

The Good News DECEMBER 2019 & January 2020

Sunday Worship

Traditional: 8:00 a.m. Contemporary: 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Cameron Senior Pastor

Sarah O'Connor Director of Worship Ministries

Lori Hakes Director of Children's Ministries

> Nick Duclos Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Robin Duclos Director of Group Ministry and Administration





4th Annual Live Nativity

Faith 9s confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1-

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> Website: www.rslc.org

303-469-3521 Risen Savior Lutheran Church 3031 W. 144th Ave Broomfield, CO. 80023 Christmas Comes Alive Friday, December 20

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The Women

of Christmas



An Advent by Candlelight







Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, December 7 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ladies, please join us for an inspirational evening of fellowship, dessert and preparing for Christ.
This year's presentation will be *The Women of Christmas*.
Enjoy tables decorated by women of Risen Savior.
A registration fee of \$5.00 will secure our seat.
Due to limited seating, reservations are a must!
Reservations are available online or at the LWML table.
Family, friends and neighbors are welcome!

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday, December 4, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Join Young at Heart, those 55 and older for a catered meal. We will sing Christmas carols and then have a white elephant gift exchange. No white elephant, just pick up something under \$10, just please bring something to exchange. Come celebrate with us. Contact Norb Kleidon through the <u>church office</u> with questions.

Children's Christmas Program The Fumbly Bumbly Angels Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Come cheer on and enjoy the children in Sunday School as they bring to you a Christmas Program. See Four Fumbly, Bumbly Angels set their sights on singing in the glorious Heavenly Choir. Instead, they find themselves singing in the tiny village of Bethlehem. You'll also get to sing along with familiar Christmas melodies.

4th Annual Live Nativity Friday, December 20

The first Christmas reenacted 3 times 6:00, 6:45, & 7:30 p.m.

Experience Christmas' humble beginnings and the one who came to fill our lives and hearts with hope, love, joy, and peace. This Christmas Season, come on an unforgettable journey back to the very First Christmas. When wisemen followed a star,

angels sang of the new born king, and shepherds journeyed to find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

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CAROLS & COOKIES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 8:00 & 9:30 A.M.

Cookies Needed for Sunday, December 22 Do you like to make Christmas cookies? Do you like to eat Christmas cookies? Here is an opportunity to share Christmas cookies and taste a few. Cookies to be served between services on Carols and Cookies Sunday. Sign-up at the Information Center to bring cookies and pick up cookie delivery information

NO 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

ROBIN DUCLOS' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 BETWEEN SERVICES

If you would like to give Robin a card with advice and suggestions or warnings about retirement, drop them in the plaid Gift Box at the Information Center. Cards will be given to her

at her retirement celebration Dec. 22.

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NO Service Christmas Day



Sunday, December 29 1 Service only at 9:00 a.m.

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Supporting Kids in Colorado

REGISTER TO



GIFTS FOR A PRECIOUS CHILD Look for a tree with gift tags for "A precious gift".

Gifts must be returned, unwrapped, by Tuesday, December 10.
 You may include wrapping paper with the gift (optional)

- It is VERY important to <u>SIGN OUT</u> YOUR GIFT TAG!
 - Make sure the number of the gift tag matches the corresponding number on the sign-out sheet.
- RETURN GIFTS after December 10 You will need to take gifts directly to A Precious Child, 557 Burbank St #E, Broomfield.

BELL RINGER FOR SALVATION ARMY

Sign-up at the Mission and Outreach table

The Broomfield Salvation Army needs your help ringing a bell this Christmas. Spend two hours wishing shoppers a Merry Christmas and allowing them to share with those in need in our community. Shoppers drop their money in the kettle or they can use their phone to donate.

Risen Savior will ring this Christmas Season at King Soopers at 136 Avenue at Zuni in Broomfield at the West entrance, and Foothills Kiwanis will ring at the East entrance.

Ringing begins Saturday, November 30 and is in 2-hour shifts. Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sundays 2:00-6:00 p.m. only.

Sign up alone, bring a friend, a neighbor, or a family member children are welcome.

A stand will be at the west entrance. The Red Kettle, an apron, and a bell are stored at the cash office or the apron and bell are passed on from one shift to the next.

Contact Pat Stoehr or Annette Wagenknecht through the <u>church office</u> if you have questions. Sign up in the book at the Mission and Outreach table in the Fellowship Hallway.

