



RISEN SAVIOR

LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2026



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WORSHIP



Admin Building Office Hours

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.



Ways to Connect With an Invitation to Risen Savior...

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 the events and services on our website 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. Know 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.



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.



CHANDLER Symphony Orchestra

Chamber Music Concert

October 11 at 3:00 pm
in the North Building

Free, Open to the Public

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.

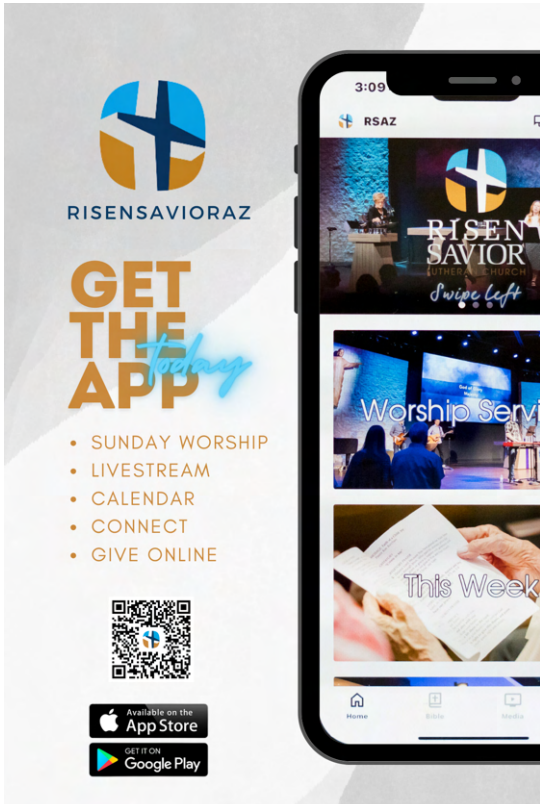
Join us to learn more about Risen Savior and
what makes being a Lutheran unique!

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




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.



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Women's Morning Ministry Book Study

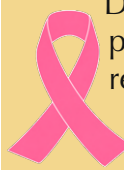
Thursdays at 9:00 am in the
NB Multi-Use Room.

10/22 meeting will be off-site.

Are you searching for
connection and a deeper faith?

Join our new book study as we dive into Max
Lucado's *Help is Here*, a study exploring the
power, presence, and purpose of the Holy
Spirit. We will gather together for coffee,
fellowship, and engaging video lessons,
followed by uplifting group discussions. Order
your copy of the book on Amazon today and
come ready to be encouraged and inspired!
RSVP to Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.

October 15 "Morning of Hope".



During our Bible study, we will pause to
pray for those undergoing treatment,
remember those who've passed, and
celebrate with survivors. We
encourage ladies to wear pink and
join us for special treats!

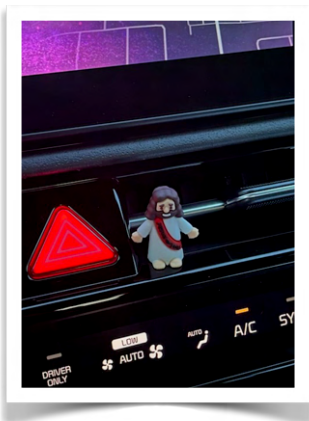
CONNECT



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 6,000 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.



Jesus was present after a member purchased their new car last month!



Follow Us On Social Media



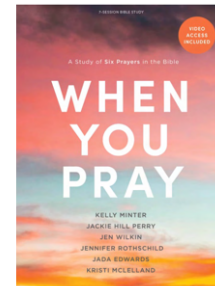
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Women's Evening Book Study

October 6 & 20 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.

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."



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 and the summary can be emailed to you.



WAYS TO GIVE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



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



Women's Ministry on Facebook

Like our Facebook page where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves, and each other. It's a place for women after God's heart. Use the QR code to get connected. Contact Annie with any questions at annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.



