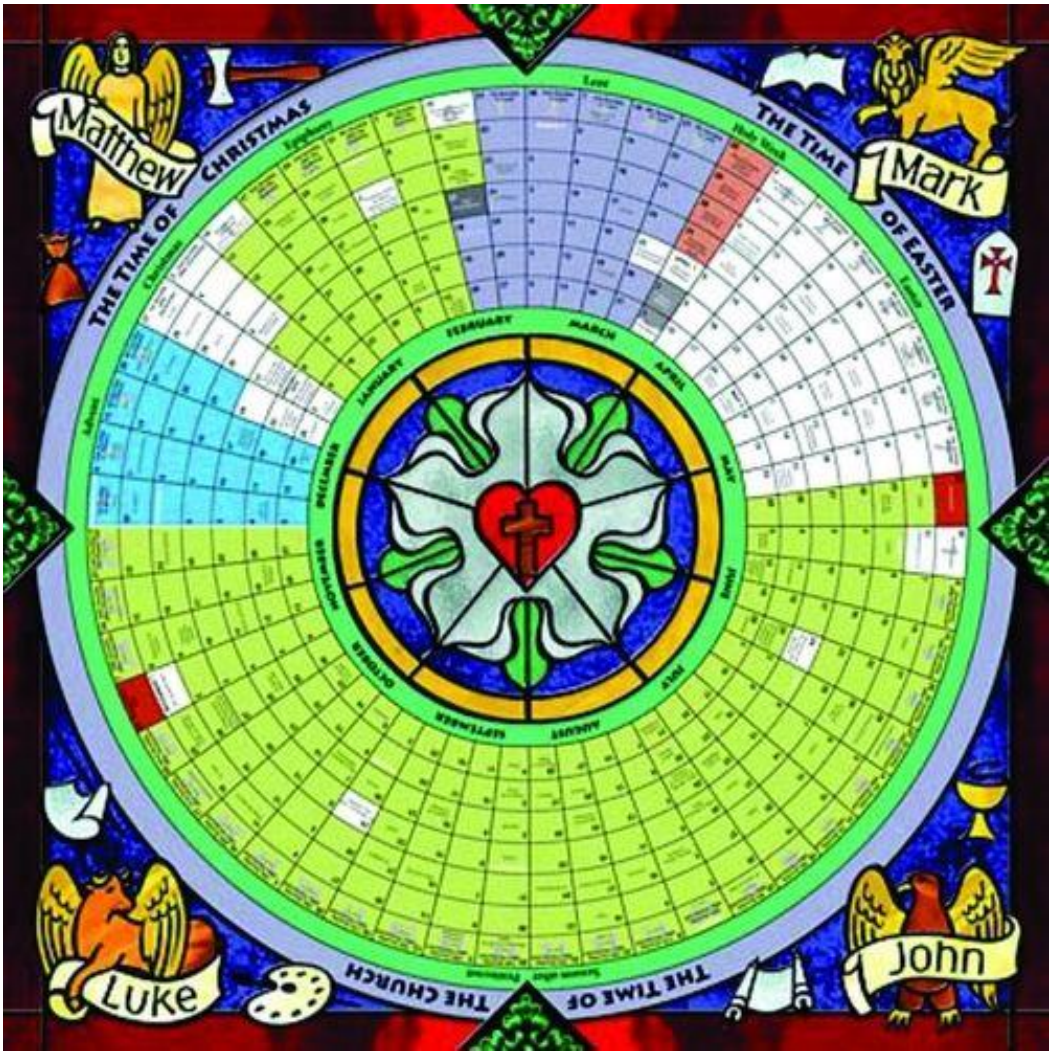
Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

People often ask me if it gets busier before Christmas and Easter. I see it a little differently. I like this image to explain it.



I see the busier time from Reformation (the red box on the left side) through Holy Trinity Sunday (the white box after the red box on the right side). Some of it has to do with our seasonal guests. It's about the end of October through May. That's when they tend to start showing up. We love you and would love to have more of you!

It also coincides with the church calendar year. Reformation, then All Saints Sunday, then about three weeks of scripture that focus on the end of the world/coming Reign of Christ/end of the church year.

Then we have preparation for Christmas with Advent (blue on the image).

And then the Christmas season (remember it goes until January 6) and Baptism of our Lord Day. These are all white on the image.

And then depending on how early Easter is (it's the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox) we have a few or several Sundays between Baptism of our Lord and Lent. These are the green on the image. This year, there are only three Sundays before Lent (purple on the image) as Easter is very early – March 27.

It doesn't really slow down right after Easter as we tend to say, we'll do it after Easter Sunday ☺ So many things keep going through the Easter Season (50 days – all in white on the image) which ends on Pentecost (red on the image) then Holy Trinity Sunday (white on the image) which tends to be my goal line. Once that is done, the choirs are usually done singing or playing most weeks and things have a different routine throughout summer and early Fall until the end of October shows up again.

All that to say, lots of things are starting to ramp up for the season. Make sure you are keeping up to date through the PastorBlasts, newsletters, and verbal announcements during worship. You don't want to miss a thing.

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley