



## Restore the Roar!

A Sermon Series on the book of Amos  
*beginning with Ash Wednesday, continuing with the Sundays in Lent*

The book of Amos has this as its singular goal: to restore the rightful roar from *the* Lion, Lord Yahweh, the God of Israel. The temptation is to put our hands over our ears to drown out his roar. The world, the devil, and our old Adam tempt us to clip the claws on the Lion and clean up his bloody Passion we are called to follow. But the Bride of Christ is called to holy reverence before the LORD, the King of the universe. Beginning with Lent and climaxing with his resurrection roar on Easter morning come listen and learn from the Lion using the book of Amos.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 22

*Traditional Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.*

*A light meal will be served at Noon & in the evening from 5:15—6:30 p.m.*

*See below for information on the Journey with Jesus program for children and nursery availability*



Lent Midweek Worship Services on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.

*A light meal will be served at Noon & from 5:15—6:30 p.m.*

February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28



### Players of the Passion:

Come worship on Wednesdays throughout Lent and learn about important figures in the story of Jesus' passion. We will take an in depth look at one person every week that Jesus interacted with as He made His journey to the cross.

### Journey with Jesus:

A special video series and lesson time will be available to children ages 4 through 5th grade during the 6:45 p.m. Wednesday worship services, including Ash Wednesday! Kids will travel with Jesus, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection.

Nursery provided for infants through age 4.



## Pastor Cameron/February Worship Theme

### Stewardship of Loving Relationships—Response of Loving Relationships

The topic of love is everywhere in February. However, what kind of love is being sold? There are different understandings of love in our society. Some people say they love someone when in reality they just want to use the other person to bring them pleasure or to meet their own needs.

There is a kind of love that is merely transactional: You do something nice for me, then I do something nice for you. Jesus spoke of this kind of love in Matthew 5:46: "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do **not even the tax collectors do the same?**"

**"In real love you want the other person's good. In romantic love you want the other person"** - Margaret Anderson.

The Word of God tells us whom we are to love.

Matthew 22:36-40 Jesus said: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

John 15:12 Jesus said: Love one another as I have loved you.

Matthew 5:44 Jesus said: Love your enemies."

Ephesians 5:28 Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

Titus 2:4 ...train the young women to love their husbands and children,

Who are we to love? Everyone! **The Bible tells us that everything we do should be motivated by love: "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14.**

How do love others? The answer is simple to express but takes work to accomplish. Love is doing good to and for another person. What makes this tricky is discerning what is the best thing that can be done for someone right now. Doing good for another person is definitely not the same as trying to make him or her happy.

Jesus did the greatest good for us when He paid for our sins; it was the ultimate expression of love. In response to His love, we will love everyone we meet.

In Christ,

[Pastor Phil](#)

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### Worship 101

A three-week sermon series on worship

February 5:  
Why We Do What We Do

February 12:  
The Seasons of the Church Year

February 19:  
Worship Throughout Life Stages



## *Pastor Oakes/Voter's Meeting/Newsletter Change*

### Never Too Old to Learn

Last month it was my joy to travel with 40 some middle-schoolers into the mountains at Lutheran Valley Retreat to study God's Word and learn about other religions. I know the students learned many things that weekend. Certainly I have learned many things because of my students.

I have learned that these young people desire to know more and more about their faith, their Lord and His Word to them. I have learned that many of them can be just as perceptive as adults if not more. I have learned that many of them are encountering friends and family of different religions.

We shouldn't be fearful of these youth encountering people of different religions. They are our biggest and best witnesses of Christianity. Besides, the best 'defense' against other religions is to teach them the faith. Throughout the scriptures (particularly the Epistles) God encourages us to teach the Word of God. Deut. 6:7 states "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."

What this means for us adults is that we are not only to teach our children these things (the doctrines of the church) but we too are to learn them! I can't tell you how many times I hear, "Oh, I don't need confirmation. I already did that when I was a kid." But studies have shown how many adults do not know the Scriptures nor what the Church believes, teaches, and confesses. I have heard several times from spouses who have attended Adult Confirmation (newly re-named Discover class) telling me, "I got more out of this than my confirmation." Let this New Year be but a year of 'relearning' the faith. Let this year be a year of growing in the Word of God so that you may be able to share your faith in all situations.

In Christ,  
[Pastor Ryan](#)

### **Voter's Meeting**

Sunday, February 19, 2012

12:30 p.m.

