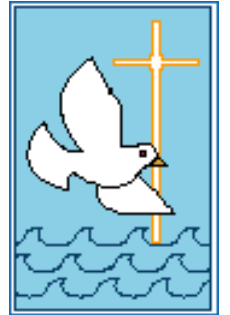


# THE DOVE'S WING



Our church calendar is now online. Go to [www.suffernpreschurch.org](http://www.suffernpreschurch.org) and click "Monthly Calendar." You can set up email reminders for meetings, invite friends to events, and print the calendar in multiple formats Please contact the church office to add your events!

### Plan Ahead

Sat., March 9 set your clocks ahead one hour  
 Sun. March 16 Palm Sunday Deacons Brunch– Bring a Friend  
 Fri. March 21, 7:00 pm Good Friday "Passion of the Christ" and worship  
 Sun. March 23 Easter  
 Sun. March 30, 7:00 pm Rockland Unite Worship Service, Tompkins Cove

### Plan Way Ahead

Pentecost and Mother's Day Sun. May 11  
 Young Life Summer Camp at Saranac Aug. 3-9  
 Leadership Summit August 7-8  
 40 Days of Purpose begins Sept. 20  
 Faith In Action Weekend October 12  
 CareNet Banquet Oct. 24



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## Have a Blessed Easter

From your pastors:

Easter comes early this year- March 23 is the big day. For some of us, it seems too soon after Christmas and too cold for it to be Spring. Relax, don't worry. This won't happen again until 2160. Seriously. The first time Easter was on March 23 was in AD 346 and the last time was 1913, just in case you were wondering. The method for determining the date was established by the Council of Nicea in AD 325. These were the folks who wrote the famous Nicean Creed. Under Emperor Constantine's influence, unfortunately, the method was intentionally set to avoid Easter from coming on the date we really should celebrate it, the first day of the week after the Jewish Passover (i.e. Sunday, the Christian Sabbath). For us, the date for Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. So March 22 is the earliest Easter can ever occur and April 25 is the latest. This year Pass-over is a month after Easter.

I know one thing, on that early March 23 Easter in 2160, I'm going to be worshipping our resurrected Lord Jesus where I won't care how hot or cold it is. Aren't you glad that we have an eternal God and that this life is but a blip on the screen compared to what God has for us? Oh, mark you calendars, Easter is on April 19 in 4099. Beach weather.

Easter was a chilly March 26 in 1989 when we first came to Suffern to be your pastors... on this Palm Sunday weekend, we've been here 19 years. Wow. Where do the years fly? Since both of us are now semi-centenarian one could say that we are now half way through the third quarter of the basketball game of life. Does that mean we should be thinking about warmer climates, more relaxing lifestyles, retirement? While retirement is a wonderful and needed thing from a secular job, that isn't how it's supposed to work in our Christian life. Like in basketball, though the game is more than half over, it isn't time to relax and kick back. No, if we are going to win the game (finish the race) we actually pick up our intensity and play harder, despite our fatigue, pains, and perhaps injuries. We "press" in even harder.

Yes, I am looking forward to Easter on April 19, 4099, but rather than just waiting for Christ to return or relaxing and putting my hope in heaven, I "press on" despite life's full court press against me. Paul said "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store me the crown of righteousness..." (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Paul poured out his life in service and ministry until his final breath. Even at the final buzzer he was praying, caring, and telling others about Jesus. Can we do the same?

This Easter let's worship Jesus as our risen Lord and keep serving Him daily as our Living Lord. We're just getting started.

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## Youth Update

After countless games of Assassin, different variations of blindfold games, and some outdoor winter fun at Suffern High School, our little group seems to be coming together and growing. Beyond the fun and games, I've been continuously amazed by the desire that the kids have to learn more about Jesus. With the kickoff of the Wyldlife ministry in our area we will be combining some events with Wyldlife. This will be a great way to reach out to more middle school students in the area!

Our senior high youth have been involved in our Sunday morning worship, as well as our Campaigners bible study Sunday nights at the Kemp's house. We have taken a few excursions with Young Life, as well as a coffee house visit with our good friends in Blairstown. With Young Life club kicking off last week, our high school students will again have a weekly event to look forward to.

We are working on details for a local summer mission project which will probably take place some time in June or early July, so keep an eye out for more details! Looking ahead we have a few exciting events coming up!

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**March 14-16** Wyldlife weekend at Lake Champion (grades 6-8)

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – there will be no youth club.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** - no Youth Club: "Passion of the Christ" and "The Jesus Film" (for younger viewers), with worship and communion.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Senior High youth Bowling/laser tag (grades 9-12)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – WyldLife Event

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – WyldLife Event

**April 25-26** World Vision's 30 Hour Famine (grades 5-12)

**June TBA** – Local summer missions project

**July 26-31<sup>st</sup>** – Wyldlife summer camp

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>** – Young Life Summer camp week

### Weekly events will include:

\***Youth Club** every **Friday (7:30pm- 9pm)** for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

\***Young Life Club** for high school students every **Tuesday (7:37 – 9pm)**

\***Campaigners Bible Study** every **Sunday** for grades 9-12 at **7:30-9pm**

\***Sunday school** (grades 6-8) Sunday mornings at **9:15am**.



## LET'S CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK TOGETHER

**THE PUBLIC IS WARMLY WELCOMED ...  
Come as a Visitor, Leave as a Friend!**

### SUNDAY, March 16

### **Palm Sunday**

9:15 am  
10:30 am

Sunday classes for children, youth and adults  
Worship Celebration: "Jesus the Story Teller - Mr. Rogers"  
Sanctuary

Noon

Buffet Brunch with eggs, pancakes, and "fixin's"  
Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, March 18

6:30 pm  
8:00 pm

**Dordt College Concert**  
Cover Dish Dinner in the Fellowship Hall with the Choir.  
Concert in Sanctuary, the 51-voice choir will be singing selection for Lent and Easter

### FRIDAY, March 21

### **Good Friday**

7:00 pm

Passion of the Christ movie (Jesus film for younger viewers) with worship and communion

### SUNDAY, March 23

### **Easter Resurrection Sunday!**

10:30 am

Worship and Celebration that Jesus Lives!  
Sanctuary: "Jesus the Temple Cleaner - The Oreck Deluxe!"  
(Free nursery care and Children's Church program provided.)

Noon

Coffee Hour and Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger  
(Please bring 1 dozen decorated or plastic goody-filled eggs per child, but no more than 2 dozen per family.)

Thanks to all who gave generously to our Jews For Jesus offering- \$530 was collected.

Please pray for Allen and Debbie as they have extensive travel schedules teaching this spring:  
Debbie- Dunamis in Seattle March 11-15  
Allen- Dunamis and pastor training in Uganda April 6-18.  
Allen- Dunamis Holland MI, April 27-May 1  
Debbie- Wee Kirk conference May 6-9

On Sunday January 20 we said a tearful goodbye to Ed and Lee Ann Weinberg as they moved to Wilmington, NC. Thanks Lee Ann for 17 great years as our church secretary and both of you many years of faithful service to the Lord. We miss you!