Red Kettle offerings are Salvation Army's primary source of income.

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THANKSGIVING MEALS TO BROOMFIELD FISH "Fellowship In Serving Humanity" Your donation of food added up to 2,075 lbs. of food and 50 Turkeys To feed needy families.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES Collected 140

This year through the Mission of Operation Christmas Child you demonstrated God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. You helped spread The Word in the shoebox you packed!

I Thank God for this Opportunity

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you here at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. I am retiring from my position as Group Ministry Director and Director of Administration on December 31, 2019.

My husband, Bill, already retired, and I am looking forward to traveling with him, working on projects together, and some creative time!

These past 8 ½ years have taught me much, including the importance of Christian friends, sharing the load, and that God is good all the time! I thank God for my team: Pastor Cameron, Nick Duclos, Lori Hakes, Richard Hanson, Lynda Kluth, Colleen Martchenke, Sarah O'Connor, and Gladys Sweetwood. You will be missed!

My prayer for you is that you will continue in regular Christian fellowship with one another, talk & work things out with one another, never ceasing to pray for one another.

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

Blessings, Robin Duclos, Director of Administration and Group Ministry

ROBIN DUCLOS' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 BETWEEN SERVICES

Come celebrate Robin Duclos' 8+ years of service at Risen Savior Lutheran Church! During that time, she served in various roles: Membership Coordinator, Ministry Program Director, Connect Group Coordinator, Director of Administration & Group Ministry. In addition to serving in these roles since she became a member of Risen Savior in 1999, she also graciously donated her time and talents as Voters Secretary, Board of Caring & Fellowship, and Christ Care Ministry. Robin has been an influential and joy-filled follower of Christ here at Risen Savior Lutheran Church; her impact will be felt for generations!

If you would like to give Robin a card with advice and suggestions or warnings about retirement, drop them in the plaid Gift Box at the Information Center.

Cards will be given to her at her retirement celebration Dec. 22.

Finally brothers and sisters agree with one another, live in peace.



When you leave the service, put paper in the blue tubs with the recycle logo. THANK YOU TO OUR RECYCLE SAINTS WHO PICK-UP AND TAKE THE

RECYCLE HOME FOR RECYCLING!

Mark & Maria Dolan, Art & Sherry Timm, Norm & Nancy Terri have stepped forward to collect our church recycle; if you are interested, contact Gladys Sweetwood in the <u>church office</u>.





2020 Budget Vote

Update from the Voters Assembly

Thank you to the 77 voting members of the congregation for a fruitful meeting on November 24, 2019. In this meeting, we took the step of faith to call a new Senior Pastor to this congregation this year. We ask our Risen Savior members to prayerfully support this call for a new Pastor, including offering time, talent, and treasures, so that we can continue to reach more people for Christ.

The budget sent to you last month includes the cost of bringing on a new Senior Pastor. This budget was approved in our Voters Meeting. We will keep you up to date on progress towards our financial goals through congregational meetings, newsletters, and announcements.

The next step in the process for the Call Committee is to send the 21 pastoral candidate names to the Rocky Mountain District for vetting and final candidates will then be called in for interviews. Please keep the pastoral candidates in your prayers.

> Robin Duclos Director of Administration and Group Ministry



Director of

Administration

Hiring Opportunity

Do you have the gift of administration? Risen Savor is now seeking a full-time Director of Administration to provide overall management of the day to day operation of the congregation's ministry and staff.

Contact Pastor Cameron or Robin Duclos through the <u>church office</u>.

Needed

THANK YOU TO ALL THE HANDS THAT KEEP RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH ALIVE AND GROWING.

Sundays you love our children, students and adults through child care and teaching classes, ushering, reading Scripture, pushing the buttons for slides, singing and playing in the Praise Band, choirs (Chancel & Handbells), student band, providing snacks, counting the offering and welcoming people to our church.

The rest of the week you teach classes, helping with mission projects, clean kitchens, help in the office, create bulletin boards, set up the altar, clean pews for Sundays, shop with SACKS and give financially to the church and so much more!!!

THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING YOU ARE!









Preparing your hearts and home for Christmas

Make this a wonderful adventure of faith. Celebrate all of the Christmas season, don't just merely survive it. Focus on how much God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten Son to be our Savior.