A pizza lunch will be served

Agenda Includes:

2012: The Year of Stewardship

RSLC Survey Results

Basement Refinishing Project

Concordia Academy Update

Board/Staff Reports

Website Update

All members of Risen Savior are encouraged to attend!

### Newsletter on Website-Mailing Change

Beginning with the March newsletter, the monthly church newsletter will be available on the church website at [www.rslc.org](http://www.rslc.org) and will only be mailed to members that do not have a family email on file at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If we have an email for you, we assume you have access to the internet and will be able to access the newsletter on-line.

If you are a church member, have email and internet access, and currently are not receiving emails from church, please send an email to [Risen Savior](#) so that we can update our records to help save the postage cost of mailing the newsletter.

If you are a member and do not have internet access, you do not need to do anything; Risen Savior will continue to send you the newsletter by mail. Or if you are able to pick up a copy from the Information Center, call the church office to remove your family from the newsletter mailing.

Printed copies of the newsletter will continue to be available from the Information Center at church.

## Youth Ministry



Senior Youth!  
Friday, February 10

*Unscripted. Always different. Interactive. Clean comedy.*

**Madcap is improvisational theater similar to "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"** Unlike traditional scripted theater, Improv Theater is completely made up as it happens. Each Madcap Theater show is comprised of a dozen (give or take) short "scene games" with specific rules that the actors must follow. You, the audience, provides suggestions for what each scene will be about. This results in a hilarious, energetic, and unique experience every show! No two shows are ever alike.

\$20 advance payment required to reserve your spot! Meet at church at 7:00 p.m. for pizza and games. We will travel together to the theater for the 9:30 p.m. show. Parents can pick up youth at 11:00 p.m. (10679 Westminster Blvd in Westminster – near the Westminster Promenade). Parent drivers needed and welcome to attend event!

Please give your cash or check (made out to Risen Savior Lutheran Church) to Amy Weaver, Kerri Blaes or Beth Dickerhoff on Sundays or Wednesday OR place in the drop box at the Information Center. Sign up today! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 5.

### Senior High Youth Meets

Every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Movie & Music Clip Discussions continue until Lent!

Youth Quake: April 20-22, 2012

Youth Quake is a weekend long "lock-in" at a local hotel for middle school people. Youth from the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate. Registration Forms are available at the Information Center or online at [www.rslc.org](http://www.rslc.org), youth tab/middle school. The deadline to register at the \$55 rate lasts until 2/8/12 after which your rate climbs to \$70 until 2/29/12, and finally thereafter the rate goes to \$85.



### Middle School Youth Meets On Mondays, February 13 & 27

From 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Bring \$3 for pizza.

Risen Savior Youth Ministries  
has a Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/YouthMinistriesatRisenSaviorLutheranChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YouthMinistriesatRisenSaviorLutheranChurch)



### Nick-n-Willy's!

#### Youth Ministries Pizza Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 7

Take the whole family out for pizza at Nick-n-Willy's for a great meal and to benefit the youth ministries of Risen Savior.

**This is an easy and fun way to show your support and... it's a no-cook evening!**

Nick-n-Willy's at the 144<sup>th</sup> and Lowell location (west of Safeway), will donate 15% of all sales throughout the entire day to Risen Savior's Youth Ministries.

Go in and enjoy a fresh pizza or take one home to bake! You may order ahead by calling 303-465-6000.



## Alpha/New Member Information

### Alpha 2012

Alpha is NEW for 2012! Alpha will be hosted in member's homes beginning this month. Groups of from 10 to 12 people each will do Alpha Basic for 7 weeks. This new setting is designed to promote a closer relationship among the guests, including invited friends, family members, neighbors or work colleagues. Each home group will decide the best night to meet – and the courses will run for a short 7-week period. Period!

The subjects for each session are as follows:

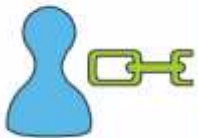
- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can We Have Faith?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- Who Is the Holy Spirit – What Does the H.S. Do?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should I Tell Others?



If you are interested in attending an Alpha course, please contact the church office. We will be starting additional courses as enough people sign-up. If you are new to Risen Savior, or new to the Christian faith, you should take Alpha as a great introduction. You will meet new friends right from the start!

