

# RISEN SAVIOR



## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Connecting People to Jesus*

August, 2010

## From the desk of Pastor John

“We apologize for the wait...”

That’s the message I’m currently listening to; my phone is set on “speaker” and I’m waiting for a real person’s voice to replace the recording I’m listening to. I’m on hold. Have been for, oh, seems like HOURS. The voice drones that they apologize for the wait... I’m a valued customer... we know your time is valuable... please remain on the line...

There are times when it seems as though we’ve called heaven, and we’ve been put on hold. We’ve prayed, and feel “connected,” but it feels like no progress is being made. There’s no “live” voice coming from the other end; just the recorded voice of your knowledge that there are times when we have to wait, and waiting drives us crazy.

Peter wrote this for times like those: “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

The context – the reason he wrote those words – is the concern of people in his day that the Lord’s second coming seemed delayed. They were expecting him momentarily, and it seemed they were on “hold” (though this was way before phones!). These days, we don’t think very often or very hard about the second coming of our Lord, as much as we think about how slow he seems to answer certain prayers. That’s our perspective: He’s slow. His perspective: He’s patient.

He knows just the right time to say “yes” or “no” to us. He has the eternal perspective on just the right way to grant our desire – or not- based on the future of love and blessing he has in store for us.

And he doesn’t “apologize for the wait,” because the wait is actually good for us, if we will only see it that way. My phone is still repeating the message. I’m about to hang up and try later. That’s a good strategy for the company I’m working with; not so with prayer. That line can and will stay open.

Blessings,  
Pastor John

## DCE Intern News

### The Journey Begins!

Wow, it is hard to believe I have already been here three weeks! For those who are not acquainted with me yet, my name is David Johnson and I am the new DCE intern here at Risen Savior. Going from North Carolina, to Minnesota, and now to Arizona, I can definitely say Arizona is the hottest! Besides the heat, I have experienced many joys already. I have loved meeting everyone that I have, sorry if I do not remember your name. I have really been amazed at how many ministries Risen Savior offers and I am excited to be a part of some of those ministries throughout the next year. The staff here is incredible and a true joy to work with and learn from. I cannot even begin to imagine what God has in store for this church and myself in this upcoming year!

Last week I had the amazing opportunity to work a week up at a camp with Pastor David. Arrowhead Lutheran Camp is in the mountains of Southern California. I was a co-leader for all of the games that go on at camp. This means planning, preparing, and presenting all of the games. I will tell you this; it is one thing to lead a game for a youth group. It is another thing to lead 110 children from kindergarten to High School in a game. I learned so much and gained lots of experience from that week at camp.

The theme for the week at camp was Love Out Loud. While some Love Out Loud by throwing a pie in my face, (cough\* Pastor David \*cough) there is much more to this theme. First I must state that we are only able to love out loud, because of him who first loved us, that being Jesus. It is because of his unending love and his death and resurrection that we are able to respond with love. Because of this we are to love God out loud. We should love God with all that is within us because of his love for us.

The love does not stop there though. We are also supposed to love others out loud. Because of our love for Christ, the love flows out of us and on to everyone around us. Loving out loud is something that is both internal and external. We love God and others by what we think, what we say, and what we do. As you continue your day, your week, your year, and your life, stop and take time to remember the love God has for you and share that love with everyone you encounter. Let us all remember to Love Out Loud!

God's Blessings,  
David Johnson

## School News

### Elementary News

#### Kindergarten

What an exciting time for these students! Kindergartners are busy getting used to their new schedule - it's so different from Preschool. The first days of school help the children learn their routine, from snack and lunch times to the Chapel schedule to visiting all of their new specials. Mrs. Brinkman is excited to have the new school year underway!

