

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH CALENDAR – APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3.	4. 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank	5. 10 a.m. Office Volunteers	6.
7. EASTER 2 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	8.	9.	10. 7:30 p.m. Church Council	11. 2-4 & 6-8p.m Food Bank	12. 10 a.m. Office Volunteers	13. CLTS, St Catherines Women's Guild Day
14. EASTER 3 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	15.	16.	17.	18 1:15 Hymn Sing 2-4 & 6-7 p.m. Food Bank	19. 10 a.m. Office Volunteers	20. Seminar: Theology of the Body @ Risen Christ Lutheran Church. Mississauga
21. EASTER 4 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School <i>Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian</i>	22. Pastors and Deacons Conference Mt Carmel. Niagara	23. Pastors and Deacons Conference	24. Pastors and Deacons Conference	25. 2-4 & 6-8p.m Food Bank <i>St Mark, (Evangelist)</i>	26. 10 a.m. Office Volunteers	27. LWML Spring Rally St Matthews Lutheran Church 9:30 Regn
28. EASTER 5 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	29.	30.				

THE TIME OF EASTER EASTER AND ITS SEASON

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Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season – one seventh of the year – is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Saviour.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil, the evening of Holy Saturday. The Vigil includes a service of light. In which fire symbolizes Jesus as the Light of the World. The service is designed to take Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

Easter is the richest and most lavishly celebrated of the Church year. Congregations may hold a sunrise service, commemorating the surprise of the women visiting the empty tomb of Christ, as well as services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While not as lavish, this joyous and celebratory tone echoes down through the Sundays of the Easter Season.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord, who ascended into heaven not only as God but also as a man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ.

Thus, the Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord. The colour of the Day of Pentecost is red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire received on the first Pentecost and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

During Easter, we rejoice in our salvation.

**Matthew 28 Luke 24 John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14
Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4**

EASTER PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The colours of Easter are gold and white. White, the colour our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments to the traditional Easter lilies. Good decorations remind us that our resurrection life in Christ is precious and eternal.
- After a long absence in Lent, Alleluia returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the propers appointed for the weeks after Easter. Also, the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri return and are sung as part of the liturgy once again.
- During the Easter season, we greet one another with a special Easter greeting and response: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Theology of the Body A doxology Seminar presented by Risen Christ Lutheran Church on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. A seminar for both Laity and Clergy. **The Registration deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024**. 4090 Dixie Road, Mississauga. On Tele 905-625-5117

To register go to: risenchrist.lutheranchurchcanada.ca Please see the flyer at the Narthex or speak to Pastor.

LWML Spring Rally is being held at St Matthews Lutheran Church, Scarborough on Saturday April 27 @ 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.

A Marriage Conference for Young Adults and families is being held at Grace Lutheran Church, 136 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener. N2H4H9. It is a three day conference from May 3-5, 2024.

Pastors and Deacons Conference @ Mt Carmel, Niagara Falls is being held from April 22 to 24, 2024.