*Come and See!*

### Membership and Connecting at Risen Savior Lutheran Church



**Link** Attend *Link*. This session with the Senior Pastor is designed to give you more information about Risen Savior Lutheran Church; it's past, present, and future. *Link* is a pre-requisite to membership, however, attending does not obligate you to join. The next *Link* session is Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.



**Connect** Next, you are invited to attend *Connect*. These 4 small group sessions have been designed to help you connect in fellowship and faith within Risen Savior. Members from activities within Risen Savior Lutheran Church will visit *Connect* to share what's happening in that ministry. You'll be invited to connect with the activities that most interest you. The next *Connect* starts Sunday, February 12, at 9:20 a.m. in Pastor Oakes' office. All new members who've not yet attended *Connect*, please join us!

### Dig Deeper at Risen Savior Lutheran Church



**Discover** What do Lutherans believe? Learn what it is to be "confirmed in the faith." Led by Pastor Oakes, this 7 week class is for those who want to understand what we believe, teach, and confess in our Christian life. This class leads to adult confirmation, but is for all who want to dig deeper, new and seasoned believers alike.

Registration is appreciated for *Link*, *Connect*, and *Discover*. For information or registration, contact [Robin Duclos](#) in the church office 303-469-3521 ext 20.

## Director of Family Life

### DFL Reflections Of A Confirmation Retreat

I loved it! There is something that pumps you up when a student takes their faith seriously. Actually it means a lot **when a youth comes to you and says, "I'm really having a lot of fun."** Confirmation Retreat is a 48 hour retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat for people to learn about faith. There were hours of study and discussion, there were hours of fun, play and fellowship, and there wasn't enough sleep.

**Two strong verses the student's studied this year were Ephesians 2:8 – 9 which says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast."** and 1 Peter 3:15 which says, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

This directive from God, tells us to draw close to Him, in faith, in knowledge, in all of life. Then it requires us to be **ready. Not ready for our soul's sake, but for someone else's soul. God is our reason for the faith within. God** understands that people are not sure what the right thing to say is as they reflect their faith. So God instructs us to tell people why we have hope, and do it in a loving, respectful manner.

**Whether we work with middle school, college or high school youth, women or men's groups, bells, brass, choir or praise teams, or even service and small groups, this Bible verse reminds us to look at the reason we put our hope in Christ. This is the reason we gather for practice or the group itself. In each place we find unity in God's body as we find God's love poured out for us and for us to pour out on others. One day I hope you can join the students too.**

Your Director of Family Life,  
[Kevin Hischke](#), DCE

### Basement Update

If you are very interested in knowing how the progress on the basement is going, you join a very excited group. Our committee members and the builders are asking daily about one step or another. We will publicize a building schedule shortly.

Huge strides have been taken in the development, the planning, the contracts, and the requirements of the city for the project completion. To date, we have completed the drawings for the basement completion, we have secured contractors, we have secured insurance, and made application to the city and County of Broomfield. We eagerly anticipate the word to begin.

Plans during construction will eliminate basement use during the week. However the basement will be prepared and cleaned for Sunday School and Bible classes. Once construction begins the downstairs, Confirmation classes on Wednesdays will be relocated.

### Courageous: Honor Begins at Home

Have you seen the movie Courageous? This movie is an exciting, funny and powerful story about four police officer and a Hispanic carpenter realizing that they need to be better fathers. COURAGEOUS has extremely poignant, heart-wrenching moments, mixed with some of the funniest scenes ever made.

**Kevin Hischke is looking to visit with men that have seen the movie "Courageous" and that would like to consider the implications for our congregation. In short the movie encourages men to be the needed role model for our children in our families. It also encourages grandfathers to continue their role of leader in a different way. *Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.* Proverbs 17.6**

If you are interested in a Courageous talk, please email [Kevin Hischke](#).



## Stewardship/Meet An Elder

### Stewardship Is Caring

We celebrate Valentine's Day in February. Many times Valentine's Day is represented with a heart on greeting cards for romance, caring, and love. We send the cards to others to express that we care for them, indeed that we love the one that is special to us. We like to do special things for those close to us such as a personal note telling them that they are very important to us, or sharing a romantic dinner with them, or giving them a gift that is just for them.