#### 1st/2nd Grade

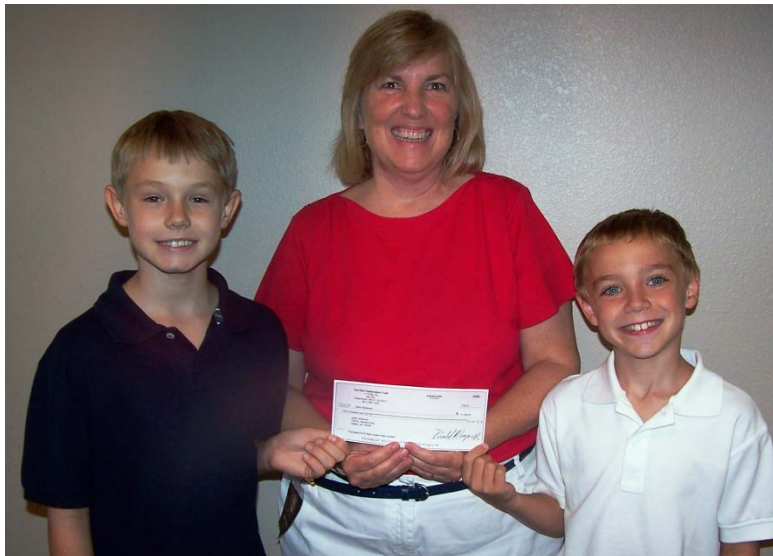
The 1st & 2nd graders have welcomed a new school year meeting new friends and new teachers! Each student wrote about themselves and their family. We read the story "The Rainbow Fish" and were reminded how to be a good friend and then we were each able to create our own Rainbow Fish. We are learning about the ocean and created ocean diorama boxes to share with our families. We're off to a great start!

#### 3rd/4th Grade

Mrs. Bowman's class jumped right into their academics. Organization and communication are key elements to a successful year. We also want to congratulate Mrs. Bowman for her recently awarded Grand Prize of \$1,000 in a "Best Lesson Plan" for the Civil War.

The contest was sponsored by The Civil War Preservation Trust and The History Channel.

Mrs. Bowman's original play performed last spring by our 3-5th Graders won because it "stood out in the crowd!"



Mrs. Bowman with Jonathan Stratman and Joey Boshears.

#### Singing in Church

The elementary students will be singing in church four times this school year. We have

selected one date per quarter and will use these opportunities to say thank you to the many congregation members who stepped forward and donated almost \$70,000 in scholarships. Please save the dates and plan on attending with your whole family.

9/12 Grandparent's Day at the 8:50 service.

11/14 just after Veteran's Day at the 7:30 service.

3/6 to kick off National Lutheran Schools Week at the 10:10 service.

5/15 sharing songs from our Spring Musical at the 11:30 service.

### Chapel News

Chapel offering envelopes were sent home last week with our elementary students. Offering collections are new to Chapel this year and are used to teach children how to share the blessings God has given them with others. We discussed that this is NOT when we go to our moms and say "Please give me money to put in my envelope." Rather, your child may ask if there are special chores they may do to earn money. We talked about how the Bible teaches a 10% tithe. We even did a couple of math examples to calculate 10%.

Our first quarter chapel offerings will support Ministry in the Armed Forces—a program that provides our military men and women with devotionals and pocket Bibles. We prayed over our offering asking God to use our gift to bless those that serve us and to open their hearts to the Good News!

Chapel times have changed since last year. Elementary chapel is on Wednesdays at 8:45am. Preschool chapels are held every other Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday chapels are at 10:45 and 2:30. Wednesday chapel is at 10:45. On off weeks, our new DCE Intern, David Johnson, will be setting up activities in the Sanctuary relating to our current Bible story. The preschool classes will rotate through the activities based on their regularly scheduled chapel times.

**We invite you to join us at any time!**

## Preschool & Early Learning Center News

The preschool classes at RSLs are well underway. Ms. Debbie, Ms. Kristy, Ms. Nancy, Ms. Jeanne, Ms. Julie and Ms. Annalisa are busy planning activities that enrich your child's learning experience. If you have any concerns about your child, I urge you to discuss it with your teacher. Early intervention is vital with treating any learning disability and we see ourselves as partners with you in the education of your child. The staff has already begun establishing baselines against which we track every child's growth and development during the course of the year. Rest assured that if the staff finds anything of concern, they will be in contact with you.

On a more fun note, Lunch Bunch is underway as well. Ms. Kristy and Ms. Debbie are leading it this year. Many of our PreK kids are so excited to see their past teachers in Lunch Bunch. The cost is \$5 per day and you can sign up with Ms. Kathleen at any time. It is a first come, first served program since it is imperative that we maintain proper teacher/student ratios.

