



# RISEN SAVIOR

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**April 2026**



## THE MIRACLE OF EASTER

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# WORSHIP



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
THE LAST SUPPER

Services April 2 at 12:30/6:30 pm  
in the North Building



SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

**EASTER FAMILY CELEBRATION**

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, ENJOY A FUN-FILLED TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH FOOD, FACE PAINTING, A BALLOON ARTIST, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY.



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
IT IS FINISHED

Services April 3 at 12:30/6:30 pm  
in the North Building



Easter Services

**THE MIRACLE OF EASTER**

Saturday, April 4 4:30 pm  
Sunday, April 5  
6:30, 8, 9, 10:30, 11:30 am



8:00 & 11:30 AM  
TRADITIONAL SANCTUARY

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:00 & 10:30 AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP CENTER

RISENSAVIOR.ORG

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 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.



**JOIN US**  
FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS  
IN BETWEEN SERVICES  
EVERY SUNDAY

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS!  
~TO VOLUNTEER WITH THIS MINISTRY  
GO TO THE COFFEE TABLE FOR MORE DETAILS~

Admin Building Office Hours  
Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



*There will be no coffee or doughnuts served on Easter Sunday so that our amazing volunteers can enjoy Easter services.*



## WELCOME PARTY!

April 19 at 5:00 pm in the North Building Lobby.

If you are new or newer, or just curious about Risen Savior, we invite you to join us for a "Welcome Party" in your honor. The Welcome Party is an informal opportunity for us to get to know you and for you get to know us. During our time together you will have the opportunity to; enjoy appetizers, learn a little about who Risen Savior is and what we are all about, meet the team and others just like you or see how you can get involved and take your next step. We would love to have you join us for this fun night together. RSVP is not required, but any questions can be answered by emailing [michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org](mailto:michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org).





**RISEN SAVIOR**  
Early Childhood Center

Preschool Features:

- Hands on lesson plans that are fun!
- NAEYC Accreditation
- 4-Star center by Quality First

**SCHEDULE A TOUR** ▶

📞 480.802.1505  
🌐 [www.RisenSaviorPreschool.org](http://www.RisenSaviorPreschool.org)

Call Today!




**This year is the Early Childhood Center's 25th Anniversary! We are so proud that over 3,000 children have blessed the hallways to begin learning about Jesus at our campus. The Director, Linda Pauley, has been here since day one enriching little one's lives and growing the school into the amazing facility that it is today. If you have never visited this part of the campus, book a tour today or send an encouraging message to Linda as her and the staff prepare registrations for the upcoming school year.**



## MARICOPA BIBLE STUDY: THE CHOSEN

Mondays at 6:30 pm, RSVP for address. This study meets every Monday in Maricopa City. RSVP to Linda 480.452.8980 to get the meeting location or to ask questions.

**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."*





Last month we celebrated the Early Childhood Center's first chapel baptism. Phoenix Shand is two years old and was joined by her family and friends to be baptized by Pastor Kevin. It was a wonderful and joyous occasion!

## What's on the App?

Upcoming Events...yes this link speaks for itself, but each event has links to more info, the contact person or sign-up link (if applicable). ALSO...you can share/send the event link right from the event to a friend or family member via text or email-it's so easy to ask someone to come with you and be a part of *Every One Brings One!*



## Ways to Connect With An Invitation...

*Make it personal...*

We have "Invitation Stations" signs at each building near the Welcome Centers. These stations will be out all year, so feel free to take as many invites as you need. If you prefer to utilize an electronic invitation, all of our events and services on the website ([RisenSaviorAZ.org](http://RisenSaviorAZ.org)) have the ability to be "shared" via email or text. If you aren't sure how to do this, simply ask a staff member or volunteer.

When talking with someone mention something RSLCS offers that might interest them i.e. children's ministry opportunities, worship music, Mens/ Women's Bible Studies or an upcoming event/ sermon series. There really is something for everyone here at Risen Savior!

Another option is to text a personal message extending an invitation. Mention a specific sermon series that made you think of them and send a link to the sermon. All sermon videos are available on our website under "livestreams".

Remember if someone says "no, they aren't interested" try not to take it personally (yes, this can be difficult). Rest knowing that you have planted the seed and now God can begin His work! You never know when they might reach out to you later or attend a service on their own in the future.

**LOSS OF A SPOUSE CLASS**  
April 17 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
South Building Fellowship Hall  
Everyone is welcome.  
Contact lrauch007@icloud.com with questions.



## Women's Ministry Facebook Page

This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. "Like" our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page "Groups", "Women's Ministry". Contact Annie for more information at [Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org).



## Women's Morning Ministry

*Thursdays at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.*

Are you searching for connection and a deeper faith? Women's Morning Ministry meets every week and offers just that. This ministry is open to all women and offers a variety of book studies, faith-searching and connection activities throughout the year.

This month there are two options for the book studies. Please choose from Study Guide "When God Doesn't Fix It" or "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply." Copies of both books can be found on Amazon. RSVP to [annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org](mailto:annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org) or reach out with any questions.