Start your Advent Christmas Calendar Read the Christmas Story <u>Matthew 1:18-24</u>; 2:1-12, Luke 2:1-20 Make a Christmas playlist Set up the Manger Scene Decorate Your Christmas Tree Watch a Christmas special Exchange gifts with friends and neighbors Wear Christmas festive clothes

Attend Risen Savor's Children's Christmas program December 15 (see page 2)

Attend Risen Savior's the Live Nativity December 20 (see page 2)

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-Luke 2:19

Worship Christmas Eve (see page 3) Bake Christmas Cookies Throw a Christmas party Go To "Zoo Lights" / neighborhood Christmas lights Give to a Christmas charity Volunteer to ring a bell for Salvation Army Sing Christmas carols in the neighborhood Go see "A Christmas Carol" local production Send out of town Christmas gifts in time Send Christmas cards

Enjoy hot cocoa, eggnog, apple cider, seasonal beverages Hide kids/family presents (remember where you put them!) Plan Christmas meal (and shop early) – old family recipes, too Hang Christmas stocking with care Call out-of-town friends and family and wish them a Merry Christmas

After Christmas, simply follow the Virgin Mary's example: But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <u>Luke 2:19</u>

> Merry Christmas Pastor Phil Cameron <u>Senior Pastor</u>

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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Become a Person of PRAYER in 2020

"The work of praying is prerequisite to all other work in the kingdom of God, for the simple reason that it is by prayer that we couple the powers of heaven to our helplessness, the powers which can turn water into wine and remove mountains in our own life and in the lives of others, the powers which can awaken those who sleep in sin and raise up the dead, the powers which can capture strongholds and make the impossible possible." Ole Hallesby, Prayer

Ole Kristian Hallesby (5 August 1879 – 22 November 1961) A conservative, Norwegian Lutheran theologian, author and educator. An outspoken opponent of the Nazi occupation of Norway, he was arrested and detained at Grini concentration camp for two years (until the end of the war). He begins his book on prayer:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." <u>Revelation 3:20</u>

"...To pray is to let Jesus come into our hearts... it is not our prayer which moves the Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who moves us to pray. He knocks. Thereby He makes known His desire to come in to us. Our prayers are always a result of Jesus' knocking at our hearts' doors."

"... From time immemorial prayer has been spoken of as the breath of the soul. And the figure is an excellent one indeed.

The air which our body requires envelopes us on every hand. The air of itself seeks to enter our bodies and, for this reason, exerts pressure upon us. It is well known that it is more difficult to hold one's breath than it is to breathe. We need but exercise our organs of respiration, and air will enter forthwith into our lungs and perform its life-giving function to the entire body.

The air which our souls need, also envelopes all of us at all times and on all sides. God is round about us in Christ on every hand, with his many-sided and all-sufficient grace. All we need to do is to open our hearts."

As we begin this new year, I invite you to rededicate yourself to become a person of prayer, a person who lets Jesus into your heart. Join me in learning more about prayer and praying more.

Please share with me and the church what the Lord has taught you about prayer. Together we can grow in your prayer-life by mutual edification and encouragement.

Happy New Year Pastor Phil Cameron <u>Senior Pastor</u>



Here I am!

I stand at the

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, J will came in and eat with that person, and they with me.





Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

In Need of more ringers for the Adult Handbell Choir Contact Sarah O'Connor through the church office to get information.







9:30-10:30 a.m. Grades K-5th Wing 1

<u>Dates</u>





No Cross Training Sunday School Sunday, December 1 = Thanksgiving Break

- Classes Sunday, December 8 & 15 Children will practice with us during CrossTraining
- Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15, 11:00 a.m. service
- *tive Nativity Friday, December 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*
- Christmas Eve Services Bring your children! Pick up an Activity Bag
- **Wo CrossTraining Sunday School** December 22 & 29 = Christmas Break
- Classes Resume = Sunday, January 5

A message from Lori in Children's Ministry

I hope you all have a wonderful time of peace and worship during the Christmas season. I have been blessed to attend 2 Ministry Training Conferences this fall. One was for the LCMS Rocky Mountain District, where the focus was on understanding today's culture, and the urgency to share with children the hope we have in Christ. The second was presented by Group Publishing, which offered great resources. The focus on was on personally living out and sharing with children Matthew 22:37-39 (love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind). Both conferences were extremely inspiring and educational. Thank you to all of you who come alongside me to bless the children here at Risen Savior Lutheran Church!

