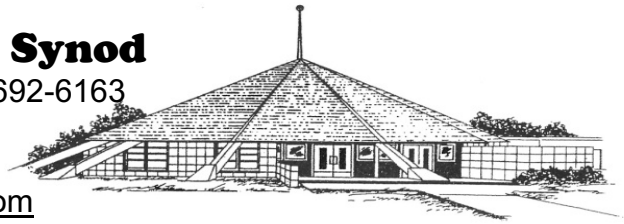
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November 2026

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 Our Savior Family,

We had a blessed Mission Festival Weekend. I thank Sonya Bartz, Director of Stewardship and Missions, for her hard work in making this event come off without a hitch. We were blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou with us for his Saturday presentation and his Sunday sermon.

Saturday, he spoke to us about how ***we*** are missional Christians because of our Baptism. He spoke of our heritage as Lutheran Christians, how Martin Luther and our theology are so obvious that we cannot keep it to ourselves. We must share it. It is made for sharing. It was given to us to share.

I am including two slides he shared with us. Look them over closely. (Full disclosure: he told AI to take his notes and make a diagram. AI did good.)

I also included in this newsletter something I recently seen on social media on several sites. It is how our divine service is Scripturally based. How it flows. This diagram shows the beauty of our divine service. It is read left to right. It truly focuses on God coming to us, God serving us, God blessing us. It is not "worship." Our worship begins as we walk out the door. To do what….? Be the missional Christians our Baptism made us to be. (Recall the slides from Dr. Bahkou.)

Are you praying daily for your congregation? Are you praying daily for your pastor? We are in the nominations and budget time of the year. Bathe these in prayer. Through Grace Gifts we have willing servants, serving where their gifts are used best. Through our faithful stewardship of God's gifts to us, our congregation is making a difference in Abilene and beyond. With the Lord our "can'ts" become "why nots?" This is our time. We are here for this reason. I am here for this reason. Again, Martin Luther could not keep the message to himself. How can we? As I stated from the pulpit when we celebrated the Reformation, the status quo has got to go! Martin Luther didn't think that being only one he could do anything. He knew he had to do something – get the Word out! That is what we are to be about – get the Word out!

At the end of November, we will begin another Church Year. Our midweek Advent services will be at noon and 7 pm. Our theme will be *The Everlasting Light*. There will be daily devotions for this series. Our children-led Christmas service and Christmas Day will also follow this theme.

Closely check out the slides/graphs I have included on the following pages. What is the main message from these? ***God is good! He is so good to us!*** Everything we need, He supplies. To Him be the glory!

See you in Church!

Pastor Pase
Ps 46:10


LUTHERAN THEOLOGY OF MISSION
Christ Centered.
Gospel Driven.
For the Life of the World.
1 THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR THE GOSPEL
2 GOD CONVERTS THROUGH THE MEANS OF GRACE
3 THE GOSPEL IS UNIVERSALLY OFFERED
4 JUSTIFICATION IS THE HEART OF EVANGELISM
5 THE GOSPEL IS EFFECTIVE
6 THE SACRAMENTS BELONG TO MISSION
7 REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS TOGETHER
8 CHRISTIAN MISSION MUST BE GROUNDED IN THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS
9 CATECHESIS AS MISSION
10 FAITH COMES THROUGH HEARING


The Biblical Roots of the LUTHERAN DIVINE SERVICE
GATHERING
We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 18:20
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
CONFESSION OF SINS
We confess our sins and seek God's mercy.
1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
ABSOLUTION
God speaks His forgiveness to us through His Word.
John 20:22–23
"Jesus said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.'"
KYRIE (LORD, HAVE MERCY)
We cry out to the Lord for mercy.
Mark 10:47
"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
We join the angels in praising God's glory.
Luke 2:14
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
SALUTATION AND COLLECT
The Lord be with you.
Let us pray.
We pray the words of Scripture.
2 Corinthians 13:14
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
SCRIPTURE READINGS
God speaks to us through the reading and preaching of His Word.
2 Timothy 3:16–17
"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
SERMON
God's Word is proclaimed and applied to our lives.
Romans 10:17
"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
CREED
We confess the faith of the apostles.
Matthew 10:32
"Everyone who confesses me before men, I also will confess before my Father who is in heaven."
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
We bring our prayers and the needs of the world to God.
1 Timothy 2:1
"I urge then, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."
THE LORD'S SUPPER
We receive Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.
Luke 22:19–20
"This is my body... This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."
BENEDICTION
We depart with God's blessings to live in His grace.
Numbers 6:24–26
"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."


