Questions?

New Study Begins September 16 at 6:30 pm in the North Building.

Do you know someone who has "Big" questions about church and God? *Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray?* This course is geared towards the unchurched or VERY new to attending church. Be sure to invite that ONE person we all know who asks these types of questions by using this article as an invitation or use the QR code for more information. Dinner is included with an RSVP. Email jerrymack06@comcast.net with any questions.

Quotes from those at Risen Savior who completed the ALPHA Study:

- ~Made my faith stronger. Made me feel very loved by Jesus.*
- ~Give it a try, I was nervous to attend but fell in love with the program. I highly recommend it, everyone is welcome.*
- ~Increased my spirituality and willingness to listen.*
- ~It has helped me think about Jesus again and how much of an impact He has in everyday life.*
- ~It has brought me closer to God in a way I didn't think it would.*
- ~Became very close to God.*
- ~Thinking deeply about things I haven't thought deeply about in a long time.*