Lori Hakes Director of Children's Ministry

CROSS TRAINING Mission Project JANUARY SHOE COLLECTION



ALL MONTH SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING <u>SHOES</u> THAT ARE <u>NEW</u> OR IN <u>GOOD CONDITION</u>! COLLECTION BOX BY CHILDREN'S KIOSK. SHOES WILL BE DONATED TO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

SACKS GIVING WHILE YOU BUY GROCERIES

A BIG THANK YOU to the 81 households, who while buying groceries at King Soopers, donated \$1,450 to the ministries here at Risen Savior. How did they do that and how can you help with this program? Simply go to http://www.kingsoopers.com and log into your account. Choose Community Rewards and search for Risen Savior Lutheran Church and click "enroll now". Once enrolled, every time you use your King Soopers card, a donation will be made automatically, and you can also check to see how much you contributed each quarter. Contact Mark or Maria Dolan through the church office with any questions or for help. The holidays are coming and everyone will be shopping for holiday parties and dinners. Make sure you are enrolled in the Community Rewards program and next quarter our check from King Soopers could be even larger! Contact: Mark & Maria Dolan through the church office





Gift Cards, from SACKS are a way to support ministry at Risen Savior when you shop for Gas or Groceries







YOUNG ADULT **BIBLE STUDY** For the ages of 18-30 we will meet Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 at church. We will go over a number of different topics and would love to have you come with us on this crazy adventure of life. If you have any questions contact Nick Duclos in the church office.

4th Annual Live Nativity Christmas Comes Alive Friday, December 20 6:00-8:00 p.m.



INDERGROUND CAFE & GAME ROOM Student Ministries!!!!

SUNDAYS

9:00-9:30 a.m. Student Connections
 Middle & High School Students
 Gather in the Underground Cafe and game room

☆4:00-5:00 p.m. **Confirmation**

Middle School and Senior High Youth Group

DECEMBER THEME: THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

- ☆ Dec. 1 no youth group Happy Thanksgiving
- ☆ Dec. 7 Advent by candlelight service event
- ☆ Dec. 8 Live Nativity practice
- ☆ Dec. 15 Christmas Party/White Elephant party
- ☆ Dec. 20 Live Nativity
- ☆ Dec. 22 no youth group
- ☆ Dec. 29 no youth group

JANUARY THEME: HEAVY METALS OF THE BIBLE

- * Jan. 5 Daniel's Prophesy
- * Jan. 12 Iron sharpens Iron
- * Jan. 19 Trumpets
- * Jan. 26 Iron Chef Competition

Dinner will be served at each Youth Group

For questions, contact Nick Duclos through the church office.

GenConnect: Connecting Generations through Genealogy

Saturday, January 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Plan to dive into your family history research during the quiet months following the holidays. Whether you are starting, re-starting, or building on your continuing research, this program will provide some motivation, organization, and useful tools.

You can also contact Sylvia Doolos through the <u>church office</u> for research assistance at the National Archives, the Central Denver Public Library, or to add your name to the GenConnect email list.



SISTERS

Single women, 55 and older, who come and share time together. Contact: Audrey Gallagher, Marie Maves, Beth True, or Annette Wagenknecht through the <u>church office</u>.

NO DECEMBER GET TOGETHER JANUARY "BRUNCH"

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. Come share time together while enjoying brunch at Northside Tavern located at 12708 Lowell Blvd, Broomfield, CO 80020





Risen Savior Lutheran Church 2020 CAMPING SCHEDULE

May 15-17

Campout: <u>Boyd Lake State Park</u>, <u>Loveland</u>, <u>CO</u> Loop A - There are RV & Tent sites available as well as Fishing, Boating and Swimming. Close for day campers to join in the Potluck on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined. Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com</u>;

June 12-14

Campout: <u>Mueller State Park</u>, <u>Divide</u>, <u>Co</u> Sites 8-22 and 81-86. There are RV, Tent sites and Cabins. A Potluck held on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined. Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com</u>; Reservations open December 12, 2019

July 10-12

Campout: <u>Ridgway State Park</u>, <u>Ridgway, CO</u> Loop G - (FULL HOOKUPS). There are RV, Tent sites, and Yurts. Along with fishing, boating and swimming. A Potluck held on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined.

Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com;</u> Reservations open January 10, 2020

August 7–9

Campout: <u>Mountain Park</u>, <u>Cache La Poudre River</u> Sites 1-24 have electricity.