Google Review-Share the Love



If you love being a part of Risen Savior, please share your love with others online. Google reviews are a type of referral for a business/church. Those who are searching for a new church usually begin their search online. Having recent referrals are an encouraging reason for someone new to try a church. Plus, this helps us to be found easier online when people "search" for us. Use the QR code to share what Risen Savior has meant to you and why you attend here!

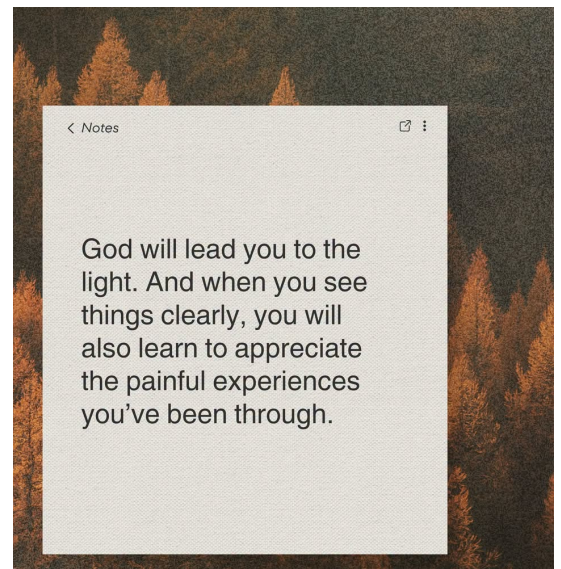


Novemberfest
Risen Savior's 11th Annual

November 7
4-7 pm
Tickets \$10

Tickets on Sale Starting October 11

Food • Live Music • Dancing • Entertainment





"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.



GriefShare Support Group Meetings

Mondays at 9:30 am or Wed. at 6:00 pm in the SB Psalms Conf Rm. This GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. During these meetings you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there is not neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability-and gain support each step of the way. Contact Linda at lrauch007@icloud.com with any questions.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE



Friday & Saturday

Oct. 23-24

7 am-12 pm



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

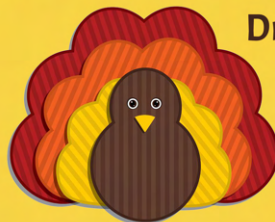
It's time to start cleaning out those garages and closets for donations! Donation items can be dropped off October 19-21 from 7:00 am—1:00 pm at the front of the Fellowship Hall. Clothing and electronics will not be accepted items. Contact Jane with questions at 480.527.7688.



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.

Save the Date!

Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Drive



Drop-off Frozen Turkeys & Meal Items

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am -12:00 pm

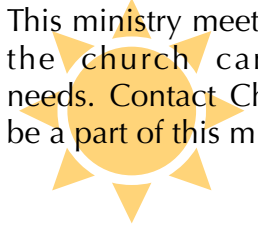
Supports: AZCEND



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.

No Meeting 10/21

Yes, Christmas is coming! *And so is the Quilt Sale!!*

Mark Your Calendars for December 6 from 7:30 am to noon in the North Building.

We have spent the past year sewing many, many quilts that were donated to needy recipients. But as we finish a quilt we are especially pleased with, we set it aside as a possible "Christmas Seller".

If you have been to a previous quilt sale, you know we have always offered a variety of sizes, from baby to bed quilts along with table runners, pot holders, eyeglass cases, aprons, and other handmade gifts for purchase.

We also know there are some of you out there that REALLY want to join us during the week! We meet every Wednesday. 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, with our 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

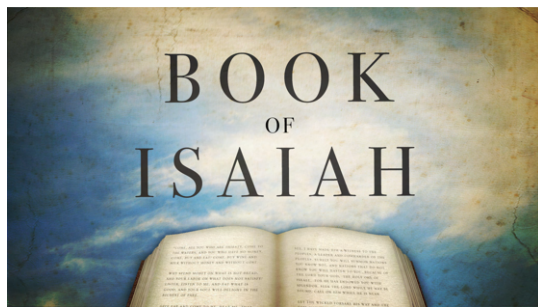
This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ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

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

No Meeting 10/20

Our dedicated group of volunteers meet weekly 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.



Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah

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

Join us Wednesdays as we read and discuss Scripture for an hour. We just began reading through the book of Isaiah, a book so broad in its scope - from creation to new creation - that some have called it a "miniature Bible"! Outside the Psalms, no other Old Testament book is cited more than Isaiah, so you may be surprised at what we find. Bring your Bible and read along with us as we begin our adventure. Contact Barry britchie11@juno.com if you plan to attend.



Sundays 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. So that enough materials can be prepared, please let Barry know if you'll be attending by emailing britchie11@juno.com. See you there!

ACSTO
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.



Annual Fall Rally

October 10 at 9:30 am Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ

This year's program will be Sister Jose' Women's Center: Sharing Spots of Green Ps 23:1-2. Ingathering: Women's hygiene items and bath towels. RSVP to Margie by October 4 at 520-730-8119. Registration is \$15.00.

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:

Oct. 4 - Do not be anxious, but with praise and humility, fervently seek God's wisdom, guidance and discernment on issues and candidates. Then vote accordingly. Psalm 144:15B, 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, Luke 18:13-14, Philippians 4:6-7

Oct. 11 - As we remember the Lutheran Reformation, let us give thanks for our faithful pastors who adhere to the purity of the Scriptures and inspire us to be devoted disciples of Christ. Acts 20:28, Ephesians 4:11-12

Oct. 18 - As Alpha continues, let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue speaking to the participants through the videos and small group discussions, giving them a desire to be in a deeper relationship with Jesus. Revelation 3:20, Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8

Oct. 25 - Thank God for all the lives that have been saved from fires, flash floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters. Let us ask for Heavenly guidance for all nations to plan for and be able to safely respond to these disasters. Isaiah 43:2, Psalm 32:7-8



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 October 10 & 24

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: FAITH IN ACTION

October gives our kids and students a chance to see that faith is more than something we know:

it is something we live.

Across NextGen, students will learn, serve, and take meaningful next steps as they grow in their faith and put it into action.



INSPIRE | Sharing His Love

On October 18, Inspire will help build Operation Christmas Child boxes, packing gifts that will eventually make their way to children around the world. It is a hands-on opportunity for our kids to see that following Jesus means looking beyond ourselves and sharing His love with others.

CONFIRMATION | Ready to Race

Confirmation students are nearing the finish line of their *Ready to Race* journey. **All workbooks are due no later than October 11.** On October 25, we celebrate Confirmation Sunday as students publicly confess the faith they have been learning, questioning, discussing, and growing in throughout their Confirmation journey.



IGNITE | IMPACT Serve at Project C.U.R.E.

October 2, Ignite students who are age 14 or older are invited to join Impact for a servant event at Project C.U.R.E. Friends and family age 14+ are welcome to join. Registration needs to be completed through Project C.U.R.E.; email jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org for the registration link.



IMPACT | Serve at Project C.U.R.E.

This October, please encourage our young people, pray for our confirmands, and celebrate the ways our kids and students are learning to put their faith into action.

Faith isn't only something we know. It's something we live.

NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

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



Some days feel like a lot to handle. The to-do list is long, the problems feel big, and we wonder how it's all going to work out. Here's the good news: we don't have to have it all figured out, because God does. Again and again in the Bible, God showed up for the people who trusted Him—and He hasn't changed. Whatever we're facing, we can trust God. He's got it!

NEXTGEN INFO

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



Inspire Kids Club (Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
Sundays at 10:30 am in the North Building Youth Rooms.



Sometimes the world feels scary, and being brave is hard. But when we remember that God is strong, that He's with us, and that Jesus has already won, we can find that God is our safe place—and trust Him no matter what comes our way.

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

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

October 2 - 4 Impact Retreat	November 1 Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm
October 4 Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm No Impact	November 7 Novemberfest Ignite & Impact Volunteers needed
October 11 Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm	November 8 No Ignite or Impact
October 18 Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm	November 15 Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm
October 25 Halloween Event Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm	November 22 Thanksgiving Event Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm Impact 7 - 8:30 pm
	November 29 No Ignite or Impact Happy Thanksgiving




SUMMER TIME FUN WITH OUR YOUTH!