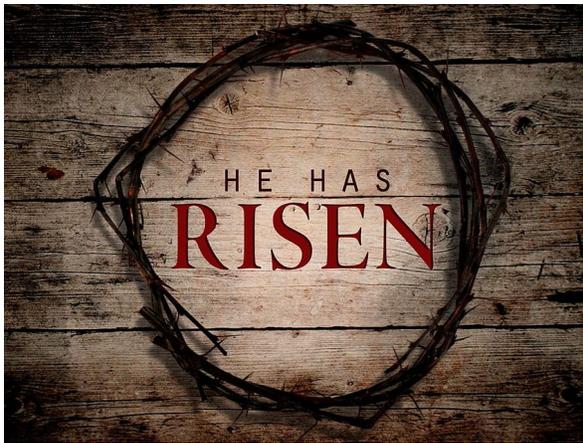




Beginning Monday, May 4  
9:30 am in South Building, Psalms Conf. Rm

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 [Irauch007@icloud.com](mailto:Irauch007@icloud.com).



## LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am at the SB 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](mailto:cmdeuth1@gmail.com).

## 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](http://risensavioraz.org), select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

## What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are a member 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](mailto: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

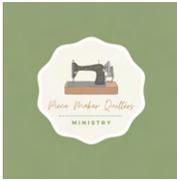
This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ 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

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

Our dedicated group of volunteers meet weekly producing 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



## *Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry* Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

### **PIECE MAKER QUILTERS REJOICE! THE TOMB IS EMPTY!**

Easter blessings to all! This is the time our snowbird quilters are heading home and we miss them already! We pray for safe travels and a speedy return once the summer weather cools down.

We have been blessed with new members and lately have been finishing up to 10 quilts each week. (Thankfully, some of our ladies make the quilt tops at home which requires some knowledge of piecing fabric together and the rest of us cut, pin, tie, measure and machine sew the edges.) Some weeks there are more than 20 of us, but there is always room for more! Coffee and treats are provided each week (we take turns bringing something fun to share). *Donations we love to receive:* colorful fabric to make the quilt tops (around a yard), and Queen or King flat clean sheets (colorful is great!). We are greatly blessed by these donations! If you have questions? Call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.



### Daily Devotions Guide for Families

The Scriptures make it very clear that parents are to teach the faith to their children: “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deut. 6:6–7).



The daily devotions guide, available from LCMS Family Ministry, is designed to provide a simple approach for leading devotions. This short resource includes an outline for family devotional time as well as suggested hymns, memory work and Bible verses for each week of the year.



### **PADRE DAVE'S "THEOLOGY THOUGHTS" BLOG**

Thinking out loud about God, Christian theology and more specifically the evangelical catholic theology as lived out amongst Lutherans; and Pastor Dave's attempt to get you to relax and let God love you! Pastor Dave Poedel invites you to join him on this adventure through his blog. "Theology Thoughts" are his reflection on topics that come to mind on a given day... Visit <http://padrepoedel.substack.com/>



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](http://ACSTO.org) for more details.

# FINANCIALS

Financials are published in the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. If you desire to see the monthly summary, please contact Susan Mello at [susan.mello@risensavioraz.org](mailto:susan.mello@risensavioraz.org) and the summary can be emailed to you.

*Ways to Give:*

- *Text to Give 77977*  
*Text Risen Savior to the number and follow the instructions.*
- *Via our website [RisenSaviorAZ.org/Give](http://RisenSaviorAZ.org/Give)*
- *Mail a check to the Admin Building*  
*23914 S. Alma School Rd.*  
*Chandler, AZ 85248*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### Every Gift Matters

As passionate followers of Jesus, and stewards of earthly God-given gifts and blessings, prayerfully consider an annual gift, or legacy gifting to Risen Savior Foundation. All gifts help us expand Christian education and ministry projects in God's Kingdom. Your gifts have blessed, and continue to bless, Risen Savior Ministries. If you have questions or would like to speak with a Foundation Board Member, contact [foundation@risensavioraz.org](mailto:foundation@risensavioraz.org).



### Hooks and Needles Ministry Update

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conference Room.**

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. Our ministry has made approximately 450 blankets. The blankets have been donated to The Salvation Army to support the homeless, especially during this cold weather, as well as to Hospice of the Valley. For more information contact Marion at 602.920.3319.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We LOVE our volunteers-if you have been waiting for a sign...this is IT! Use the QR code or contact the Church Office to find your place as a Risen Savior Volunteer!

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

# DEVELOP



**RISESAVIORAZ**

**GET THE APP Today**

- SUNDAY WORSHIP
- LIVESTREAM
- CALENDAR
- CONNECT
- GIVE ONLINE

Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

## 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.



## Men's Early Bird Bible Study April 11 & 25

This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 7:30 am in the NB Multi-Use Rm. 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Forum is being renamed "Adult Bible Study"

(Same study, place and time)

NO Meeting April 5

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!



