



St. Augustine Episcopal Church

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Dear St. Augustine's family,

This is the season of one of my pet peeves. You might remember it from past years. When people ask, "is Easter early or is it late this year?" absolutely drives me nuts! My response is usually, "every day is Easter!"—every day and every Sunday we celebrate Jesus as our risen savior.

Of course, I know that people want to know when the "official Easter day" falls. But I do like to mess with people.

The "formula" for determining when Easter falls is that it is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the vernal equinox.

The vernal equinox is March 20. This year, the first full moon after that is April 13, which happens to be a Sunday. That means the next Sunday, April 20 is Easter, 2025.

A fun tidbit is that an equinox happens twice a year—when the sun is above the equator and daylight and darkness are the same amount of time.

So, going by this formula, the earliest Easter can be held is March 22 and the latest is April 25.

Regardless of the date Easter falls on the calendar, it is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus—the greatest gift God gave us.

Yes, I can guess one can say that Easter is late this year. But, don't tell anyone I said that.

Faithfully,

Meredyth+

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will have mass with imposition of ashes at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Correct church mailing address

If you are mailing items to the church, please use our P.O. Box 771 address. Previously, if mail was addressed to our street address, it was generally put in our Post Office box. That's not the case anymore. The mail addressed to the church is delivered to the rectory. Yes, I can bring it to the church, my concern is that it will get mixed up with my mail and get misdirected. Thanks for changing your routine.
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Poinsettias need a home

Our poinsettias are seeing the end of their blossoming season. If you would like to take one home to over-winter, please feel free to take one.

ECW

ECW will meet at noon on Monday, Feb. 3. This will be a business meeting and a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass. We will be going over details for the Valentine's Dinner.

Valentine's Dinner to go

ECW is off on another adventure—hosting a to-go Valentine's Dinner.

You will be able to have a lasagna meal, complete with salad, bread and chocolate dessert, in the comfort of your own home. The meal, which serves 4, is \$30 and may be picked up at St. Augustine's between noon and 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. Remember, leftovers are wonderful. You do need to make a reservation. Please call the church office at 715-420-0066 by Monday, Feb. 10.

SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m.

The Meeting ID: 812 8610 0297. Passcode: 94205

To connect through video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84626513503?pwd=TTVoVWxmbExJMGZVUnhCYWNCSnhxQT09>

To connect by telephone: 1-312-626-6799.

Office Hours

Office hours are generally 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mother Meredyth is in the office during the office hours, on Monday, as well as additional times. If you are planning to stop in to see her, please call first to make sure she is available.