
CONNECTION

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mesquite, TX

October 2026

When the Saints Go Marchin' In

Are there any saints left in the world? Our age is defined by extreme narcissists and pathological liars. The days of saints seem long past. Instead of saints we have scoundrels. Sacrificial service has been replaced by wholesale self-aggrandizement. Sacred stories give way to salacious scandals.

That all changes this month! October is filled with a flurry of saints, as each Sunday unleashes a lineup of sainthood. It all starts October 4, and it culminates on November 1 when we celebrate All the Saints!

October 4: Francis is Coming! Francis is Coming! (No, not Pope Francis, but St. Francis!) St. Francis is coming to our Pet Blessing at 4:30 PM to help us bless the animals. Along with cats, dogs, and all God's creatures, we'll honor St. Francis on his festival day. October 4 marks the 800th Anniversary of the day Francis of Assisi was laid to rest in 1226. In this age of climate change and animal cruelty, we desperately need an 800 year old message from a saint who cared for creation and blessed its creatures.

October 11: The Pope is Coming! Well, not really ... but this day commemorates Vatican II and the changes it brought to worship, not only in the Catholic Church but in the Lutheran Churches as well. Pope John Paul orchestrated those changes for Roman Catholics, but they had been brewing in Lutheran circles for many years before. So instead of one particular saint festival, we'll open our worship up to hear the song of the angels in the story of faith--the song of "angels and archangels and all the host and company of heaven"!

October 18: The Festival Sunday of St. Luke. St. Luke wrote the third gospel and accompanied the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys. He is often referred to as "the beloved physician" because his life was centered around healing of both body and spirit through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A time to lift up healing will be part of our worship service on October 18, including the anointing with oil and prayers for healing and strength. This service gives us all a chance to lay down our heavy burdens at the foot of the cross and find healing peace in God's grace and love. (Don't worry. This is not a televangelist "healing service". No magic or super human tricks! This is simply and wonderfully the reminder of God's infinite care for the whole person as a child of God.)

October 25: The Pope is Coming ... Again! (No, not Pope Leo XIV, but Pope Leo X ... and he's coming to excommunicate Dr. Martin Luther on Reformation Sunday, no less. But never fear! We're gathering to declare Martin Luther as a saint, not by the canonization of the Pope, but by the Grace of God. Martin Luther will remind us that we are all sinners by our own brokenness and we are all saints by God's grace.) Reformation Sunday makes every effort to affirm that sainthood. "For should they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse ... though life be wrenched away ... they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!"

November 1: For All the Saints! Since All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year, we're pulling out all the stops to celebrate all the saints in word and prayer, in song and story, maybe even in costume! (Read the article on page 2 of this newsletter for all the details.)

So, what makes a saint? Are there any saints left in this world? Join us for the sainted Sundays in October--and November 1—and we'll answer that together ... with all the saints!

IS MOTHER NATURE CALLING US TO A FALL CAMPOUT?



For over 20 years, Our Savior Lutheran Church had two special weekends in the spring and fall to celebrate the beauty of nature and the wonder of creation. Our campouts included potluck brunches, hiking through the woods, outdoor worship by the lake, and late-night fireside chats. We have not yet determined a time or place because we want to see if there's enough interest to revive our late-October/early-November campout tradition. We would find a state park or private campsite that would include air-conditioned cabins for the refined as well as shelters/tent sites for the rugged. Sign up if you are interested and we just might go camping this fall—or next spring!

All Saints Day



For our All Saints Worship, November 1, we will remember saints from Our Savior as well as saints from the past. Near the end of our worship service, we'll read the roll call of saints whose cross has been exchanged for the crown of eternal glory. If you would like to include the name of a close friend or a loved one who has preceded us in death in the faith of our Lord, please write their names on the All Saints Worship Scroll before worship.

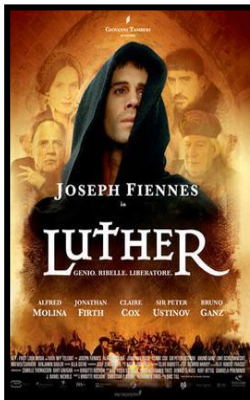
Fall Behind

Set your clocks back before you go to sleep Saturday night, October 31. With an extra hour of sleep, we should all get to church on time. We may even start on time!