SIX MARKS of a MISSIONAL CHURCH
1 CONFRONTS CULTURAL IDOLS WITH THE GOSPEL
A missional church confronts the idols of the surrounding culture with the Gospel.
2 COMMUNICATES THE GOSPEL CONTEXTUALLY
A missional church communicates the Gospel contextually and in the language people understand, without changing the content of the biblical message.
3 LIVES AS A DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
A missional church lives as a distinctive Christian community—a counterculture that seeks the good of its neighbors.
4 EQUIPS ALL BELIEVERS FOR DAILY WITNESS
A missional church equips all baptized believers to live as Christian witnesses in their daily vocations.
5 IS OPEN AND HOSPITABLE TO ALL
A missional church is open and hospitable to unbelievers, seekers, doubters, and inquirers, creating opportunities for them to hear the Gospel and encounter the Christian community.
6 SEEKS CHRISTIAN UNITY AND APPROPRIATE COOPERATION
A missional church seeks Christian unity and appropriate cooperation while remaining faithful to Scripture and the church's confession.

Monday Evening Bible Class

We will meet the first and third Monday. November 2nd and November 16th. We are working through Hosea. We meet in the Education Building at 6:30 pm.



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. November 11th and November 25th.

Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML

Ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday (November 10th) of every month at 6:00pm.

2027 LWML Officers

Sharon Sherbert, President
Kim Homeyer, Vice President
Linda Piel, Secretary
Marianne Anders, Treasurer

Quilters

Meets the 1st, 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30am. (November 4th, November 18st) 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. (November 6th and November 20th) We are working through Matthew.

Loose Change Sunday

Loose change falls on the 3rd Sunday of the month, November 15th. 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.

Elders Meeting

Will meet after the Men's prayer breakfast the first Friday of the Month at 8:00am. November 6th they meet.

CAREPACK

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

November 10
December 1, December 15

CarePack FOR KIDS

MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES
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Matthew 25 Ministry

Will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (November 17th) @ 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!!



Reminder

In November and December we do not have Family Night.





Nov. 16-23 2026 Drop-off Location Information!!

IN ABILENE:
Trinity Baptist Church (North Side),
Wylie Methodist Church (South Side),
Pioneer Drive Baptist (Central)

You Can Also Find Us At:
First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
First Church of the Nazarene, Hamlin

Calling all Our Savior Lutheran Church Kids



There is a Sunday School Service in the works for the children to present on Sunday, December 20th during church. We will have **TWO Mandatory Rehearsals**. Saturday, November 14th at 10am, and Saturday, December 19th at 10am. We will rehearse briefly after church between those dates. Reach out to Amanda Bradley (325)370-4001 before November 14th if you are wanting to join the fun.

Visual Prayer Request Coming in November

HEART GALLERY OF Northwest Texas

In November we will have displayed easels in the narthex and video in the Education Building. What will be shown are children in need of adoption. November is Adoption Month. These are children from the Heart Gallery of Northwest Texas. We had a display last year. When you see a picture … say a prayer. When you see another picture … say a prayer. Pray for the child. Pray for the prospective adoptive parent. Pray all children are placed in a welcoming home full of love. Prayer first, not last!

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

Our divine service will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 25th. The theme is *Redeemed to Give Thanks*.

