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Let's start 2021 with a Fun Event

Come together, safely in our cars to enjoy a drive-in movie night!



This fun event is brought to you by Student, Family & Children's Ministries.

Each month in the West Parking Lot we will have a FREE movie and a small devotion following. We have the first 2 dates and Movies chosen,

The Movie for Saturday, January 16 "The Star"

A computer-animated Christian family film, about the story of the Nativity of Jesus, told through the eyes of a donkey and other animals. A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.



So we can all be save we will follow these COVID precautions Stay in your car/trunk Bring portable FM radio Bring your own snacks/blankets/etc.

Bring a mask, just in case

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COME TOGETHER

Worship and sharing of the Word is only part of what God calls us to do. Coming together for onsite parking lot worship in 2020 showed us the need for gathering as a congregation. As never before, we have been lonely, separated, full of fear and longing for Christian fellowship during 2020. When we gather as the body of Christ, our faith is emboldened, our spirit is renewed and we go forward in peace to serve the Lord.

Acts chapter 2 states: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

The Holy Spirit did not appear to a single apostle; rather, He came into their presence as tongues of fire. By gathering together in fellowship, we see the manifestations of the Spirit surrounding us. Everyone has a tongue of fire on their heads! Everyone is speaking in tongues! God is present!

Sanctuary is gathering in faithful fellowship. To be sanctified means to be "set apart, to be made Holy". When the Spirit of the Lord is present, we are set apart and made holy in order to fulfill God's plan. It is unselfish, forgiving and empowering. We are able to see the gifts of the Spirit in each other that we often cannot see for ourselves. We TRUST that God is present in each of us at Risen Savior and should do the same with those we encounter in our daily lives.

God wants us to depart in Peace from His Sanctuary and serve the Lord with our renewed Spirit. We have been set apart and made Holy. And we know the prayer that will sustain God's Spirit in us. During this Christmas season, we should celebrate His coming, share His peace by showing grace and mercy to others, and seek reconciliation where conflict is present.

At the dawn of 2021, let us reflect on our blessings through the prayer:

Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from thy presence And take not thy Holy Spirit from me Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen

Blessings on your 2021! Stein Cass, President, RSLC Brian Coleman, Head Elder, RSLC

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We said that on January 1, 2020. Little did we know what was going to happen. Much good did occur but still it was not as happy as we expected. So now the new year of 2021 has begun. Will it be a happy new year? Sadly, many people's joy and ambition has been beaten out of them. Where once they had hope of prosperity and growth, now they are heavy of heart and have no desire to embrace a positive possibility. William E. Vaughn sees it this way: "An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." Which way are you leaning as this new year begins: optimist or pessimist; hopeful or just want to give up? Although it is only a day like any other day, New Year's Day often is seen as a time of new beginnings - with hope of a happy new year embedded in the day.

To begin the new year on the right footing let's look at a few Bible passages.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18

Last year's experience might make you fearful rather than living with hope-filled love. Perfect love drives out fear. Since we know God loves us through His Son, Jesus Christ, we can leave fear behind and boldly embrace the future God has in store for us.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Just like the old year is gone and new era beckons, so our old nature is gone and we are new creatures through faith in Christ.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

This new year may not be easy - new years rarely are. Yet let the past remain in the past. Learn 2020's life and faith lessons that God has taught us, then *"press* on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

> As C.S. Lewis said: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

I think Carl Bard says it well also: "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

> Happy New Year! Happy 2021! Happy because God loves you.

> > Pastor Phil Cameron Senior Pastor





Student Ministries

Happy New Year!

Student Ministries 2nd semester

KICK OFF 2021 January 10



9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Middle School Sunday School Answers in Genesis
- High school Sunday School Walk through Bible Events

11:00–12:00 p.m.

 Student Youth Leaders Meeting (2x/month)

12:00-2:00 p.m.

 Middle and High School
"Underground" Youth Group Games, Devotion, and Pizza
All Student Youth are encouraged to invite a Friend!

2:00-3:00 p.m.

* Youth Confirmation Class

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NextGen Young Adult Group (18+)



Mark Your Calendar! Sunday, February 14 Valentine's Day Take-Away Dinner

This Youth Fundraiser will help our students attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2022. Watch for details in Risen Savior's announcements. Support your Youth in their faith journey!



Do you love Kids?

Are you looking for a unique and rewarding experience? Volunteer as a Youth Group Counselor!

Contact Nick Duclos through the <u>church office</u> for information.

God Bless,

Nick Duclos <u>Director of Student Ministry</u> at Risen Savior Lutheran Church



Children's Ministries

"Preparing the hearts and minds of children for a life in God's love and grace found in Jesus Christ."

Did you see the Children's Christmas Service???

Find it on the church website see Online Worship "Children's Christmas Service– Sunday, December 13, 2020

Wouldn't you like to share God's Good News with these amazing children?

We could really use your help occasionally in Sunday School! Plus, the more helpers we have, the safer it is for all of us, because we can divide into more rooms with fewer children.

Please contact Lori Hakes Director of Children's Ministries for more information.

CrossTraining Sunday School 2 Options

1. In Person: 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings Sign up ahead each week! Follow the link sent on the Friday congregational email to sign up your whole family for 9:30 a.m. activities. K-5th grade children will go to Wing 1, and 4th-5th will go to 202 if we have enough helpers.

2. Online:

Our wonderful Enduring Faith curriculum by Concordia Publishing House began offering some digital resources for families during COVID-19. Please see the schedule below to follow along with the Unit 4 lessons. Included in this link is a nice picture to visualize the lesson, a 6 minute opening video, verse of the week, family activity page, coloring page, etc. FAMILY LINK to CPH If your child would like a Materials Bag with the lessons and crafts, contact me A.S.A.P., and I'll deliver it to your home!

CrossTraining SCHEDULE

Unit 3 Digital Resources:

January 10 Lesson 12 An Enemy Converts: Saul January 17 Lesson 13 A Soldier Believes: A Philippian Jailer January 24 Lesson 14 A Returning Truth: Christ Returns

Unit 4 Digital Resources:

January 31 Lesson 1 Handmade: Adam & Eve February 7 Lesson 2 A Sign and a Promise: God's Covenant with Abram February 14 Lesson 3 A Laughable Promise: Isaac is Born February 21 Lesson 4 A Merciful Substitute: Abraham & Isaac February 28 Lesson 5 A Servant's Mission: Isaac & Rebekah

THE NURSERY IS OPEN!

We resume on January 10th! See the new Times and Safety Guidelines here: NURSERY

Contact me if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or want to help with ANY of these activities! Lori Hakes, Director of Children's Ministry



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CROSSTRAINING Mission Project JANUARY SHOE COLLECTION

All month we are collecting <u>shoes</u> that are <u>new</u> or in <u>good condition</u>! Collection Box by Children's Kiosk.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide



MOVIE NIGHTS

You will see advertisements for the Drive In Movie Nights. During each of these events, Children's Ministry will provide an item or activity for children. See page 1





Calling all Handbell and Handchime Ringers! Children's Bells will resume soon!

Current ADULT RINGERS and Parents of child ringers will receive a phone call from Lori to form groups. Then some new, creative plans will be emailed to you!

If you are interested in joining us to ring for a 4-week only session this winter or spring, contact me through the <u>church office</u>!

Lori Hakes, Director of Children's Ministry

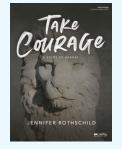
Bible Studies

All classes held at church must

Wear masks and observe social distancing. There is a limit on class rooms so you may be asked to sign-up to attend onsite classes.

For your safety and the safety of others





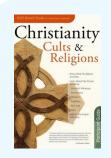
Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Study: Take Courage, A Study of Haggai by Jennifer Rothschild, through - February 2 Where: Zoom Online or Limited In-Person Information: On church website [rslc.org/resource-center/] or <u>Click Here</u> Contact: Nancy Timm through the <u>church office</u>



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 a.m. *Study: John* by Living Way Where: Zoom Online or Limited In-Person Information: On church website [rslc.org/resource-center/] or <u>Click Here</u> Contact: Annette Wagenknecht through the <u>church office</u>



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Mornings, 9:30-11:30 am January 7 thru February 11 Study: *Christianity, Cults & Religions* Where: Zoom Online or Limited In-Person at Church by Reservation only Contact: Lynda Kluth through the <u>church office</u> 303-469-3521 to join

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Contact: John Elverum through the church office

Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. begins January 10

Study: The Power of Jesus' Name by Tony Evans

Where: Zoom Online or Limited In-Person by sign up

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m. begins January 24 Study: Simon Peter The Fiery Fisher of Men Where: Zoom Online or Limited In-Person by sign up Information: On church website [rslc.org/resource-center/] or Click Here Contact: Stein Cass through the church office for information

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings, 8:30–10:00 a.m. begins January 7 Study: The Word Became Flesh Where: Classes resume online Information: Classes are moved to Zoom, please contact Kevin Hischke through the <u>church office</u> for Zoom information. Join us as we hear our brothers read the gospel of John in God's Word. The conversations are quite enlightening as the Holy Spirit joins us weekly.