## Risen Savior Lutheran Church & School

We hope to see you there!

### Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center is all about child-based learning and discovery. It provides a quality experience for our students in a safe and nurturing environment. The Early Learning Center is open 5 days a week from 7am to 6pm. We have recently expanded the ages of children we serve from infants through five year olds. Rates are very competitive with other centers & we accept DES funding. If you, or someone you know, is looking for child care , please check us out.



Experience the difference!

### Full-Time Weekly Rates

Infants \$200

1-2 Year Olds \$175

3-5 Year Olds \$150

Part-Time available for all except infants.

Meals/snacks included.

## LWML

The LWML 2010 Women's Fall Retreat at Camp Aloma near Prescott, Arizona, is scheduled for Friday, September 24, through Sunday, September 26. Pastor David Brinkman will lead us through the study guide "Captivating Heart To Heart," written by John and Stasi Eldredge. Through teaching sessions, films, music, guided periods of reflection and journaling, worship and beauty; women of all ages are invited to take the risk of becoming alive as a woman. God's captivating woman! Three-day registration is \$100.00 and includes five meals and lodging. You may attend Saturday only, which includes three meals, for \$55.00. Registration deadline is September 13. Registration forms are available on the LWML table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can get further information from Pauline Turner at 480 895-4060. Transportation is available.

LWML General Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 9, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The September 9 meeting will be preceded by a Worship Service in the sanctuary in remembrance of the victims of the September 11, 2001 twin towers attack in New York City. Men and women of all ages are invited to attend this special service.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2011 officers. Please consider serving on this important committee.

## Lutheran Hour Ministries

International Lutheran Laymen's League Hosts Spirit-Driven Event in Omaha. "Spirit Driven" (2 Tim. 1:7) was the theme of the 93rd International Convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League to embolden attendees to remember that God's Spirit reaches deep in our souls to yield the gifts necessary to carry out God's work; power, love, and self-discipline. Using these gifts allows all of us the boldness required to reach out with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ and touch a hurting world.

Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, shared many powerful messages during The LHM Foundation Meeting, the general session, and many opening and closing prayers throughout the Convention. Convention attendees also took time to recognize Pastor Klaus, who will be retiring from the Speakership at the end of 2010, during several events honoring Pastor Klaus's many years of service to the Int'l LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries. "Speakers, like the years, have come and gone, but by God's grace, and through your continuous commitment, The Lutheran Hour has continued to proclaim a crucified and risen Christ to a lost and dying world," said Pastor Klaus.

The Rev. Matthew Harrison, president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, surprised attendees with an appearance and stressed that the Int'l LLL will continually be in his prayers. "I already know so many of the LLL leaders ... what a fabulous moment to be here. May you be blessed in every way so that the Gospel can go everywhere."

The Convention also provided an opportunity for attendees to meet and visit with many of LHM's International Ministry Center directors from more than 30 countries. A special "Global Village" event offered an evening of music provided by Mariachi San Pablo, a Christian mariachi band from El Paso, Texas, a performance from acclaimed one-man dramatist Lucas Baloyi from LHM—South Africa, and international cuisine.



Some Managers of "Christ For All Nations" – Latin America LLL Event in Omaha.

Left to right: Mr. Victor Verruck, Paraguay, Ms. Marianela Bravo, Chile, Ms. Gloria Tolisano, Argentina, Mr. Edilberto Mendez, Panamá, Mr. Alexander Pérez León, Venezuela, Ms. Mariana Mastrantonio, Uruguay.

Managers of "Christ For All Nations" of different countries are meeting in the USA to develop different activities.

## Rose Parade News

You can now view a slideshow of LHM Rose Parade float photos and themes spanning 6 decades! Click on: <http://www.petalpushers.org/slideshow/>.

2011 marks our 61st year of participation. To be a part of the decorating process for this float, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," go to <http://www.petalpushers.org/cgi/res> and make plans now.