TRUNK OR TREAT

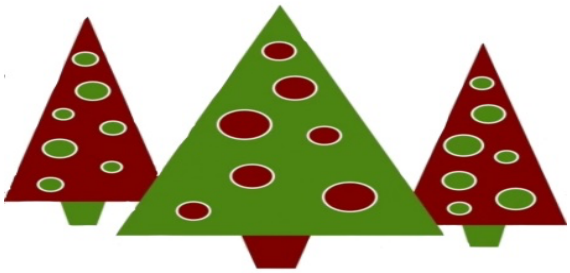


Was a BLESSING!! Thank you to everyone who passed out candy and dressed up. Thank you to everyone who donated candy.
Amanda Bradley

It's Time for the Food Baskets

Collecting what? We are collecting non-perishable food items for the food baskets. We are collecting through Saturday, November 21st. Food will be collected in the baskets left on the table in the Education Building. We will be delivering 12 food baskets to House of Faith families plus some of Our Savior shut-ins. Shut-ins that can not have a food basket will receive a special gift. Thank-you for your generous support. Social Ministry Director, Jill Koslan





Christmas Market Coming in December!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 13**, and join us for LWML's Holly Jolly Christmas Market!

Plan to find a wonderful variety of homemade treats, including fresh-baked breads, fudge, cookies, and lots and lots of other Christmas goodies. You'll also find pre-made casseroles to keep on hand for those busy days of the holiday season.

Be sure to stop by the Education Building to see the collection of handmade toys on display. These special creations will also be available at the market!

A freewill offering will be accepted for all items. All proceeds will go toward future LWML mission projects.

Plan to come shop and support missions all at the same time!

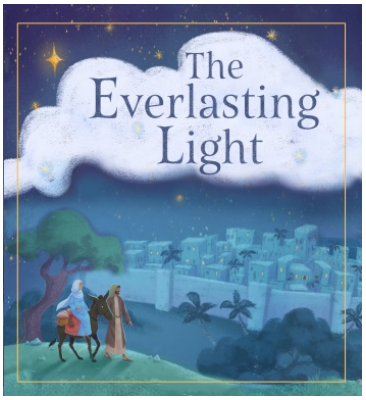


Mark Your Calendar

Our Living Nativity will take place Tuesday-Wednesday, December 15-16.

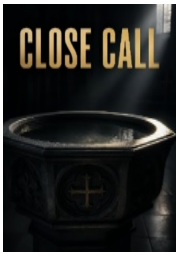


The Everlasting Light



This year's Advent and Christmas theme is based on Isaiah 60 and employs Phillips Brooks's cherished hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*LSB* 361). Isaiah famously promises that "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed" (Isaiah 40:5). In chapter 60, this glory explodes with radiant color. Divine glory rises upon Zion, who is addressed as a woman throughout chapter 60. She is quite the lady to behold! Brooks's masterpiece beautifully describes Bethlehem on a December night. The hymn moves back and forth from a description of Christmas to the meaning of Christmas. It ends with the prayer, "O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!" (st. 4). When you connect Isaiah 60 to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," what happens? A wonderful weaving together of biblical hope and Christian hymnody!
The author of this sermon series is R. Reed Lessing.

Services will be:
Wed., December 2 @ Noon and 7pm
Wed., December 9 @ Noon and 7pm
Wed., December 16 @ Noon and Due to the Living Nativity 7pm service will not be held.





Coming in January!

Our Discipleship Series will run January 10-31. The theme is based on the assigned Old Testament readings for those Sundays. Commitment Sunday will be January 31st. Our theme will be *A Close Call*. AI has assisted me with creating a couple of images for us.

LCMS National Mercy

Every year, our calendars remind us to set aside time in late November for a day of Thanksgiving. For many, it is a one-day ritual filled with food, friends and family, and maybe some football. For the people of God, though, it is much richer, deeper and more meaningful. "Thanksgiving" is a habit of the heart and soul. More than just a ritual, it is a routine. It is, in fact, part of the fabric of who we are as redeemed people of God. We have been given everything truly needful — eternal life and salvation, the forgiveness of sins, the very righteousness of God. We have much to be thankful for indeed!

In addition to this, we also thank God for what we call "First Article gifts." As detailed in Luther's Small Catechism, these are the gifts of our body and soul, friends and neighbors, food, shelter and personal possessions that we are given to steward. The First Article of the Apostles' Creed urges us to rightly confess that every good gift is from the hand of God. On behalf of the Office of National Mission — Mercy, we give thanks for your partnership in the Gospel and for joining us in mercy work across our Synod. Let us together give thanks and praise for the God who is "rich in mercy" (Eph. 2:4-8) and from whom flows all human acts of mercy. Visit lcms.org/mercy for information on the mercy work happening among congregations and organizations across the world.

