

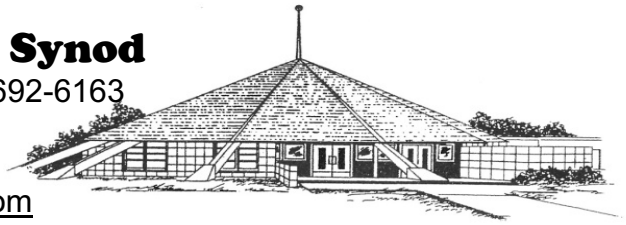
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October 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church exists to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and respond to opportunities for mission with a ministry of worship, witness, nurture, education, service & fellowship.

Dear Fellow Missionaries!

October, from start to finish, is going to be a month-long reminder of why we are here. The gift of salvation has been given to us not so we can hoard it, keep it to ourselves, but so we can live it, share it. All the Sundays will have this theme and our other activities beyond the walls.

We begin October with *LWML Sunday*. They are what? Lutheran Women in **Mission**. Our LWML society surely is a blessing, an inspiration to us to be about the mission of Christ.

The next Sunday (weekend) is our Mission Festival. The Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou will be with us for the weekend. As you have read and heard, his presentation on Saturday is for all of us. We have all been given the command to go and make disciples. He will be proclaiming the sermon on that Sunday as well. All the details are printed on a following page.

The third Sunday is October 18th and that is designated in the Church Year as St. Luke Day. Luke, the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as his second volume, Acts, was committed to getting the message out to the Gentiles. Everyone needs Jesus. Everyone needs His grace, mercy, and peace. Our divine service will remember the legacy of St. Luke.

The last Sunday of October will be our celebration of the Reformation. (This divine service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.) We stand on Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone. Again, this is not just for our benefit. Once Luther rediscovered the grace of God in Christ, he went nonstop in writing, teaching, preaching that message so that all would have the same confidence he had. Here I Stand! That's the message we take to the world.

Then October ends with a "fun" event that has a missional aspect to it. Our third annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31st. All those who come onto our church property will be given Christian fellowship. And a gospel tract will be handed out to each family who comes. **Be a part of this event.** Sign up. If you can't come, your donation of candy is greatly appreciated.

The Lord has blessed us so much. As I said from the pulpit recently, it's not fair! We don't deserve this privilege. But we have it. And we have the responsibility to share it with others. **That is why we are here!**

See you in the Lord's house!

Pastor Pase
Ps 46:10

Monday Evening Bible Class

We will meet the first and third Monday. October 5th and October 19th. We are just starting Hosea. We meet in the Education Building at 6:30 pm.



LWML

Ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday (October 13th) of every month at 6:00pm.

Loose Change Sunday

Loose change falls on the 3rd Sunday of the month, October 18th. The LWML ladies ask you to give your coins and bills for help with collecting mites for the 2024-2026 Mission Grants that help fund churches, seminarians, Shepherd Canyons Retreat for ministers and many more.

Matthew 25 Ministry



MATTHEW 25:
— MINISTRIES —

M25M.ORG

Will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (October 20th) @ 2:00pm in the Education Building to wash, clean, & pack the prescription bottles we all bring for them. If you are interested please join us!!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

We continue walking through Proverbs with delicious goodies, a great study and conversation, and many laughs. Join us ladies! We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:00 am. October 14th and October 28th.

Quilters

Meets the 1st, 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30am. (October 7th, October 21st)

Come help them sew and tie knots.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Join the men for Bible Study and breakfast. They meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:00am. (October 2nd and October 16th) We are working through Matthew.

Elders Meeting

Will meet after the Men's prayer breakfast the first Friday of the Month at 8:00am. October 2nd they meet.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

**Lutheran
Women in
Mission
Sunday
October 4,
2026
Supporting
Missions**

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**.

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.

Join us on Sunday, October 4th & Wear Purple!

Breakfast Tacos will be served before Sunday School!