Thrivent members can contribute to this ministry from Thrivent's dollar amount built up for them. They can also set up recurring payments. For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://myservice.thrivent.com/ICSLogin/?%22http://myservice.thrivent.com/portal/mythrivent%22>

## Men's Group & Teen Sons

Consider March 5, 2011 to be an important date on next year's calendar. Arrangements have been made with SPIRIT OF THE DESERT, a Christian conference center in Carefree, AZ to conduct a one and a half day fellowship outing.

Furthermore, we happily announce that Reverend Bruce Wardemann will be the speaker and facilitator. He authored "What They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" which has been featured in this summer's Forum Bible class.

Please mark your calendar now, then register on the patio. The all day Saturday and Sunday worship service which includes lunch, dinner and breakfast is \$110 with \$25 expected with registration. The balance may be paid in \$25 installments. The rooms are spacious, the views superb, and a resort atmosphere throughout. Everything is casual. We will car pool leaving at 7am on Saturday. Private accommodations are available at a modest premium.

## Lutheran Braille Workers News

Braille Ministry is back in session and we will be meeting as usual from now on. All available Braille workers, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Bay 1 on Tuesday, August 3rd at 9am. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Bibler at 895-8788.

## Family Life News

FREE Senior Pass for High School Events

The Chandler School District offers a FREE Golden Circle Season Pass for people aged 55+. A Golden Circle Season Pass allows you to attend regular season home athletic and fine arts events at Basha, Chandler, Hamilton and Perry High Schools. Passes are available at each high school or the district office located at 1525 W. Frye Road. To have a pass mailed, call (480) 812-7650; the turn-around is very fast. Get your pass and come cheer for our Risen Savior youth that play for Chandler, Hamilton, Basha & Perry High Schools!

## Fellowship News

It's time to go through your closets and the garage! The church rummage sale is Oct 15 & 16. Clothing items always sell well. If you have questions, call Jane Zehnder at 802-5334.

### Choral Concert

The San Tan Chorale will perform "Bits of Britain" at Risen Savior on Saturday, November 6th, 2010 at 7:30pm. From the Beatles to Gilbert & Sullivan, this choral tribute touches on the works of many well-known British composers and performers. San Tan Chorale is a part of San Tan Community Performing Arts and is under the direction of Matthew Frable. The chorale has been performing in the East Valley since 2006 and now has close to 100 members. Please visit STCPA's website [www.stcpa.org](http://www.stcpa.org) or call 480-297-7552 for more information.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Upcoming Events

10/15 - 10/16 - Annual Rummage Sale

11/6 - 5K Run, Walk, Bike benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation

3/5/11 - Men's Club "Spirit in the Desert"

## March for the Cure

### 3.5 Mile Family Fun Walk & Run

Please join us on Saturday, November 6th as we raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This is sure to be a special day for everyone involved.

The walk begins at 8am and same-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m. You can pre-register online at [www.rslcs.org](http://www.rslcs.org) after October 15th. If you register online, the first 100 participants receive free walk T-Shirts! Lunch, entertainment, games, prizes, fellowship and fun will be provided to all participants.

Can't walk with us? You can still help in many ways. We need help at the check-in table, passing out shirts, water and we can never have enough cheerleaders.

If you'd like to join us afterward for lunch, tickets are available for \$7.