Likewise, there are many ways that we can express our Christian love for others like providing a meal for someone during a time of crisis, visiting a shut-in, extending a hand to those that are less fortunate, supporting missionaries, providing a helping hand at Sunday School so that someone can have some time off, reminding someone to visit the doctor (February is American Heart Month), et cetera. There are innumerable acts of caring that can be extended to others.

If you have a heart for caring, please contact the Board of Caring (brad.schierholz@gmail.com) or the church office and let them know that you would like to help.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Stewardship: John Elverum, Don Stoehr, and Vince Van Zago



### Meet An Elder: Kirk Bamesberger

Occupation: Commercial Insurance Agent

Personal: **Married to Debra Bamesberger with 2 Kids... Leyton (8) and Avery (10)**

Risen Savior Member since: 1997

Enjoys: Going to nice restaurants, Rockies/Nuggets games, golf, family vacations, making pizza

Fun Fact: Turning 40 in February, yikes!



Why are you an Elder? I enjoy meeting new people in the congregation as well as serving on Sunday mornings.

Bible verse with special personal meaning: Romans 8: 37-40 *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*In the upcoming months, an elder will be featured in the newsletter. Do you know who your elder is? Check out the bulletin board across from the Information Center, or contact the church office.*

## Children's Ministry



### Do You Love Sports?

Do you love to plan? Do you love kids?

I am looking for some fun people who would be willing to help me plan a new kind of summer Sunday School. The idea is a VBS type of sports camp theme for the summer – but Risen Savior needs some willing hands to help carry this out. Contact me if you are interested in helping with this!

[Terri Miller](#)

Director of Children's Ministry

### Now Hiring Nursery Workers

This is a paid position at Risen Savior.

Contact [Terri Miller](#), Director of Children's Ministry

303-469-3521.

You must be 16 years old and over, be reliable and love

### 2012 Music Camp:

**"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir."**

June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>

The camp is open to children 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition to exploring the fundamentals of music and puppeteering, playing handbells and singing, campers will also learn to square dance.

Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early. Registration will begin in April. Watch for more information in the future. If interested in volunteering, please contact [Marcin Arendt](#), 303-469-3521.

### We Celebrate Lent Activity Calendar

This interactive calendar uses children's natural curiosity to hold their attention and help deepen the meaning of Lent. Behind each lift-the-flap tab is an activity that families can share, such as drawing a picture that shows a way to help others, or taking a walk to look for flower buds and other examples of new life. Suggested readings help parents focus on the significance of the season and bring families together in prayer. Ages 4-9

Check out this resource:

<http://shop.faithguides.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=174903&cid=134168&item=We+Celebrate+Lent+Activity+Calendar>

### Vacation Bible School

A NEW date

Sunday, July 22—Thursday, July 26

6:00—8:30 p.m.

A NEW theme



A VBS like you never KNEW

it could be!!!

## Women's Ministry

### Risen Savior Women's Retreat

March 16—18, 2012

At the Franciscan Retreat Center in  
Colorado Springs, CO

This women's retreat will center around the "Loving Well" video series by well-known Christian speaker and author, Beth Moore. We will discuss how some people are a joy to love, some are difficult to love, and how we all deal with some people who are humanly impossible to love. In all of those relationships one truth endures: we will never be able to love others well until we have been loved well. And only God can ultimately give us the complete love we so desperately need.

COST: \$130 (includes 2 nights lodging and all meals)

*The deadline is January 29, however there may be space available, please check with the church office!*



### February Is For Caring

The mission project for February is assembling Lenten Care Packages for our college students. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. We will be collecting the following items: home baked goodies like brownies and cookies, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate packets, miniature sized candy, gum,

Tic Tacs, snacks and money for postage (approximately \$6.00 each). If you would like to participate in this outreach, please bring items to the meeting or drop them off in the purple container by the FISH basket.

### Got A College Student?

We want them to know that they are loved at Risen Savior! Lutheran Women in Mission will be sending Lenten Care Packages to our college students soon. If you have a college student living at home or away from home, please e-mail an address to [Risen Savior](mailto:Risen Savior) or drop it off at the church office by Sunday, February 19, 2012.

### Spring Workshop

Adriane Dorr, Managing Editor of *The Lutheran Witness* will be the keynote speaker at the Spring Christian Life Workshop on Saturday, April 21, 2012! The theme for the day will be based on Ephesians 5:2 "And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." The ladies at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Loveland are busy planning an uplifting day for us so mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details.