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

April 9 at 1:00 pm in the SB Genesis Conf. Rm

The topic will be *Out of Sight but, Not Out of Mine* on page 22 of the Spring 2026 Quarterly. We will begin with a brief meeting, study, have time for prayer and close for coffee and a treat. All women are welcome to attend! Ruth Ann at 602.623.9290 with any questions.

### Mission Grant Update

Light of Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers \$75,000: A Place of Refuge Ministries (APOR) of South Wisconsin, Inc., is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their pre-born children. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus' love, as He commands their safety and protection, which motivates APOR to offer valuable services. Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching the Catechism to the moms. The Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font. This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors' appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.

### 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](http://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 Conf. Room.

**NO Meeting April 1**

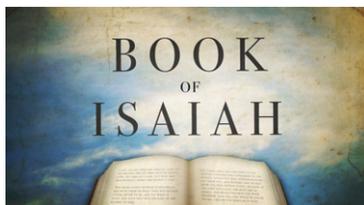
If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at [mandjscott@cox.net](mailto:mandjscott@cox.net) with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer 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:

**April 5-** Thank God that we can sing loud Alleluias with great joy and praise for the resurrection of Jesus! Matthew 28:5-7, 1 Peter 1:3, Psalm 118:24

**April 12-** Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through each of us to reveal Jesus Christ as the Savior of all mankind. Colossians 3:16-17, 1 John 3:18

**April 19-** Give thanks to God for His Son Jesus, that we can bring our concerns and confessions to Him and He will hear, and we will receive His forgiveness, mercy and grace. Psalm 32:5, Jeremiah 31:34b, 1 John 1:8-9

**April 26-** We pray, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that our nation's youth will follow the narrow road that Jesus calls all of us to take. John 14:6, 1 John 5:11-12, Matthew 7:13-14



### Bible Study: Book of Isaiah - NO Meeting April 1

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the South Building Fellowship Hall.

Join us on Wednesday as we read and discuss the book of Isaiah, a book so broad in its scope - from creation to new creation - that some have called it a "miniature Bible"! Contact Barry at [britchie11@juno.com](mailto:britchie11@juno.com) with any questions.

## YOUTH INFORMATION

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at [Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org).



Inspire Kids Club  
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)  
NO meeting 4/5  
Sundays at 10:30 am in the  
NB Youth Rooms.  
Look for the Sign-in table.

### NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

Available on Sundays during the 9:00 & 10:30 am service in the North Building Youth Rooms.



**Preschool-Kindergarden** - We can be forgiven because of what Jesus did on the cross. We can be with Jesus forever because the tomb is empty. We have so much to celebrate! Jesus is alive! And Jesus wants to be our friend forever! News that is this good is too good to keep to ourselves!



**Elementary** - Jesus is alive! We can have joy because of what Jesus did for us. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were God's plan all along.



**NO meeting 4/5**  
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### NO meeting 4/5

This month we are continuing 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity by Rebecca McLaughlin as a guide, students are invited into real conversations, shared reflection, and meaningful engagement with Scripture alongside trusted leaders and peers. Whether students are confident in their faith, unsure what they believe, or just beginning to ask questions, Impact is a place where they are known, valued, and where they belong.



Register Here

### Rain Forest VBS

Registration is Open!

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Cost is \$45 per child, recommended for ages pre-k-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION



A graphic for Senior Sending 2026. It features a central image of a black graduation cap with a gold tassel, surrounded by several smaller graduation caps in blue and brown. The text is centered below the main cap.

### *Senior Sending* 2026

We will be honoring our graduating seniors  
May 17, 2026.

If your child is graduating, please send us:

- Their name
- the name of their High School
- a graduation headshot
- what they are doing next

Please send these to  
[aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org](mailto:aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org) by May 1

# YOUTH & TEEN INFORMATION



This summer, Risen Savior will transform into Rainforest Falls VBS, and we are looking for volunteers to help bring the adventure to life! Adults and students entering 7th grade and older are invited to serve in a variety of roles, including crew leaders, station leaders, decorating teams, and more. It's a fun way to build friendships, grow in leadership, and help kids experience the love of Jesus. Use the QR code to sign-up! Contact [Aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org](mailto:Aldebaran.austin@risensavioraz.org) with any questions.



**Concordia University Irvine**  
**For students entering 7th–8th grade**

The Upside Down Kingdom retreat is a powerful junior high experience where students will explore how Jesus turns the world's expectations upside down. Through worship, teaching, small groups, and tons of fun activities, students will discover what it means to live differently because of Christ. Hosted on the beautiful campus of Concordia University Irvine, this weekend is designed to build friendships, deepen faith, and help students take their next steps in following Jesus.



**June 27 – July 2 | YMCA of the Rockies**  
**Estes Park, Colorado**

*For students entering 9th–12th grade*

The Collective is an unforgettable week in the mountains of Colorado where high school students gather with churches from across the country for worship, teaching, adventure, and community. Surrounded by the beauty of Estes Park and the Rocky Mountains, students will grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience powerful moments with God.

This is a life changing week for students and one they remember for years to come.

**Registration is open through April 19.**