Pre-Registration

\$20 for Adults

\$15 for Students & Seniors



Same Day Registration

\$25 for Adults

\$20 for Students & Seniors

## Happy Birthday

Ashley Dow	8/16	Leona Skeate	8/27	Trinity Karst	9/6
Diane Haroutunian	8/16	Corrine Burnam	8/28	Dale Lee	9/6
Bob Madson	8/16	Cole Jones	8/28	Cynthia Nelson	9/6
Connor Olson	8/16	Wini Floth	8/29	Hugh Steffy	9/6
Nicole Shaffer	8/16	Jill Gastley	8/29	Carol Devereaux	9/7
Lori Young	8/16	Marjorie Goers	8/29	Shirley Moyer	9/7
Emilio Salazar	8/17	Parker Jacobs	8/29	Cole Webster	9/7
Jan Williams	8/17	Vernon Ritchie	8/29	Joseph Meyer	9/8
Olga Bordner	8/18	Chase Ritchie	8/29	Chuck Wangsness	9/8
Raymond Whitney	8/18	Frank Sokasits	8/29	Clifford Coryea	9/9
Nancy Espy	8/19	Michelle Berquist	8/30	Eric Ellis	9/9
Jaida Lubandi	8/19	Michael Bradfield	8/30	Dave Hernanskey	9/9
Kristen Tollefson	8/19	Bob D'Evelyn	8/30	Brittany Johnson	9/9
George Daniel	8/20	Amie Hickel	8/30	Pat Welch	9/9
Alec Hughes	8/20	Joy Maschoff	8/30	Kristen Berquist	9/10
Danielle Kim	8/20	Dave Constance	8/31	Vel Boardman	9/10
Nancy Lienenbrugger	8/20	Lloyd Fish	8/31	Wes Davis	9/10
Jake Myers	8/20	Len Willis	8/31	Tracy Latorraca	9/10
Ruth Pedersen	8/20	MaryAnn Wolf	8/31	Gale Mettenbrink	9/10
Jason Tells	8/20	Sarah Esias	9/1	Amy Otolski	9/10
Robert Zeder, Jr.	8/20	Riley Estler	9/1	Mike Timm	9/10
Liam Atwood	8/21	Dillon Holman	9/1	Gail Vining	9/10
Rick Ramirez	8/21	Elly Sabo	9/1	Bernice Grau	9/11
Samantha Stadel	8/21	Robert Witte	9/1	Greg Amsley	9/12
Anthony Bagnoli	8/22	Elizabeth Replogle	9/2	Audrey Lockman	9/12
Vincent Bagnoli	8/22	Carolyn Tagatz	9/2	Craig Raufmann	9/12
Makayla Lartzt	8/22	Tessa Tarchinski	9/2	Fred Tookey	9/12
Daniel Baker	8/23	D'Nell Rynd	9/3	Nathan Berquist	9/13
Jim Herberg	8/23	Augustus Tietbohl	9/3	Joyce Cesolini	9/13
Annie Wolf	8/23	Christian Hoff	9/4	Ron Olsen	9/14
Nancy Gooding	8/24	W. Myers	9/4	Bettie Barnhouse	9/15
Bill Hayden	8/24	Eve Ritchie	9/4	Donald Carey	9/15
Marianne Jovene	8/24	Marilyn Russell	9/4	Nancy Dooley	9/15
Donna Kuchenbecker	8/24	Britnee Wilkinson	9/4	Millie Hambleton	9/15
Marilynn McGuirl	8/24	Catherine Worrall	9/4	Larry Mueller	9/15
Morgan Paul	8/25	Brody Zirpel	9/4		
Jennifer Bradfield	8/27	Olivia Dumke	9/5		
Jack Cunningham	8/27	Ettaleen Patterson	9/5		
Darlene Darling	8/27	Connie Blair	9/6		
Patricia English	8/27	Sylvia Boyd	9/6		
Elise Krueger	8/27	Jeff Goldberg	9/6		