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings, 6:30 am STUDY: ONE BOOK AT A TIME

Men join together to figure God's Word out as we read, discuss, and pray. Contact: Duane Highley, 303-514-6321

Zoom Meeting Click Here | Password: 514040 | Meeting ID: 659 889 911

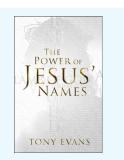




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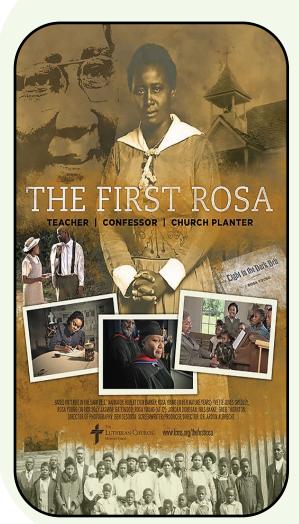
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at Risen Savior Lutheran Church

to watch the movie

The First Rosa

January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

We will follow the distancing and mask wearing guidelines.

The Right to Life movement has evolved into other areas of life including end of life (euthanasia), and suicide.

Each January LWML discusses an aspect of life. This month the group will watch a movie called The First Rosa

This movie tells the ministry of Rosa Young (not Rosa Parks) in Alabama. She gave her life to educate her black community about the true Word of salvation while teaching them in schools she founded. She was devoted to saving her people for eternal life, beyond just their meager existence on the earth.

Our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was very supportive of her efforts as she began 35 Lutheran churches and 30 schools. She finished her career as a faculty member of Concordia College, Selma, Alabama which prepared students for ministry as pastors and teachers

The movie is also available on UTube if you would prefer to watch it at home. January is Right to Life month which began as a celebration of life in opposition to abortion.

LWML Mission Grants #6 and #7 — PAID IN FULL!

By God's grace, the LWML has paid the remaining balance for two more grants! Mission Grant #6: Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International in the amount of \$55,000.

Pastor Jeff Mueller reported that a school bus has been purchased in Guatemala, and the remainder of the funds will be used to retrofit and stock it with medical supplies and equipment.

The remaining balance of \$50,000 has been paid for Mission Grant #7: Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families - Camp Restore Detroit. Pastor John Carrier shared that work has continued with renovations on the two homes for Camp Restore, despite COVID-19.

Both pastors expressed their thanks for LWML members' faithful giving and the prayers for these ministries. Please keep these ministries in your prayers and keep your Migthy Mites coming in the New Year!

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Military Care Package outreach! We mailed 19 boxes this year. More than enough money was Thrivent gift card to purchase extra supplies.

Thank you, Thrivent!

donated for postage. So we used the treats, Christmas napkins and office

Please keep our troops in your prayers.



Risen Savior's Camping Group 2021 Camping Schedule

May 14-16 Boyd Lake State Park, Loveland, CO

Loop A has RV & Tent sites available as well as Fishing, Boating and Swimming. 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>

June 11–13 Lathrop State Park, Walsenburg, CO

Loop D (most popular) - There are RV & Tent sites available as well as Fishing, Boating (water skiing), Swimming and hiking. Golf course is within walking distance. Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com</u>

July 9 - 11 Mueller State Park, Divide, CO

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 January 9, 2021

August 13-15

Mountain Park, Cache La Poudre River, CO

Sites 1-24 have electricity. Campground right on the river. A Potluck held on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined Reservations required: <u>www.recreation.gov</u> Reservations open February 13, 2021

Sept. 10-12

Golden Gate State Park, Golden, CO

Loop E - Close enough for day campers to join in the Potluck on Saturday evening at 5:30 camp site to be determined. There are RV & Tent sites, Cabins and Yurts Will the aspens be in full color and will we hear the elk bugle? Reservations required: <u>www.reserveamerica.com</u>; Reservations open March 10, 2021

If you would like to be added to RSLC Camping Group email distribution, contact Bill Stegen through the <u>Church Office.</u>

Cornerstone Ministry

This group meets monthly for fellowship among men and service with men of the congregation.