A Potluck held on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined

Reservations required: <u>www.recreation.gov</u> Reservations can open February 7, 2020

September, 11–13

Campout: <u>Golden Gate State Park, Golden, CO</u> Loop E, there are RV, Tent sites, Cabins and Yurts Will the aspens be in full color and will we hear the elk bugle? Close enough for day campers to join in the Potluck on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined

Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com;</u> Reservations open March 11, 2020





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Bible Studies

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. Rooms 204/5

Sunday, December 1, Gospel Harmony of the Advent Story

Begin this brief 4-week study looking at a the details that *really* make up the first Christmas. We'll ask the question about what Advent is and do we celebrate it, look at prophecies, the angelic announcements and the historical context surround the birth of Messiah.

NO Class Sunday December 29

Sunday, January 5, 1 and 2 Samuel God's Grace through Kings

Begins a 7 week study on 1 & 2 Samuel that spans the events of just over one hundred years, describing a time when Israel rebelled against God, demanding an earthly king to lead her. However, these books also tell the story of how a merciful God intervened to usher in the reign of King David, Israel's greatest king and an ancestor of Jesus Christ. In the pages of 1 & 2 Samuel, you will:

- \Rightarrow see how in God's last judge, Samuel, applies both Law and Gospel;
- \Rightarrow read about Saul and David, remarkably different individuals but remarkably the same;
- $\Rightarrow\,$ rejoice in God's promises made to David that are fulfilled in his descendant and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalm 119:105



LifeWay



Evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. December & January Room 201 Walk-ins welcome.

The Quest, An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God by Beth Moore **Overview:** Curiosity is hardwired in humanity. We have this innate need to question and seek after what we don't know or understand. In this study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God. **Sign up:** Information Center

Contact: Nancy Timm through the church office

NO TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~ DEC. 24 OR 31

Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings, 8:30–9:30 a.m. Room 201 Walk-ins welcome. *Genesis*, God's Word for Today

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Overview: Men's morning Bible study is rooted in relationships. We read the text, study the meaning, and share our walk with God. We will discuss Creation, Cain & Able, Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Joshua in Genesis. **Contact:** Kevin Hischke through the church office

NO WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~ DEC. 25 OR JAN. 1

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Rooms 204/5

New Study John by Living Way, begins January 8

Overview: John's Gospel teaches the story of Jesus with tremendous clarity and force. Often using simple words, John conveys complex truths and writes so all may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Sign up: Information Center

Contact: Annette Wagenknecht through the church office



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wing 1 Walk-ins welcome.

The Women of Christmas

Study by Liz Curtis Higgs continues through Dec 12.

Put aside the shopping lists and reach for your Bible, where the story of the Christ child awaits you. Prepare your heart for Jesus by learning from three women whose hearts belong to God: Elizabeth, Mary and Anna.

NEW STUDY BEGINS January 9—February 13

Horizontal Jesus

Overview: 6 week study by Tony Evans

Jesus summarized the commands of Scripture by teaching us to love God (our vertical relationship) and to love one another (our horizontal relationships). Jesus empowers us to be His hands and feet in this world. Study His Word and learn to love and be a conduit of God's grace in a deeper way.

Sign up: Information Center **Contact:** Lynda Kluth through the <u>church office</u>





Lutheran Women in Mission

Miles

Making a Difference in a Changing World



Thank you for your Response and Support!

On LWML Sunday over \$257 was collected in Mite offerings to support worldwide missions. Another \$37 was donated to our delegate fund. The response to ordering Chrysanthemums for All Saints Day was tremendous! The alter area was adorned with 46 plants honoring our loved ones.





Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Train

In January we will begin collecting clothing, blankets and linens for Orphan Grain Train at Risen Savior. January is a great time to declutter! Items especially needed include clothing for men, women and infants, and quilts and blankets. All donations must be clean and in good condition. Look for the basket designated for Orphan Grain Train in the Fellowship Center. If you have a large donation, please put it in the coat closet near the east entrance. Your contribution helps change lives! See packing information on page 16