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Heart of Texas

FALL ZONE RALLY

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:30 Registration

Hosted by

Trinity Lutheran Church LWML
3536 Lutheran Way, San Angelo, Texas



Hello, Pumpkin!
Pumpkins Needed
for Mission Sunday!



Help us make our **Mission Sunday Seminar** beautiful and welcoming!

We are looking for **15 “real” pumpkins** to use as centerpieces for our tables. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex if you would like to provide a pumpkin.

After the meal, the pumpkins will be available for families to take home, along with “**A Pumpkin Carving Prayer**” to make this a fun and meaningful family activity.

Please bring your pumpkin to the church by Saturday, October 10. You may place your pumpkin on the round table in the Education Building.

Thank you for helping us decorate for this special day and celebrate the work God is doing through missions!



Mission Festival 2026

MISSION WEEKEND SEMINAR

**Saturday, October 10th
10am-4pm**

Our Savior Lutheran, Abilene, TX

**How Can We, as Baptized Believers, Be
Equipped to Share the Gospel?
Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou**

Every baptized believer is called to bear witness to Christ. But how does our Lutheran theology prepare and equip us to share the Gospel with our neighbors?

Join us for a Mission weekend seminar exploring the rich missionary foundation of Lutheran theology and its practical significance for Christian witness today. Sign- up in the narthex. Let us know if you desire childcare. Together, we will explore:

- **Was Martin Luther missional?** Did Luther’s theology lack a missionary vision, or does his theology naturally lead Christians into witness and service?
- **Ten Key Principles of Lutheran Theology of Mission** — discovering how our Lutheran confession shapes the Church’s missionary identity and calling.
- **What Characterizes a Missional Church?** — exploring how a congregation can faithfully proclaim Christ while engaging its community.
- **Equipped Through Baptism** — considering how our identity as baptized children of God equips and sends us to share the Gospel in our everyday vocations.
- **Sharing Christ with Our Neighbors** — applying Lutheran theology to practical opportunities for Christian witness in our families, workplaces, neighborhoods and communities.

Mission Is Not Only Something the Church Does—

Mission is Part of Who We Are as God’s Baptized People.

About the Speaker

Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou is a Lutheran pastor, missionary, theologian, author, and theological educator with extensive experience in cross-cultural mission and theological education.

He served for ten years as Senior Lecturer of Arabic Language and Culture at Baylor University and for eight years as Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He currently serves as a theological educator with the Luther Academy in Riga and is involved in developing Middle Eastern Lutheran ministry in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Bahkou has written several books in English and Arabic on Christian theology, apologetics, and Christian-Muslim engagement, including *Shining the Gospel Light on the Qur’an: Understanding and Engaging Muslims* (Concordia Publishing House).

Help Us Set Up Tables and Chairs for Mission Sunday

After Pastor Bahkou's mission seminar on Saturday, October 10, we would appreciate your help setting up the tables and chairs for our Mission Sunday meal the following day.

It shouldn't take long, and many hands make light work! If you're really in a serving mood, there are a few more ways you can help—setting out the tablecloths, placemats, and silverware.

Thank you for helping us prepare for a wonderful Mission Sunday!



The packing will take place at 4126 North 1st.
Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**October 13, October 27
November 10
December 1, December 15**

TRUNK OR TREAT

October is here!! Its Trunk or Treat time. The Sign - Up chart for your spot is in the narthex along with the Candy Donation box. We need everyone who signs up to be in their spots ready to go at 5:00 pm. October 31 falls on a Saturday this year. 5:30 – 7:00 pm



In Memory Of

Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Women in Mission planted two Dwarf Yaupon Holly shrubs in memory of our sister in Christ, Doris Oltmann. Also in attendance for the dedication was Kurt and Michelle Boyland, Doris' daughter and son-in-law. Special thanks to Ray Homeyer for planting them for us.



Members of Our Savior served outside the walls at the Hartford Professional Learning Center. Thanks to Darrin Cox, Homeless/Foster Care Liaison, for this wonderful opportunity to serve!



WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

- All the families of Our Savior.
- Protection for our armed forces and strength to their families, especially Linnea Elmore.
- Wisdom and guidance for our nation's leaders.
- Wisdom, guidance and protection for our schools.
- Seasonal weather to bless the Lord's earth.
- Missionaries
- Seminarians, including J. T. & Dana Elmore.
- Continued guidance & blessing for Pastor Pase.

OUR HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Chesley Fletcher
- Harold Hohhertz, Coronado Nursing Home #203, will have a new pacemaker placed Sept 30th.
- Lucille Jacobson, Lyndale Memory Care #16.
- Barbara Weeks
- Martha Williams, Lyndale Senior Living, #223
- Mike Welch
- Irma Garrett, Lyndale Senior Living, #208

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

- David Tafelmeyer, cancer is spreading and will need radiation treatments in Dallas over the next 9 months.
- Alan Holmes, Incurable Stage 4 Lung/Brain Cancer, Silver Springs room 510, getting weaker, losing weight and having memory issues.
- Jeffrey Carpenter (Alexis Fetsch's father), cancer.
- Russell Angeletti, Brian's dad, who has pancreatic cancer, and has spots on his lungs.

- Kathy Wallace recovering from a stroke at Windcrest Unit 4 Room 402A.
- Joe & Sandy Jager, former members, he has prostate cancer, she has early dementia and Parkinson's.
- Melinda Reed, Cousin of Cherri Stegemoeller, Stage 3 Breast Cancer.
- Myron Leesman, rare type of Leukemia.
- Gray Kincaid, Irene's uncle, who has a growth in his esophagus that cannot be removed.
- Suzanne Rhodes stomach cancer
- Everett Foster- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Patsy Tadlock intense nausea.

- Bowen Burleson- complications after being born 4 months early. He recently had 2 doctors appointments and they took him off his oxygen. He came home in December and was home for Christmas. He has a feeding tube in his stomach and still has his tracheotomy in place. The doctors are talking about when they can remove it with the earliest being a couple months and the longest being another year. He is a very blessed little boy, they didn't think he would make it but God's help and his strong will he proved to all the doctors how mighty he was.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- Cherri Stegemoeller will have rotator cuff Surgery Oct. 1.
- Alexis Fetsch's grandmother who is 102 is starting to lose her vision and bed ridden. She lives in FL with her aunt who takes care of her.
- Kari Kionka, who had a dermatological procedure.

- Pat Kionka, who stomach and back pain which may be caused from a slipped disk.
- Helma Delattre, who has congestive heart failure and they are treating it with Lasix's.
- Willa Dean, Mike Martinez's mother, Lupie, and Belinda (friends of Shannon Gannaway), Chaplain Bueltmann and the 317th Squadron, and the men at Dyess and another loss through suicide, Sharon Sherbert, Brady Brigrance (20), (son of a cousin of Ardyce Hill), Brian Puryear, Russell, Jan & Mark's Koslan neighbor, Kathie Schneider, Gary & Delores Tackett, (friend of Martha Williams), Tina (Kathy Grierson's niece), Cynthia, (sister of Deb Leesman), Larry Earley, Connie (Judy Brazell's sister), Louis Palacio (Marianne Ander's brother), Herb (Dana Elmore's dad), Shirley (James Fetsch Jr's Mom), Sonya & Luke Bartz, Sonya Bartz's dad and mom.

- Marianne Anders, Eric Foster, recovering after surgery.

MOURNING

- Family of Deputy Sheriff Bobby Votaw, good friend of the Atkins, who passed away 9/9.
- Family of Ronnie Carter, brother of John Carter, who passed away 9/7 after a short stay on hospice.

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Lutheran Hour **Looking Ahead for October**

October 4, 2026 "Embrace Life"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros

Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. John 10:10-11

October 11, 2026 "Covered"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness.

Matthew 22:11-12

October 18, 2026 "The Heart of the Matter"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. Matthew 22:15-22

October 25, 2026 "Relief"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. Romans 3:23-24