



MARCH NEWSLETTER



Join us
during this
season
of Lent.



The church liturgical season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday every year. This year it lands on March 5.

Traditionally Lent was a season when new believers would be prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday. The 40 days of Lent were for introspection, study, prayer, and repentance. It was a time to “put off the old” and “put on the new”. It was a time to encounter Jesus in a new way.

Today we encounter Jesus every time we encounter a follower of Jesus. This year, the midweek Lenten services will feature stories of people who encountered Jesus. The stories will be followed by the stories of people you know personally.

I hope you plan to attend the soup suppers and then the short worship service that follows.
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Lenten Series:

The Rest of the Story: What happened after Jesus changed their lives.

- March 12: Syrophoenician Woman
- March 19: Blind Bartimeus
- March 26: Woman with hemorrhage
- April 2: Rich young ruler
- April 9: Man on a pallet

Wine, Women and Wisdom: Saturday March 15 at 1pm.
Our plan beginning in April is to return to evening meetings



Women's Fellowship



ELCA

Our dollars at work in our Companion Synod in Tanzania, Africa:

Northwest Intermountain Synod Helps Renew Lugala Lutheran Hospital

Our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese in Tanzania, operates the Lugala Lutheran Hospital in Malinyi. The hospital provides services to a large remote region, with many patients traveling long distances to access healthcare. The hospital is constantly working on improving services and facilities. There is some urgency to this, because the government opened a hospital a few kilometers away, creating competition as a medical provider. Patient Wards 1 and 2 are the current priority for renovation. The hospital is in the process of fixing the windows, placing new mosquito screens on the windows, tiling the floors, fixing plumbing and electrical systems, and painting. The entire project is estimated to cost \$40,000. Our Global Mission Committee recently authorized sending \$6,000, which will help fund the tiling and painting. Other partners have already contributed \$18,000. The work is proceeding bit by bit as funds become available. This work will make the wards much nicer, improving the quality of care.

It is because of several congregations' faithful giving that we are able to send these funds. Medical Director Dr. Steven Kyelula says, "Thank you so much for your support on the hospital renovations." Our support means a great deal to our companions. We accompany Bega Kwa Bega, "shoulder to shoulder" in Kiswahili.

Pastor Call Committee News

We appreciate your kind support and patience.

Please continue to reach out to any one of us with questions, concerns and comments.

Blessings;

ALC Call Committee

Annie, Larry, Kristy, David, Jason, Pat and Sandee

Thank you, all, for your input, prayers, and support as we continue our work.

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Your Call Committee





Tax information from Vicki Richter;

For taxpayers over 70 ½ who do not itemize, there is a key planning opportunity to get an additional benefit for donations to charity. You can make donations to the same charities you donate to now through your IRA. The IRA funds then become non-taxable to you. These donations also count toward your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA once you reach 70 ½. This is a huge opportunity to maximize the higher standard deduction and

also deduct your charitable donations at the same time.

I have done this for a donation to the church for 5 years. I believe you need to do this through your investment adviser.

If you have any questions please give me a call or email me.

Vicki Richter

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Building Use: We have a new Building Use Agreement and fee schedule.

If you are planning an event at the church please fill out the use agreement when booking your space/time.



Newport Grief Support Group: Every second Friday of the month 1pm - 2pm starting March 14th.

Newport Grief Support Group is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death. There is no cost to participate.

Emily is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a certification in Death and Grief Studies.

For further information; contact the facilitator - Emily 509-690-1545 or Mary Bug Smith



Dear American Lutheran Church;

I am indignant that some scammer is using your Christian values of compassion and generosity, (and my name), to attempt to swindle money from you.

Please disregard any text or email that is supposedly from me (from the email: bob.americanlutheran@gmail.com) asking for gift cards or whatever. I will never contact you individually for money.

1) And always, always feel free to call me.

2) Make sure my contact info (below) is on your phone.

3) Be certain to do the same as soon as your new pastor comes as well, whenever that may be.

This scam is being perpetrated all over. I am sorry if you have lost money to it. Justice will prevail.

Stay vigilant. Bob

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Paul Waterman	03-06
Julie Brown	03-07
Annie Frederick	03-09
Mary Lou Kroening	03-13
Trish Akre	03-22
Steve Bailey	03-23
Bob Kowal	03-23
Brennan Jones	03-23
Sark Ratliff	03-26
Terry Zakar	03-26
Phyllis Morey	03-28
Valerie Samson	03-28

February 2025

- 2 - *Hedy Mitchell*
- 9 - *Marva Heckathorn*
- 16 - *Tom and Hazel Bauer*
- 23 - *Tom and Hazel Bauer*
- 30 - *Ken and Julie Brown*

Ushers & Greeters



March 2025

- 2 - Walt Olsen
- 9 - Robert Balow
- 16 - Hedy Mitchell
- 23 - David Grice
- 30 - Millie Brumbaugh

Second Harvest Mobile Market: Wednesday March 5th at 10am.

Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9am. Mobile Market will no longer be held at the church. The church driveway will be blocked and signed. The new location will be at the Newport rodeo grounds behind the grandstands and near the new campground. Please enter from Garden Avenue, across from the Social Services building. There will be plenty of directional signs. Volunteers park in the camping area please.

Dates for 2025:

Wednesday March 5

Thursday May 8

Thursday June 12





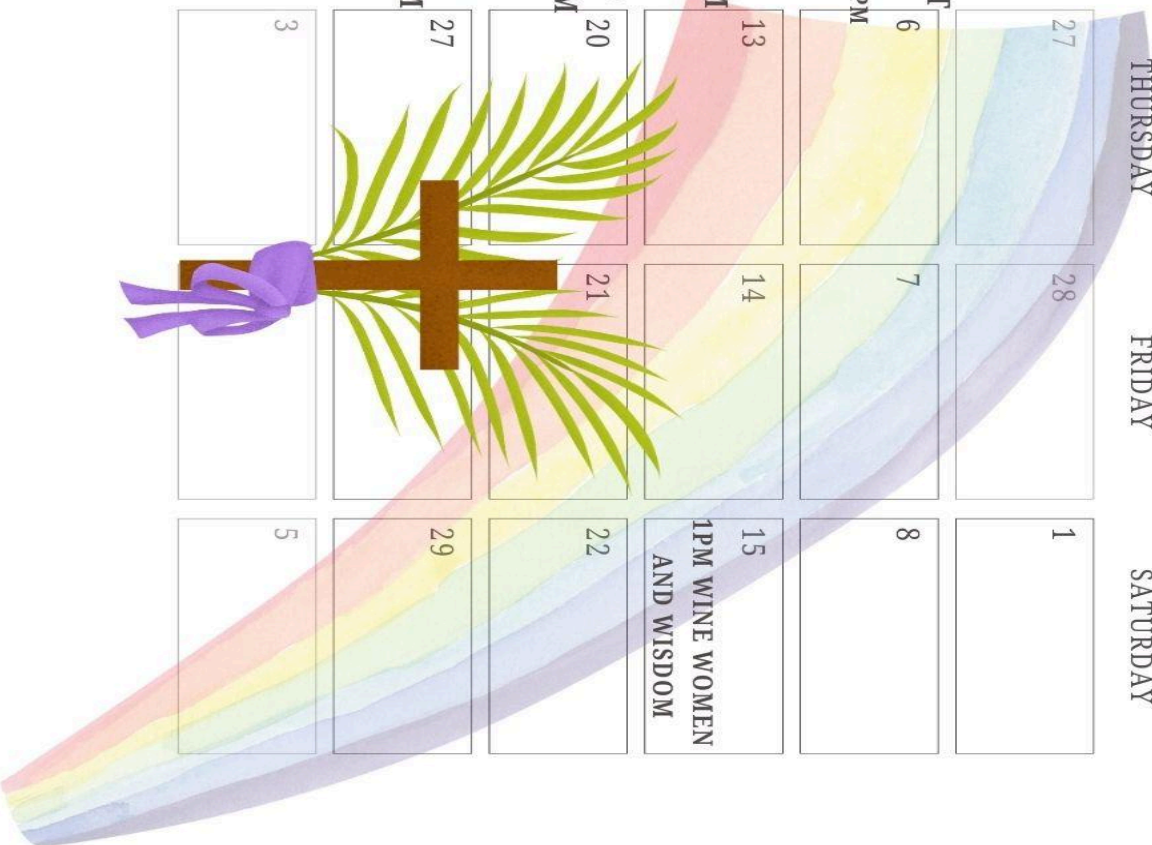
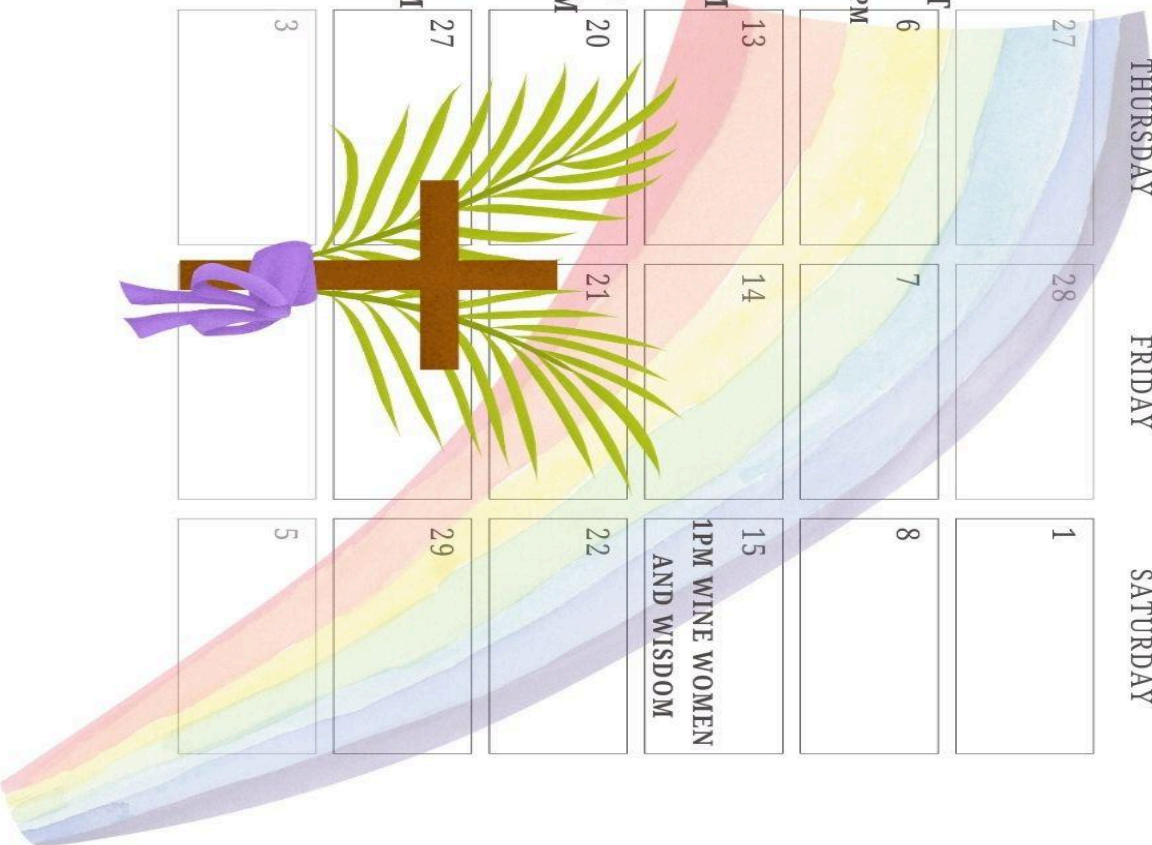