LCMS Family Ministry

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever" (1 Chronicles 16:34).

Thanksgiving is a time of year when we praise God for the gifts that we have been given. One tradition that many families have is that at Thanksgiving dinner, they will go around the table, and each person will say something for which they are thankful. Taking time to do this is a good thing; however, as you and your family talk about what you are grateful for and the blessings that you have been given, it is important to remember where all of those blessings come from. Everything that you have is a gift from God. As you talk about what you are thankful for and the blessings that you have been given as a family, also take the time to give thanks to God for those blessings and all that He has done.

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,
- 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, will receive radiation treatments in Dallas over the next 9 months.
- Jeffrey Carpenter (Alexis Fetsch's father), cancer.
- Russell Angeletti, Brian's dad, chemo has begun.
- Kathy Wallace recovering from a stroke at Avir at Haskell, 1504 N 1st St. Haskell, TX 79521.
- 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 is gone. They removed 30 lymph nodes and PET scan was completely clear. She will need 4 more rounds of chemo and then she will go once a month for immunothearapy.
- Everett Foster- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Patsy Tadlock intense nausea.
- Bowen Burleson- complications after being born 4 months early and still making progress.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- Willa Dean, Mike Martinez's mother, she is home and doing well. She occasionally forgets things due to the dementia. Tina has created a reminder board for her medications, and therapy exercises she needs to do.
- Irma Garrett who fell and broke her right femur and had surgery.
- Lindie Roberts who was in a car accident.
- Allyson and Jim Roze, Alexis Fetsch's mom and step dad who were in the center of the hurricane and lost power.
- Lupie, friend of Shannon Gannaway, they tried to do a biopsy on the lung but it had shrunk. Belinda, friend of Shannon, the tumor shrunk to the point it cannot be felt. She was taken off one of the meds and is halfway done with her treatments. She has to go out of town for her treatments, prayers for safe travels.
- Tony (client of Shannon Gannaway), Shannon Sanders (grandma of Alexis Fetsch's granddaughter), Mitsy Hardman (Danise Weise's mother), Pat Kionka, Helma Delattre, Alexis Fetsch's Grandmother, Willa Dean, Mike Martinez's mother, Chaplain Bueltmann and the 317th Squadron, and the men at Dyess, Sharon Sherbert, Brady Brigance (20), (son of a cousin of Ardyce Hill), Gary & Delores Tackett, (friend of Martha Williams), Cynthia, (sister of Deb Leesman), Larry Earley, Herb (Dana Elmore's dad), Sonya Bartz, Sonya Bartz's dad.
- Amy Turner, Harold Hohhertz, Cherri Stegemoeller, Kari Kionka, Marianne Anders, Eric Foster, recovering after surgery.

MOURNING

- Family of Mabel Koslan, Mark Koslan's cousins wife, who passed away 10/15.
- Family of Clayton Arvison (94), Kim Homeyer's Uncle/Godfather who passed 10/14.
- Family of Curt Christiansen, husband of Mark Koslan's cousin, who passed 10/9.
- Family of Hoylene Slabaugh, friend of the Denslow's & Bradley's who passed away 10/5.
- Family of Alan Holmes, who passed away 10/4.
- Family of Nelda Gillihan, Pastor's daughter in law Kinsey's nana, who passed away 10/4.

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Lutheran Hour
Looking Ahead for November

November 1, 2026 "What We Will Be"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ. 1 John 3:2

November 8, 2026 "The Survivor Tree"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Trees play a prominent role in the Bible. Hear how the tree of Christ's cross leads us back to the Tree of Life. Luke 13:6

November 15, 2026 "Fruitful Trees"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen
The tree of Christ's cross bore life-giving fruit. Genesis 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:24

November 29, 2026 "Advent Hopes and Dreams"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies
The season of Advent is a time for hopes and dreams, but it is also about living through an ongoing letdown. Matthew 24:36-44