Keep the Mite donations for mission grants rolling in! Leave full boxes at the Information Center and don't forget to pick up an empty one. There is also a small acrylic box for pocket change located at the Information Center. We have a goal to meet by March 31, 2012! Check out the Rocky Mountain District LWML website [www.rmdlwml.org](http://www.rmdlwml.org) to learn more about the mission grants.

### Praise and Work It for Women

Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m. in the West Wing 1.

Low Impact Aerobics to contemporary Christian music.

Bring water! No experience necessary.

Contact the church office with questions.

## Stephen Ministry/Senior Ministry

Stephen Ministry; "Christ caring for people through *people*."

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You" Psalm 102:1

Life is not always fair and can be full of adversities. At such times we have a tendency to blame God for our suffering. We hear people say "Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do pain and suffering afflict the faithful? Why do the righteous suffer?" We read in the book of Job, how a once righteous and upright man was subjected to overwhelming loss and suffering and how he fought to keep his faith and sought the comfort and understanding of his friends.

You can have comfort and understanding through Stephen Ministers who will indeed be your friend and stand with you in your time of suffering, and help you to feel the embrace of God's love and His healing powers. We are here to listen and to help you through troubled times.

If you or a loved one would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or you may also use the confidential [email](#).



### Young at Heart Potluck

February 8 at Noon

All Seniors (55 and older) are invited to come for the monthly gathering. Please bring a dish to share.

The presenter this month will be Colonel Jack Wilhite. Col. Wilhite (USAF Ret.), Morrison, CO., is a retired United Airlines Captain with 32 years experience. He flew jet fighters with the U.S. Air Force, and Colorado Air National Guard for 32 years including the Korean War, in Europe and Africa. He has accumulated over 42,000 hours of flight time. Jack compiled 277 combat missions in Vietnam. He owns and flies a Chinese Mig-17 fighter and a Steen Skybolt aerobatic biplane at air shows and aerobatic competitions. He plans to show air show video of the M-17. Col. Wilhite

was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Historical Society Hall of Fame in 2004. Please come and hear some very interesting stories from this decorated and accomplished veteran!

At the conclusion of the meeting, Jack has offered a tour of his hanger at Jeffco Airport to show us the Mig-17, Skybolt, P-51 Mustang, and T-6 aircraft.

### Young At Heart Helping Hands

Hosts: Jerry & Carol Schuler  
Ardy Gardner, Alberta Borchardt

Callers: Mary Blaes, Doris Remus

Recyclers: Walt Kois, Fred Ammentorp

## Music Ministry/Thank yous

### House Recital February 10

Come on out for an evening of great music & fun fellowship. Risen Savior's third House Recital will be at Daryl & Sandy Meske's home on Friday, February 10th with food & fellowship starting at 7:00 p.m. & the music starting at 7:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,

[Marcin Arendt](#),

Director of Music Ministries

### Regular Bell Rehearsals in Full Swing

Grace Notes (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr.) 6:00-6:45 pm

Bells of Faith (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr.) 6:45-7:30 pm

Risen Savior Ringers (H.S. & Adults) 7:30-8:30 pm

This is a GREAT time to join! We have openings in ALL the Bell Choirs!

If you are interested in joining the bells choirs, please contact Anne Kleve through the church office.



### Gift Cards Available at Risen Savior

Visit the SACKS Gift Card table after each worship service to purchase Safeway and King Soopers gift cards. Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 values.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church receives 5 cents on every dollar of Safeway and King Soopers gift cards that are sold through the SACKS program, providing the church orders a minimum bulk amount of

**\$5,000. That means that for every \$5,000 of gift cards that are sold, \$250 is deposited to Risen Savior's General Fund.** The annual income from SACKS sales is roughly \$4,500.

Some people have asked if Risen Savior would receive a benefit if individuals would reload their gift card at the grocery store. The answer is NO. If people would reload their cards at the store, then Risen Savior would not be able to meet its minimum bulk order of \$5,000 on a regular basis. Smaller orders yield a smaller return to Risen Savior based on the program as follows:

\$5,000 or more = 5%    Less than \$5,000 = 4%

Less than \$2,500 = 3%    Amounts below \$200 = zero

So to benefit the church, please purchase another card from SACKS after you spend the dollars that are on your current card. Thank you for your support of this easy church fundraiser!