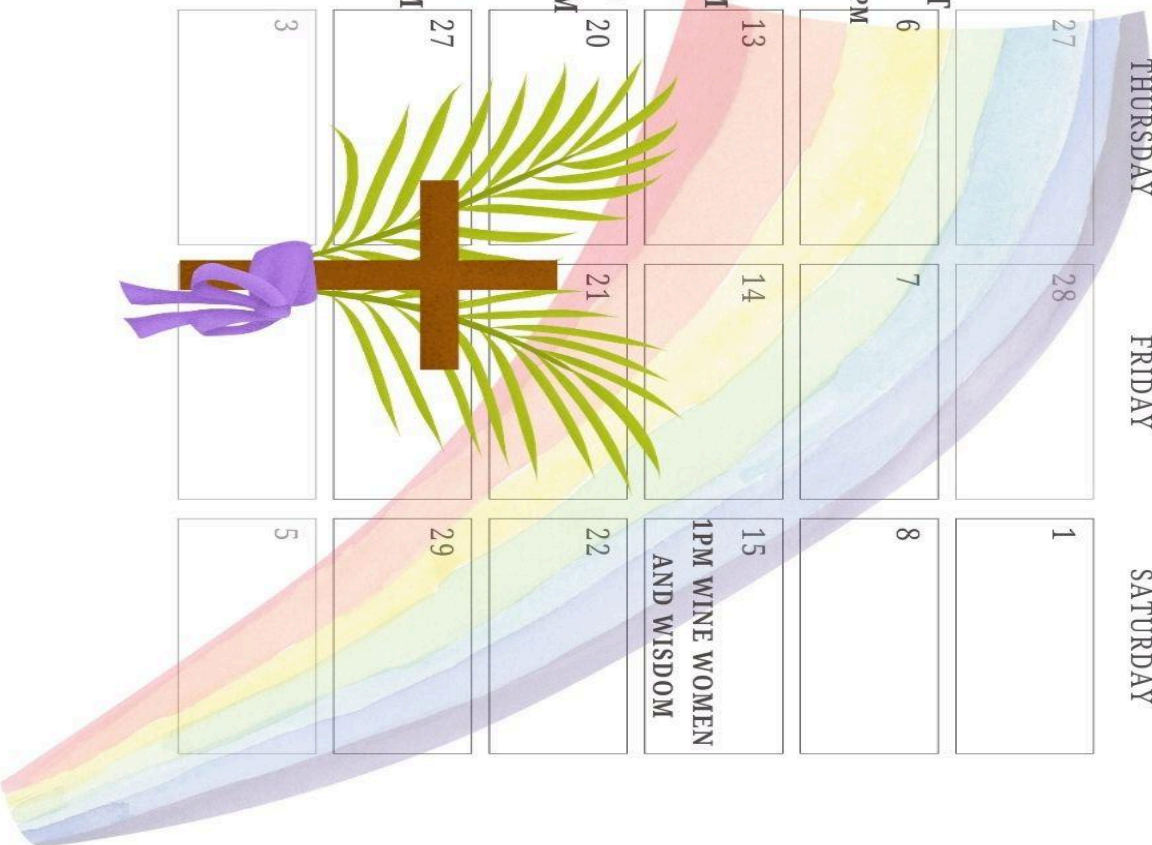
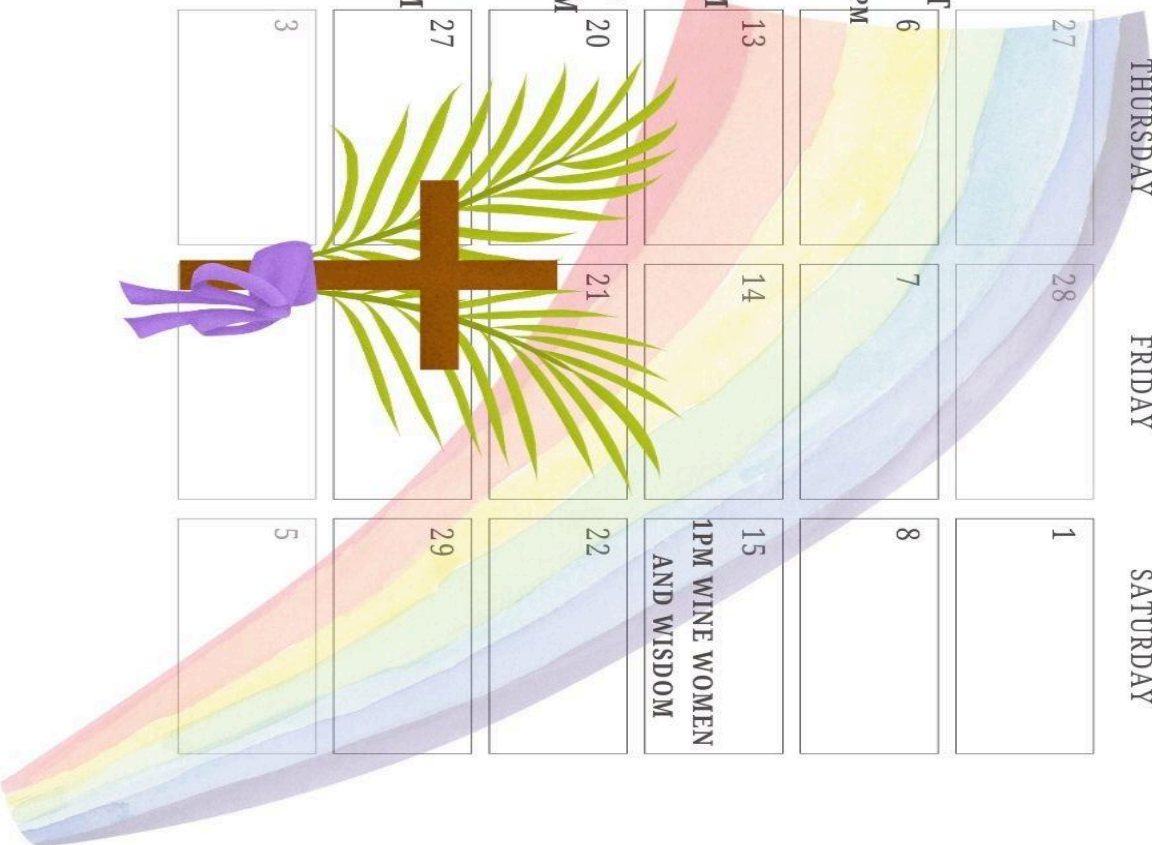
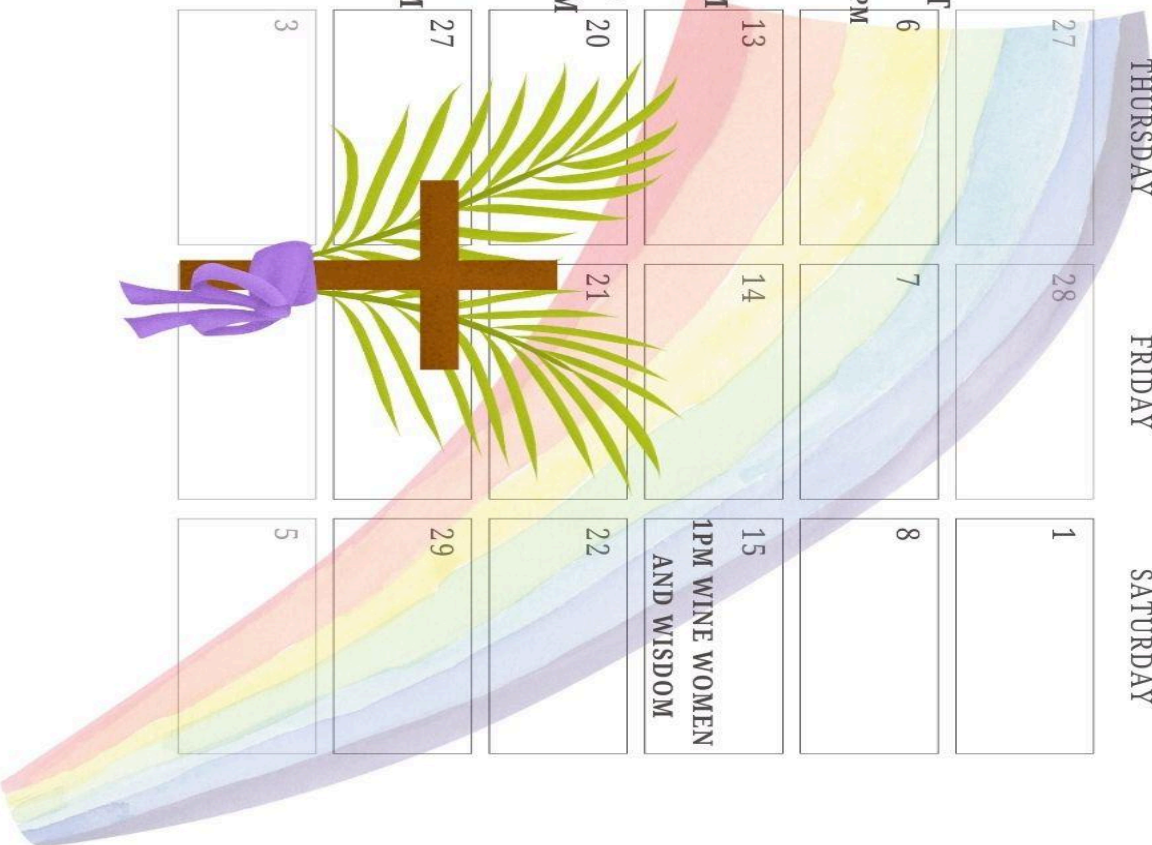
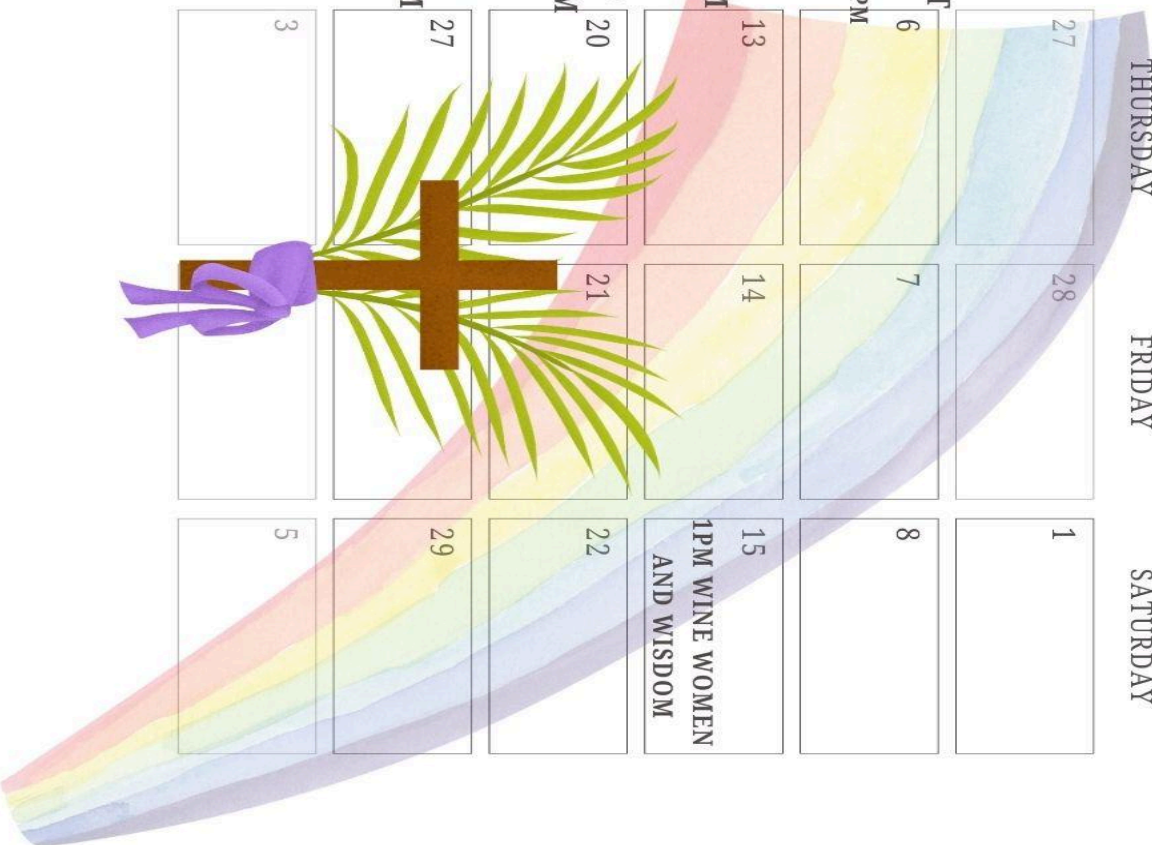
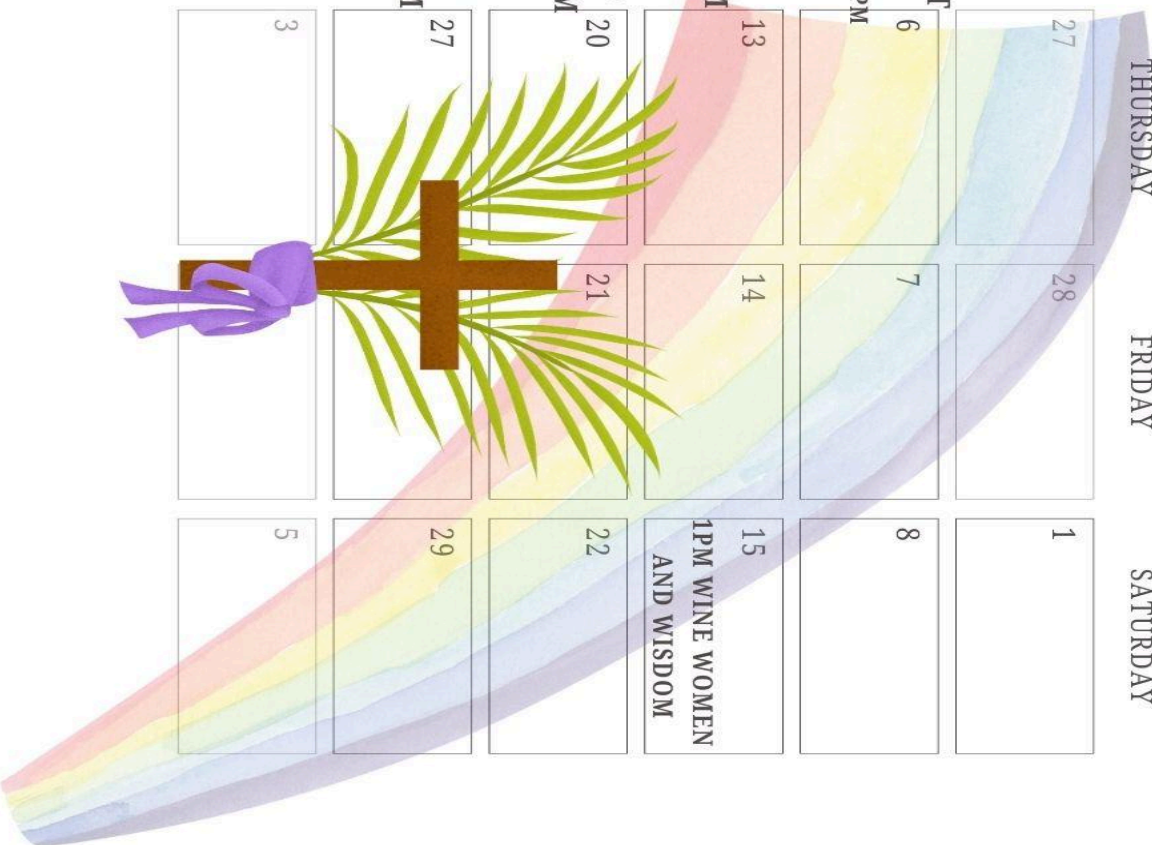
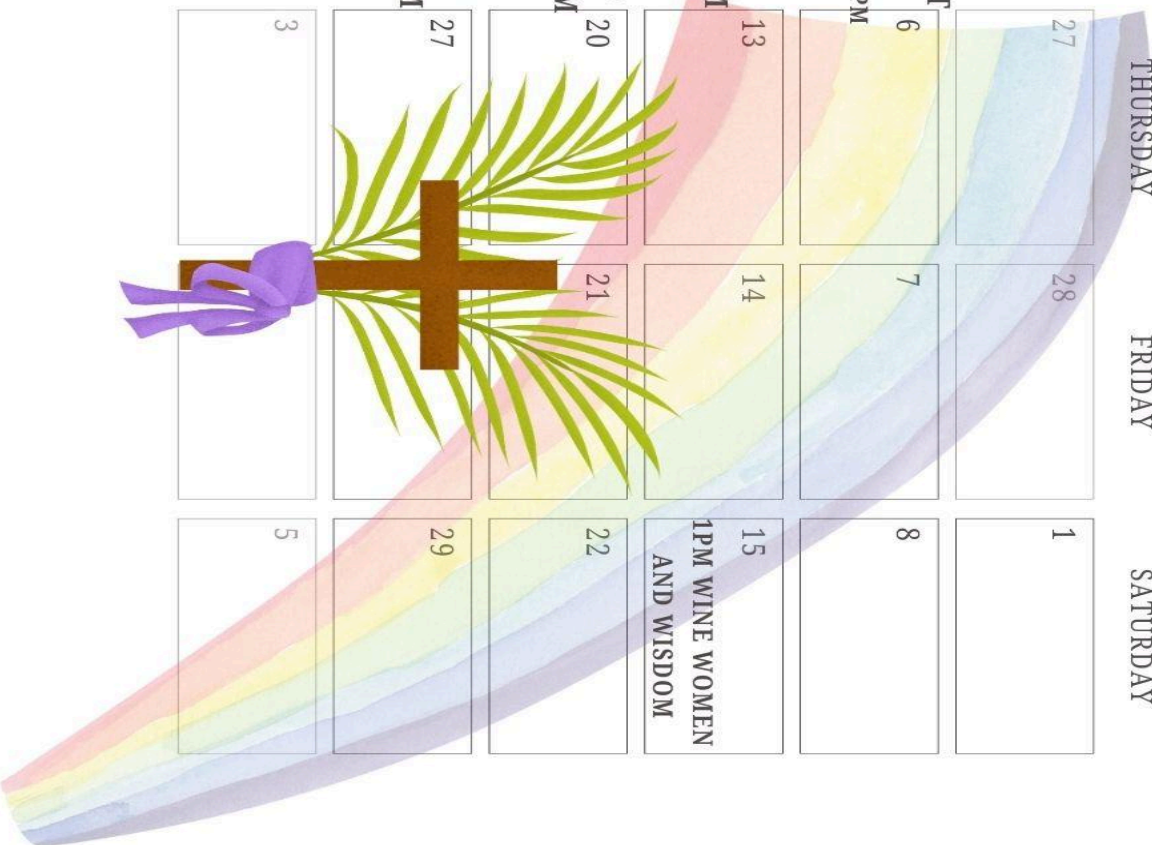

