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# March

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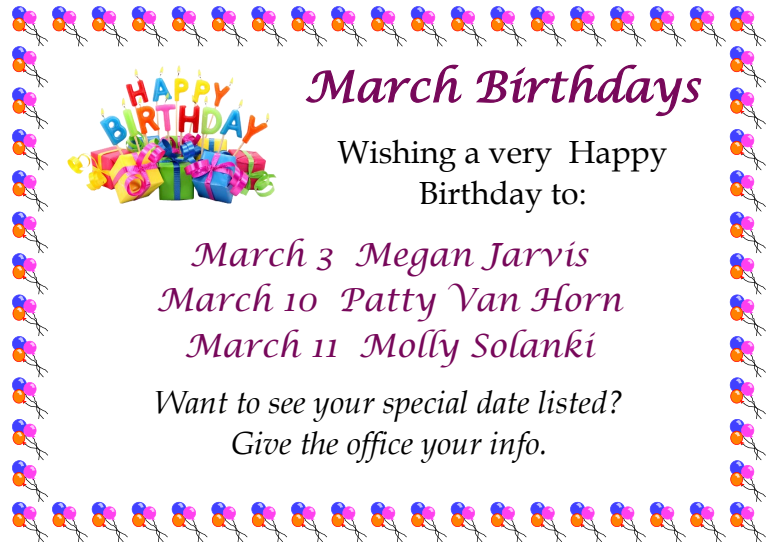
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### How is the date for Easter determined every year?

Okay, so we know that Easter Sunday moves around. But more specifically, there's a direct range of dates where Easter will take place. Easter can only happen on any Sunday from March 22 to April 25 (and that's if we're talking the Gregorian calendar). But why is this the case? And how is the date picked out from this range each year? Well, believe it or not, it all has to do with the moon! The simplified version is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon. And if you're wondering what that means - it's the first full moon after the vernal equinox. On years during which the first full moon of spring falls on a Sunday - Easter is observed the following week. The moon's cycles played an important role in ancient times and it remains the way the date of Jewish holidays are determined - including Passover. Eventually, Christians decided to observe Easter during the same time as Passover - with early celebrations occurring on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring.

### When is Lent in 2024?

Easter's rotating date is why Lent also changes every year. In 2024, Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and will last until Thursday, March 28. The Easter date is decided first, and then the season of Lent is determined from that day. That means that Ash Wednesday is on February 14, Holy Thursday is on Thursday, March 28 and Good Friday is on Friday, March 29 (all that's left to figure out is what to give up on Lent this year).

Submitted by Gerry Ring



## Installation of Officers was on Feb. 18

Mary Porcello and Christine Vella were reinstated into active service as Elders. Lori Ryan and Michelle Herman were reinstated into active service as Deacons.



Ordination and Installation of Officers

## Board of Deacons

"Ask and you will receive."

No one necessarily knows what all our needs are. We have to ask for so many things in our life. But our heavenly Father knows what we need! He taught us to pray, "Give us today our daily bread." Even though He knows we become hungry every day, why does He not give us without asking? Perhaps it's because we do not always realize the true value of many things that we receive without asking. Therefore, we are likely to waste it, and it is possible that we may undermine its value, not appreciate it, or even throw it out. The beggar has to leave his place and get out with a bowl and ask the one who has an upper hand as a giver! The giver is greater than the receiver. The one who receives has to accept the giver's superiority! Therefore give! You can give so many things. Do not worry if you do not have money! You can give your time, your energy, advice, or any other kind of assistance. A few words of encouragement can raise a person from the pit of depression! A pat on someone's back could go a long way! Use your talents to uplift someone's life.