### Thank You in January

Office Saints: Nancy Altpeter, Dana DeLaCastro, Arnie & Jan Graphenteen, Theresa Gremel, Shirley Martens, Pat Rust, Glenna Fernandez, Kathy Thomas, Peggy Hayden, Ardy Gardner, Terri Osnes, Rae Lee Kleidon

Recycling Saints: The Nickels Family

Watering Saint: Brad Schierholz

## Outreach & Missions

### More Cambodia Mission Trip Snapshots

The nine members of the Cambodia mission team have been asked to describe their experiences while traveling in Cambodia and working with the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Battambang.

The members of our team are thankful for the prayers and financial support of the mission trip by the members of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If your group would like a tailored presentation, please contact Bob Mohling at 303-499-2333.



### Marilyn Mohling & Debbie Straubinger

Marilyn and Debbie spent one long day dispensing eyeglasses alongside other volunteers who were visiting from Michigan. Over 200 people from the community were each interviewed by a nurse before being fitted for glasses. Many were found to suffer from pterygium, caused by excessive sunlight, wind, and dust. The worst case of pterygium was actually seen in the 84-year-old mother of Pastor Kosal. Many women said they could not see to sew, and it was gratifying to see their pleasure with a new pair of glasses. Our unused eyeglasses were left with Pastor Kosal and Dr. Lo's wife, Kalia Lo, who does a lot of human care work in and around Phnom Penh.



### Marilyn Mohling & Harriet Oehlkers

Trinity Lutheran School offers free English classes, taught by three **Cambodian college students in their early 20's**. They said they like their teaching jobs but wanted practice in conversation, pronunciation, vocabulary, etc. Marilyn and Harriet happily provided that as well as some ESL materials for use with their students. We also left them some recordings, prepared by Anita Long, of many Bible stories and the Small Catechism, so they can listen and read simultaneously to improve their English. Marilyn and Harriet both found it a delight to work with these young Cambodians.

### Interested in Going to Cambodia? Information Meeting on February 12

Risen Savior members are invited to attend an information meeting for those interested in being a part of a short-term mission trip to Cambodia. It will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided. We plan to answer questions and collect the application forms from those interested in making the trip to Cambodia and supporting projects at Trinity Lutheran Church/School and other churches in Cambodia later this year. Past mission team members will give photo slide show and provide information on air fares, passport processing, and fundraising opportunities. If you have questions, contact Bob Mohling through the church office.

## Adult Bible Classes/Outreach & Missions

### Adult Bible Studies

#### Sundays

8:15 a.m. Luther 500 Years Later: Catechism &  
**Today's Society**

9:20 a.m. Parenting: Bringing up Boys  
The Book of John

#### Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study: "Mercy Triumphs"**

#### Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Study: Philippians**

9:00 a.m. LifeLight: Book of Job

#### Thursdays

9:00 a.m. **Women's Bible Study: "Mercy Triumphs"**

7:00 p.m. LifeLight: Book of Job



### Lifelight studying the book of Job!

We're excited that our classes are exceeding our expectations! But if you'd still like to join us for lessons #4 to #9, be our guest! Contact the leaders through the church office for more information.

## A Thinning of Cambodia – Part 10

The death-knell for the terminally ill Khmer Republic tolled loud and clear when it finally sounded. Shortly after midnight, at 1:20 a.m. on the first day of 1975, the entire city of Phnom Penh was suddenly awakened from its fitful slumber by the pandemonium of an enormous bombardment of the city's defense perimeter from an encircling force of eighty thousand Khmer Rouge troops. It was the long expected final offensive.

Daybreak found huge crowds hushed and grim faced standing all along the banks of the Mekong where it flows past the royal palace. They were pointing across to the far shore. Their eyes were scanning a spectacle of devastation, homes and villages lost behind the great wall of black smoke which was climbing slowly into the sky, broken only by the occasional glare of angry red flames raging along its base. Some, only hours before, had fled this carnage in small boats, paddling across the river to join the millions of others stranded in the shrinking city-wide refugee camp of Phnom Penh.



Simultaneous to the tragic drama unfolding on the far shore just a few miles south on the Mekong, a different drama was in progress. Within the sight of devastation, another large crowd of people was gathered at the water's edge. A gathering of Christians, singing 'Amazing Grace', 'The Love of God' and other well-loved hymns of the Cambodian Church, had come to witness their brothers and sisters pass through the waters of baptism.