> Thanks, Linda Harsh

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Each January we host a speaker on some aspect of SANCTITY OF LIFE, right to life/ abortion, surviving a near death health event, etc. In 2020 LWML will be discussing how we value our life and the lives of others. Each one of us is created by God with a plan for our lives. When a person does not consider human life valuable the individual can turn to depression, self- destructive habits like drug use or the ultimate suicide. The goal of the discussion is to provide ways to identify and to encourage an individual to value his/her own life in such a way to avoid or prevent taking his/her life. There are more than 200 references to life in Scripture that show how much God values human life. The first verse of Jeremiah's Prayer says "I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps." Jeremiah 10:23 an open invitation is extended to anyone who is interested in learning and sharing the value of life. Our discussion begins at 6:30, Tuesday, January 21 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

> Blessings, Kay Moeller

SANCTITY LIFE



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PREPARATIONS

Home decorations have transitioned from pumpkins to turkeys, and now to snowmen and sparkly trees. Children of all ages treasure year-end holidays. Memories kindle warmth of glowing fires etched in our family and emotional rooms.

Churches celebrated Reformation and Thanksgiving. Advent's expectation is that the Savior of the World is arriving! With décor changes, God's people prepare their hearts to receive their King.

Mary, chosen to bear God's son in the flesh, was told to get ready. After the angel's visit, Mary exclaimed, "All generations will call me blessed, because **He has done great things for me**!" Mary recognized the Giver and Gift.

"God's good things are merely gifts which last for a season; but His grace and His regard are our inheritance which lasts forever. Truly, the grace of God is eternal life," wrote Martin Luther.

Year-end preparations include planning and arranging. Many organize their lives getting ready for what lies ahead. What else can we put in order besides tangible and perishable presents that adorn our Christmas trees and represent our human love?

Martin Luther also said, "God would not have us put our trust in His goods and gifts, spiritual or temporal (provision and protection) however great they be, but in His grace and in Himself (providence), yet without despising the gifts."

The time-based clutter of life pulls us toward temporal concerns. Statistics indicate that less than 10% of Americans have included a charitable gift in their estate plans. One reason might be due to an uncomfortable visit with an attorney.

Have you considered allowing a fellow LCMS Gift Planning Counselor as a trustworthy guide to help you to prepare for expressing the enduring intent of your faith and love?

Jason Jones, CGP, CDE Gift Planning Counselor LCMS Foundation 970-988-0305 - Cell Jason.Jones@lfnd.org



Meet with Jason Jones Jason Jones is Risen Savior's Gift Planning Counselor. Jason works with individuals in our congregation who want to discover the lifetime plan that God has planted in their heart. He will help them to use this plan to **Transfer the Blessings** God has given them to their family and the ministries they love. This service comes to you at no cost as a member of Risen Savior.

See the church website to learn about Transfer the Blessing

What does Jesus want for Christmas?

I think Jesus would want all his children, of all ages, to appreciate and love one another, spend time together sharing life. Make the time to have dinner with your family. In today's busy world of gadgets, phones & TV's, and tablets it's easy to miss out on what really matters. Our family is a gift from God, but do we appreciate that gift? I'm sure Jesus would want us to make time to listen and talk to each other. Keep it simple, pick a question and go around the table. Listen as each person answers without interruption or judgement. I can be as easy as what's your favorite color and why, the best Christmas decoration you saw today or what does Jesus want for Christmas, you have the idea. I find time to be a gift, a treasure, and a reward to Jesus and each other.

Food for thought Gladys Sweetwood





CORNERSTONE MEN'S MINISTRY Saturdays, December 21 & January 18, at 7:00 a.m.

Christ is our cornerstone and because He serves us, we serve. Cornerstone Ministry gathers men of the congregation who meet to serve with their hands and life experiences. Teams of men serve a specific home each month with two hours of kind labor. Does this interest describe you? Are you looking for a meaningful place to serve? Contact Kevin Hischke through the <u>church office</u>.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS IN DENVER



DENVER RESCUE MISSION

Next Opportunity: Watch the Mission Board for 2020 dates

 Volunteers meet at Risen Savior at 4:00 p.m. to carpool OR meet at the Lawrence St. Shelter at 1130 Park Ave West.

- Please let the contact person know if you are meeting the group downtown.
 - Volunteers wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Hairnets, aprons and latex gloves are provided.
 - Children over 14 accompanied by an adult are welcome.
 - Questions? Contact Paul Fernandez through the <u>church office</u>

Sign-up at the Mission & Outreach Table in the Fellowship Hall, in the dedicated notebook for Denver Rescue volunteers. Provide phone and email so reminder can be sent. Crews report to the Lawrence St. Shelter

Orphan Grain Train +



Tuesdays, December 10 and January 14. 9:00 - 11:00 am

We are packing the second Tuesday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You are welcomed to join us. If you have any questions packing or donating, please contact Linda Harsh, Kay Moeller or Norm and Nancy Terry though the church office

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA.