*Dear church members, if you have any concerns or needs, please let the deacons know. They may be able to assist in any way they can.*

In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. - Psalm 18:6 (NIV) ~Joyce Solanki



Community Ash Wednesday Service at Messiah Lutheran

If you believe,  
you will receive  
whatever  
you ask  
for in  
prayer



My Daily Inspiration

Matthew 21:22



# Upcoming Events

March 17  
St. Patrick's Day Parade  
2pm



March 21  
Maundy Thursday Service  
TBD



March 31  
Easter Sunday Service

March 24  
Palm Sunday  
Children's Program  
during Service



Maundy  
Thursday

March 22  
Good Friday Service  
TBD



## LENT

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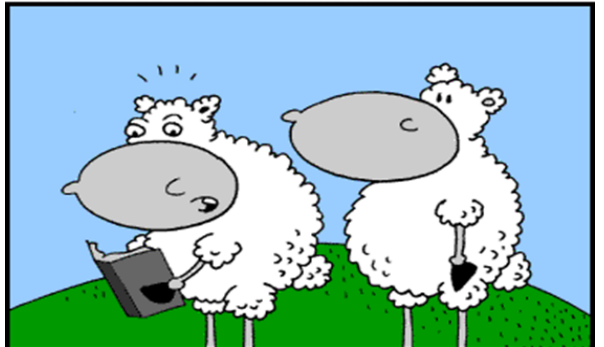


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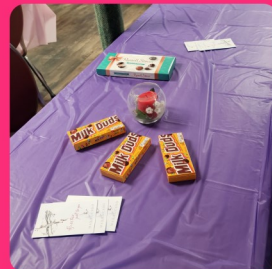
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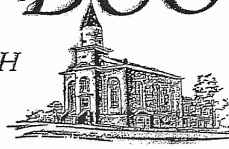
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## All Year Long!

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The reason why *it appears* we don't give Easter the same treatment, is because it is the event that literally shapes our Christian culture for the entire year! The songs that we sing, the decor of our sanctuary, the things we emphasize in our sermons are all rooted in remembering the events of Holy Week.

Think about some of our favorite hymns for a moment. Nothing but the Blood of Jesus, The Old Rugged Cross, Amazing Grace, Because He Lives...these are hymns that are based on the events of Holy Week, yet are sung all year round in our church.

Then think about the permanent furnishings of our sanctuary. We have the cross hanging high above our pulpit, permanently commemorating Good Friday. We also have the communion table, which goes back to Maundy Thursday. Though we partake of communion once a month, it is there every week to direct our minds to.

So while Holy Week may not get the fanfare that Christmas does, it's influence in the church is felt far more deeply. It has been rightfully said that we celebrate Holy Week *all year long!*

I pray that this year you make plans to join us at our upcoming joint worship services for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday to reflect on these truths more purposefully during this season. However, I pray all the more that these truths are on your mind year round, as our minds should always be pointed towards the cross and the empty tomb that bought and secured our salvation. Thanks be to God!

**John Mottley**



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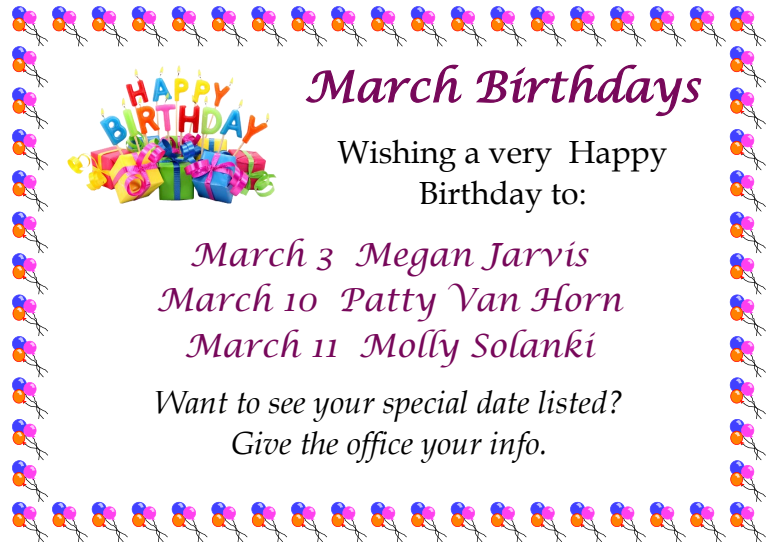
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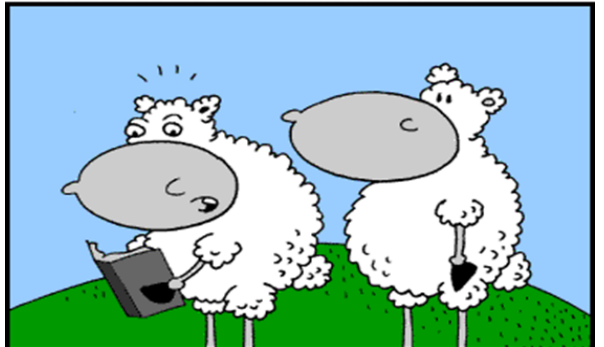