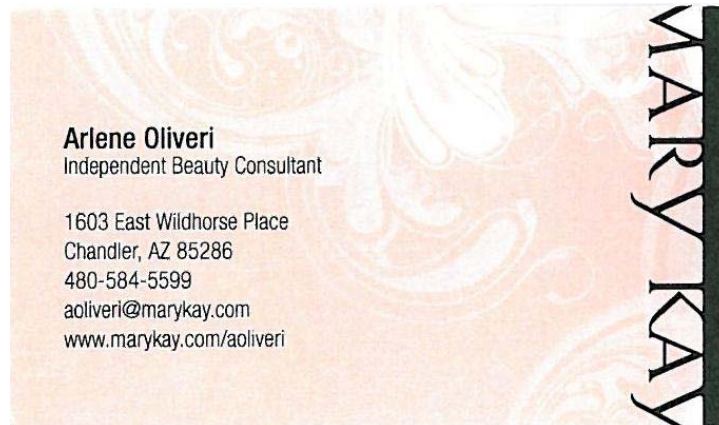
## Happy Anniversary

Bob & June Blakemore	9/7/1946	Charles & Janet Myers	9/11/1971
Donald & Lois Leaverton	8/24/1947	Steve & Jacqueline Jacob	8/26/1972
Joseph & Pat Bibler	8/21/1948	Steven & Ann Bicknase	8/24/1974
Lyle & Gerri Ried	8/27/1948	Rick & Kathleen Ramirez	8/19/1978
Lou & Barbara Miller	8/20/1949	Jeff & Wanda Gerber	9/9/1978
Charles & Marlene Poulson	9/2/1950	Allan & Jane Anderson	9/9/1979
Ken & Bettie Brakebill	9/1/1951	Trygve & LeAnn Fekjan	8/23/1980
Carl & Donna Kuchenbecker	8/29/1953	Larry & Louann Savolt	9/6/1980
don & Rosemary Zellmer	9/5/1953	Dave & Gail Prothe	8/31/1985
Dan & Betty Zisch-de la Rosa	8/21/1955	Vernon & Louise Menetrey	9/14/1985
Rich & Millie Hambleton	8/27/1955	Raymond & Judith Whitney	8/23/1986
Russ & Janet Foy	9/1/1956	Anthony & Allison Weis	9/3/1988
Gunter & Erica Peters	9/7/1956	Mark & Maureen Milne	9/10/1988
Charlie & Dora Greek	9/15/1956	Don & Renee Brunner	9/9/1989
Fred & Marlis Mobbs	8/31/1957	Bill & Shari Costello	9/10/1990
Wil & Doreen Liske	9/6/1957	Eric & Michelle Berquist	8/31/1991
Darrell & Margo Otte	9/5/1959	Jim & Teresa Golichowski	8/29/1992
Joan & Harry McComas	8/22/1960	Phillip & Carol Bowers-Cobble	9/1/1995
Jim & Yvonne White	9/7/1963	Dan & Lori Newham	9/14/1996
Ron & Marcia Hinze	8/22/1964	Scott & Sherri Webster	9/14/1996
Tom & Jo Timmons	8/28/1965	Michael & Wendy Stevenson	8/26/2000
Don & Myrna Greene	8/29/1965	George & Claire Ritchie	8/24/2001
Gary & Ellen Voelker	9/4/1966	Patrick & Tara Bump	9/6/2002
James & Sue Pflueger	8/17/1968	Robert & Patricia Adamovic	8/24/2003
Alfred & Jan Pfahl	8/29/1968	Cody & Kristin Houglum	9/11/2004
Jim & Sheila Junkemeier	8/22/1970	Roman & Nancy Espy	8/18/2009

## Financials

Risen Savior Lutheran Church Financial Highlights July 2010
Current Assets (Checking & Savings) \$296,482. Total of all Designated and Memorial Funds \$318,526 Free Cash Flow (\$22,044) or (\$27,048) lower than June
Interest Rate on our loans is currently at 5.25%. Total Interest paid in June was \$18,818 Church paid \$16,723 (\$5,693 was for school). School paid \$2,095. Church and school have saved \$83,347 so far this year due to suspension of principal payments and lower interest rate charged Plans are to consolidate and refinance all three loans by December 31st, 2010.
Envelope giving \$4,643 over budget. Loose Plate \$653 over budget. Envelope giving YTD is \$5,505 over budget. Loose Plate \$21,683 over budget Church's operational expenses for July are (\$7,559) under budget. Church's operational expenses for July YTD are (\$20,339) under budget due to under runs in Local Missions and Family Life If we remove the Local Missions and Family Life categories from the totals, we would be \$1,617 over budget
Current Estimates for 2010: Envelopes are tracking about a 4% overrun : Loose Plate is tracking for around a 40% overrun : Expenses over by \$40,000 due to Computer Support requirements and potentially adding an Executive Director : Net Income will be (\$4,950) for the year; leaving a deficit of about (\$34,000) cumulative
2011 Outlook: Will refinance all loans, Five year fixed rate of 5.25%, amortized to 30 years : This will save the church and school about \$62,000 annually : Will need a fund drive of at least \$50,000 to cover 2011 operations and eliminate the projected \$38,000 debt at 2010 year-end
Risen Savior School financial outlook for the school just started is improving and no further assistance from Church is currently expected.

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