Saints Celebration! November 1 at 5:30pm

Since All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year, we're planning on pulling out all the stops to celebrate the saints that evening. Costumes for Halloween will be replaced by Saints Costumes as you—and everyone in attendance—will take on the persona of a great saint of the past. We'll be assigning saints to everyone who signs up in the centrum to come. Pastor Schelter will help with ideas for costumes as well as materials for you to understand the significance of your saint. Your costume can be simple or elaborate, but just come. There are more than enough saints to go around, so bring a friend. And there'll be food too—lots of it—as well as saint games, quizzes, and saintly trivia for kids and adults. It all starts at 5:30pm, November 1st. Sign up in the centrum to choose both a saint and a potluck dish to bring.



Reformation Sunday at the Movies OCTOBER 25, 5:30PM

The balcony opens at 5:30pm on Reformation Sunday, October 25 for a movie about Dr. Martin Luther. Our Lutheran heritage will be celebrated in two ways. By honoring Martin Luther with a movie and by honoring ourselves with some potluck goodies. So, let's call it a Reformation Dinner Theater and come join us for worship at 10:00am and the movie at 5:30pm. The movie is simply titled "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes, Claire Cox, and Peter Ustinov. Sign up in the centrum so we can plan for a light potluck dinner. Snacks and finger foods are just fine if it's easier to keep it simple—but all foods are always welcome as we offer a toast to Martin Luther and all things Lutheran.

Many Thanks

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered at Austin Street Center. Your time, compassion, and dedication made a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. We are truly grateful for your support.

This ministry continues throughout the year on the last Sundays of June, September, and December. Jaime Nivens involved us in this ministry and it has reaped many rewards for those who help.





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BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name
2	Lisa Holmes
5	Thomas Lindsey
7	Stephanie Cannon
	Marie Mazza
9	Bonnie Johnston
10	Carole Bawcum
12	Lucas Holmes
14	Jeffrey Combs
	Subi George
15	Charles Skyles
17	Eric Nivens
19	Jackie Clayton
	Darren Mann
21	Sally Nelson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Date	
7	Chris & Lauren Larson
11	Lindsey & John Bennett
12	Brian & Shari Murphy
18	Reyes & Shawna Zubieta
31	Subi & Laurie George



BAPTISMS

Date	Name
1	Debbie Lonon
3	Landon Hyatt
8	Robert Holmes
14	Amelia Holmes
	Lauren Larson
18	Jeremy Richardson
20	Julie Williams
25	Michael Conoly
	Sally Nelson

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Worship Leaders for October:

Worship Assistant: Thane Katz Reader: Lois Schetler Ushers: Earl Herndon & Debbie Lonon
Greeters: Chip Cannon & Nancy Wilson Altar Guild: Debbie Zimmermann



Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4, 4:30 pm

Come Rover, Come Fluffy: Come one and all to the Blessing of our Pets!



This is an all animal, all age event for our church and our community! Bring dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits, fish, birds, or any pet small enough to transport to church. We'll meet indoors in the gymnasium. Caution! We will have NOT ONE lost pet! Please make sure your pet is appropriately restrained by leash, carrier, or cage. Special treats for the pets!

Your Shoes Are Made for Walkin'

November 8, 2pm

Until we walk in their shoes, it's difficult to understand the needs of the hungry and homeless around the world. Church World Service understands. Through the CROP Hunger Walk, churches around the nation march against hunger—both locally and globally. CROP challenges you to put on your walkin' shoes **Sunday, November 8**, for a 10K walk against hunger. Join us for the CROP Walk—it's good for your sole! (This year's walk begins at the south edge of Audubon Park. Get pledge forms from Pastor Schelter)



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Each Sunday 10:00am Worship Service				1 9:30am Mother's Day Out 10:00am NED Deanery Meeting 7:00pm Cub Scouts	2	3 5:00pm Krause Wedding
4 10:00am Micah McKenzie Baptism 4:30pm Pet Blessing	5 6:30pm Table Talk 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30am Mother's Day Out	7 10:30am Sages for All Ages	8 9:30am Mother's Day Out 7:00pm Cub Scouts	9 10:00am Linda & Carl Scott Memorial Service	10
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25 Reformation Sunday 5:30pm Luther Movie & Potluck Snacks	26 6:30pm Table Talk 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30am Mother's Day Out	28 10:30am Sages for All Ages	29 9:30am Mother's Day Out 7:00pm Cub Scouts	30	31 Halloween