Perhaps ninety percent of those present on that unforgettable day would lose their lives during the genocide and be transported to glory.

**More next month...**

Roger Maves, Board of Missions and Outreach

## Serving Opportunities

### Calling All Techies!

So much goes on “Behind the Scenes” to make worship work to the glory of our God.

One of the many ways to serve in this capacity is to work as a Worship Technicians. No previous experience is needed to become a member of the team. Training will be provided, the only prerequisite is a heart for His service! Once you are at work in these roles, you will be amazed at the sense of accomplishment and camaraderie you will feel working within this ministry, assisting our congregation in worship.

The three main areas for technical service are Sound Support, Projection Support and Video Support. There is also a need for sound and video editing. In order to offer the sermons on-line, some audio editing needs to be done. Please see below for description.

If you sense God’s call to you to serve Him as a technician, you may also contact [Marcin Arendt](#), Director of Music Ministries or [Nicole London](#), Worship Coordinator in the church office for more questions or to volunteer!



### Food needed for Voter’s Meeting

Two volunteers are needed to bring a vegetable tray or to bring cookies to the Voter’s Meeting after the 11:00 a.m. service on February 19. A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Center.



### Audio Editor Needed!

Individual(s) are needed who would be able to edit the sermon recordings. You would obtain the sermon recording on Sundays (after the 9:30 a.m. service), edit the recording using Audacity software (can be done on your home computer), and then submit the recording to the church office for posting on the church website. Time involved would be approximately 2 hours a week and training is available! Please contact [Amy Weaver](#), Communications Coordinator in the church office if this interests you!

### Like to Meet New People?

Friendly people are needed to volunteer as hosts at the Information Center Desk on Sunday mornings. The duties are easy and on-the-job training is provided. Serve on a rotating schedule, serving once every 6 weeks or so. There are three time slots from 9:15 to 12:15. To volunteer or for more information please contact the church office. You may also stop by the Information Center to sign up.

### Joyful Response Program

The "Joyful Response" automatic giving program is a wonderful way to support the ministries of Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

- It happens automatically to facilitate "first fruits" giving, while retaining flexibility to change with a quick call to the church office.
- Giving can be divided between the General Fund and the Building Fund as you wish.
- Processing costs to the church are less than checks or cash, with higher security.
- In 2011, the number of Joyful Response giving units at Risen Savior increased from 30 to 49.
- Hopefully more members and families will find this an appropriate and convenient method of giving their offerings to Risen Savior.

**There are pink Joyful Response "cards" available in the pews for participants who want to place their "Offering"** in the collection plates. If interested in participating in the Joyful Response program, stop by the Information Center for a form and further information or contact the church office.

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Response*<sup>®</sup>

### Remember the General Fund

A new year brings a new sense of optimism and a heightened financial awareness! A month ago I sent out a message about the necessity of giving to Risen Savior (whether it be financial or personal time/efforts). I want to refocus our thoughts onto something that, in my opinion, has been severely over looked over the past year-plus.

We have many funds for specific items: Basement, Youth, Choir, Missions, etc to name a few. All of which are fantastic endeavors that our members participate in to spread His Word. But there is one fund that is easily overlooked when it comes to giving. The General/ Operating Fund. This pays for the essentials such as salaries, sanctuary supplies, utilities, etc.

In 2011, we operated at a net loss of approximately \$39,000. Operating at a loss is never a good thing; however, I believe that given the current economic difficulties this amount could most certainly be much worse.

So as you are building and fine-tuning your personal 2012 budgets, the Risen Savior General/Operating Fund is another option (an important option in my opinion) to consider.

In Christ,  
Nick Turner  
Church Treasurer



### WOW! Risen Savior received \$8,928 in Thrivent Choice dollars in 2011

How does this work?

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice Dollars.

Are you a Thrivent member?

Have you directed your choice dollars?

Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or contact the church office for more information.

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Risen Savior Lutheran Church is a family of brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, committed to the inspired Word of God, and dedicated to welcome, accept and love everyone through our Lord and Savior.

#### Sunday Worship

Traditional: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday School All ages 9:20 a.m.

Rev. Philip J. Cameron, Senior Pastor

Rev. Ryan J. Oakes, Associate Pastor

Kevin Hischke, DCE, Director of Family Life

**Terri Miller, Director of Children's Ministry**

Dr. Marcin Arendt, Director of Music Ministries