

How is the date of Easter calculated?

In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. That means that Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, depending on when the paschal full moon falls. Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover. The Church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones, which would mean that the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone you live in. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21, even though it can occur on March 20. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter.

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MSSS= Middle School Sunday school		1	2	3 WOW /9am & 6:45 pm	4	5
6 MSSS at 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am with Communion	7	8	9	10 WOW /9am & 6:45 pm	11	12 Dave Prusa Fundraiser @ WFD 3pm-8pm
13 MSSS at 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am <i>Daylight saving time begins</i>	14	15	16 Session 6:30 pm	17 WOW /9am & 6:45 pm	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 am Holy Week begins	21	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday, Joint Communion Worship at WPC 7pm WOW Outreach, Lifespring Aurora	25	26
27 Easter Sunday Worship with Communion 10:00 am	28	29	30 Hope Haven WUMC serves , a sign up has been posted	31 WOW /9am & 6:45 pm		