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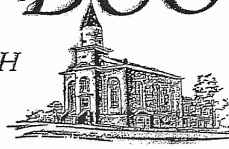
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# March



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See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me. **Song of Song 2:11-13**

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We are looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach our students about the Bible, do arts and crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested please see Shirley.



## Sunday School

In February we learnt lessons "The King of Glory Comes & He is Risen" both from Growing in Grace and Gratitude. The kids are doing well in classes. Looking forward to Our Palm Sunday Children's program on March 24 during service. We hope everyone comes out to see the kids.

~Miss Judy & Miss Shirley



## Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. There are many openings. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions please contact me.

- Jean Greene

## PAVERS

We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front.



Want one? Complete a form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers will be places next year.

## Boy Scout Sunday

On February 4, 2024, our local Boy Scouts in Troop 91 joined us for service. Following service, the scouts hosted our coffee hour with donuts and pastries.



## March Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- March 3 Megan Jarvis
- March 10 Patty Van Horn
- March 11 Molly Solanki

Want to see your special date listed? Give the office your info.

## March 10th Don't Forget





## March Quotes

*Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.*

— Zechariah 10: 1

“March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong to set right some wintry wrong.”

— Caroline May

“Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour.”— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.”— Henry Van Dyke, Fisherman’s Luck

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.”

— Lewis Grizzard

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## Easter Quotes

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* — John 3:16

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." —Fulton J. Sheen

"It's not about the bunny; it's about the lamb."

—Unknown

"Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless."

—Charles M. Crowe

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—Craig D. Lounsborough

<https://www.fillingthejars.com/month-of-march-quotes/>

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## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



For the second month our sister church, Trinity Methodist, again delivered six used ink cartridges to add to our Staples rewards program. They have been so generous and caring I will order an office supply for them this month. We certainly are one body in Christ working together. We also witnessed that during Ash Wednesday service at Messiah Lutheran Church. Four different churches were represented, sharing home made soups, salad, desserts and worshipping together. God is good and supplies all are needs. Thank you!!!!

Elaine Lopez

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BY ERIN CAVOTO, JAN 22, 2024

What's your favorite part of spring? For us, there's no way we could narrow it down to just one thing - but Easter is definitely a major event that comes to mind. The entire holiday is meaningful for so many reasons, including all the holiday traditions, like a big Easter brunch or Sunday mass with the whole family. But with all these Easter activities going on - you should definitely know when Easter is so you can start planning! It may seem obvious that Easter Sunday is on... Sunday. However - the date itself changes every year - so things may get a little confusing in that sense! Before you plan out this year's family Easter egg hunt or get started filling those Easter baskets, make sure you know whether the holy day falls early or late this year.

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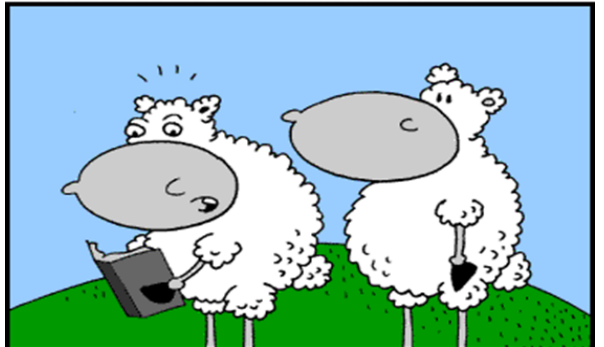


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