One of the 27 Regional locations, the Colorado West branch is in our backyard. This branch has blessed by an abundance of donations but they are in desperate need of more helping hands to sort and pack the donations for shipment. We are packing the second Tuesday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You are welcomed to join us. If you have any questions packing or donating, please contact Linda Harsh, Kay Moeller or Norm and Nancy Terry though the

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"THERE IS NOTHING GREATER WE CAN GIVE CHILDREN THAN AN INVESTMENT IN THEIR FUTURE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS."

To see the latest news about any of the foreign missions Risen Savior Supports: Please use the church website and follow the links there for the most updated information. <u>www.rslc.org/outreach/world-missions/</u> from here you will find links to support and the most recent news about the missions we support.



Mission Thailand

Dr. Fung Lo and family, Kalia and Mercy at the Mission of Christ Network office in Thailand. Fung's primary ministry is to improve the theological training that is currently going on with the Hmong pastors and leaders in Southeast Asia, where there are over two million Hmong who still don't know Jesus. Learn more about this ministry https://missionofchrist.org/service/lo-fung/



Stronghold Cambodia,

This registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in Kampot, Cambodia, is a before-and after-school program that teaches English as a second language, basic computer skills, and provides a daily nourishing meal to children in their surrounding community. More importantly, Jesus is introduced to children who live

in a country that is 95% Buddhist. Learn more at Stronghold Cambodia's Facebook



Crossing Cambodia's Mission Director, Greg Holtz, serves and is committed to affecting change and sharing the gospel in Cambodia, one life at a time. They work with street children, local churches, and through local networking to bring about change in children's and families' lives in Cambodia. Greg Holtz is a member at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Click here for more information about Crossing Cambodia <u>Crossing Cambodia</u> or

subscribe the Crossing Cambodia Newsletter

Uganda

herd'Sfuff Elizabeth is serving with House to House, sharing the love of Christ through intentional relationship and discipleship to create change from within.



Square Two: The Cima Family

LUTHERAN CHURCH J.P. and Aimee Cima Family and children Celeste, Bella, and Isaac are cur-Missouri Synod rently missionaries in Phnom Penh. Please continue to pray for this family, and subscribe to their <u>newsletter</u> and follow their <u>photo blog journey</u>.

Year End Giving

Thank you for your donation to Risen Savior's General Fund.

Check donations may be considered by the donor as 2019 donations if the postmark date is 12/31/19 or is delivered to Risen Savior Lutheran Church office by 12/31/19. Credit/debit card donations may be considered by the donor as 2019 donations if charged to their personal account on 12/31/19. In both instances because of postal delivery or banking transfers, these dates may not be the same dates that the contribution is posted to the individual donor's church contribution statement.

All Offerings are Tax-Deductible

Questions? Contact the Church Office at 303-469-3521 or office@rslc.org

Automatic Giving Option (weekly/semi-monthly/monthly)

<u>"Joyful Response"</u> Set up electronic contributions to church through Joyful Response. This program's highlights:

- † You choose the amount and frequency
- Changes to donation may be made at any time by contacting the church office
- † No fees to you or the church

Forms are **<u>available online</u>** or at the Information Center. Please attach a voided check or savings deposit slip.

- † Giving Online: <u>Credit/Debit Card</u> at <u>www.RSLC.org</u> (click "Giving" button)
- † Realm: through Member Log—In Set up giving
- † Your bank's pay service: have checks automatically sent to Risen Savior
- Text Giving: text our church's keyword
 "LOVE2GIVE2RSLC" to 73256

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NURSERY AT RISEN SAVIOR

A Safe, Comfortable Place for Your Child WHERE: Early Childhood Wing OPEN: 9:00 a.m.–Noon WHEN: Sunday Mornings WHO: Ages Birth to 4 years old GOAL: Happy Child, Happy Parents

Our nursery staff are dedicated people, paid professionals who care about your babies. They all have been trained and look forward to watching your babies and children while you are in worship service. The nursery has a 10-minute cry rule: you will be paged so you can come and comfort your child. You are also encouraged to stay with your child for a little while to get them used to the nursery.

for unto us a son is

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