Next Meetings Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, February 20 at 7:00 a.m. We do a couple of chores around the church and a couple of members of the congregation will also be served . If you can, join wear a mask

Pack Away Hunger

Wow, it's been over a year since we have been able to have a packing event with an agency like Pack Away Hunger. Although Pack Away Hunger is no longer available for a mission activity, I have been able to find an agency called Colorado Feeding Kids who do a similar event. Since they are located in Englewood and it is difficult to pack all the meal ingredients and packaging materials, and they are asking that we pledge \$5000 for the event, we will doing only one event each year. I'm looking forward to being able to schedule this event, and I've told the leader what a hard working and fun loving group you are to work on mission project together. So be watching for event dates.

King Soopers Community Rewards Program

It is a new year, so why not start participating in the King Soopers Community Rewards program. It is easy and by signing up, Risen Savior receives money for all the groceries you purchase at King Soopers. Just go to the Community Rewards section on the King Soopers website and select Risen Savior. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mark or Maria Dolan through the <u>church office</u> and we will gladly help get you started. We currently have 86 households and it would be great to add to

that total! Thank you to everyone who is participating in this program. We also have gift cards which can be used at Safeway.

Christmas Messages from Cambodia

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM PHNOM PENH!

The message of Christmas is unexpected. It is the audacious assertion that at a particular moment, in a newborn baby, lying in a manger in a small corner of the Middle East, was the salvation of the world. Even more unexpected is that people the world over continue to remember that seemingly random moment, to sing about and proclaim it, to celebrate it with special events, even to give gifts in honor of it.

Perhaps this unexpected message is just what we need after an unexpected year. In our globally calamitous state, those angelic words break forth anew: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." As I watched our local church's online Christmas service, I was reminded of just how the unexpected news of Christmas brings fresh joy to every generation at every corner of the world, even Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Most unexpected of all is that the message of Christmas breaks into your corner of the world, too, wherever that might be. It is good news for you even when, nay, especially when, the year has been tough and the future remains unclear.

"From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides." (Stanza 7, "Savior of the Nations, Come," hymn #332 from Lutheran Service Book.)

Friends, grab hold of the Christmas hope that has come to you. Remember it. Sing it. Proclaim it. Celebrate it. Honor it. Hang on to it for dear life because that unexpected baby Jesus is the only real hope there is.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Love, J.P., Aimee, Celeste, Bella, and Isaac Help Support this ministry <u>LCMS Cima Family</u>. (https://www.lcms.org/cima)

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO CROSSING CAMBODIA

This year at Crossing Cambodia everyone got together at the center on Friday the 18th. Sokly purchased a small gift for every child and Hoeurp, our cook, prepared a big meal of fried chicken for everyone! It might not be what you typically think of for a Christmas dinner, but fried chicken is a rare treat and a favorite food for most of the kids in our program.

Sometimes a Christmas party might just seem like a fun distraction, but for our kids who often live on sidewalks and in abandoned buildings it is a few hours in which they get to have fun and know just how much we love them. It is a time when we get to tell them all about how Jesus came down to earth, to be born poor, to be hungry, and to know suffering, much like they have experienced in their own lives. Our Christmas party is a special opportunity to tell them about the day Christ came into the world in order to let all men know just how much God loves them and wants them to be with Him no matter where they come from in society or what they've done in their lives.

For our kids at Crossing Cambodia, a Christmas party is more than just fun. It's an opportunity to be together and let them know how much they are loved.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our ministry this year, enabling us to continue reaching out to these kids and making a difference in their lives. Thank you for helping us to make known the love of Christ!

A Merry Christmas to all of you! May God bless you richly as you have so richly blessed us in ministry! The Holz Family

We're depending on God and trusting in His Plan as we continue to serve Him in Cambodia! Find out more about what's happening and how you can support <u>Crossing Cambodia</u>.(http:// www.crossingcambodia.org/)



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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

Ministries † 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

QR code can be scanned by any smartphone camera and will take you immediately to the Realm Giving screen to complete your giving.



If you have questions or need help with setup, contact Lynda Kluth, Finance Manager.

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

Fun Quotes for the New Year

"Celebrate endings for they precede new beginnings." Jonathan Huie

"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." Dr. Seuss

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Edith Lovejoy Pierce

> "It is never too late to be what you might have been." George Eliot

> > "Every moment s a fresh beginning.' T.S. Eliot

"Life's not about expecting, pping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming." Mike Dooley

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." Thomas Jefferson

"The first step towards, etting somewhere is to decide you re not going to stay where you are." J.P. Morgan

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"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start Nido Qubein_____

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great!" John D. Rockefeller

Gathered by Pastor Cameron