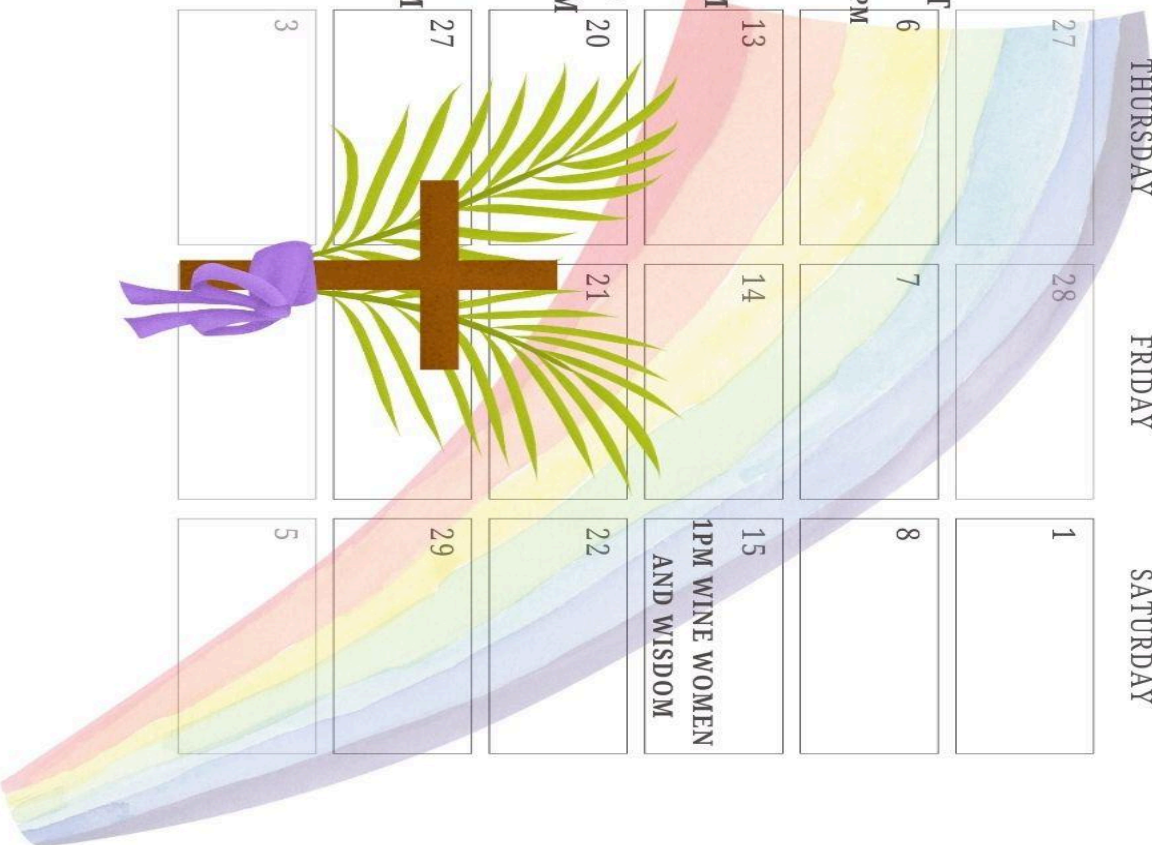
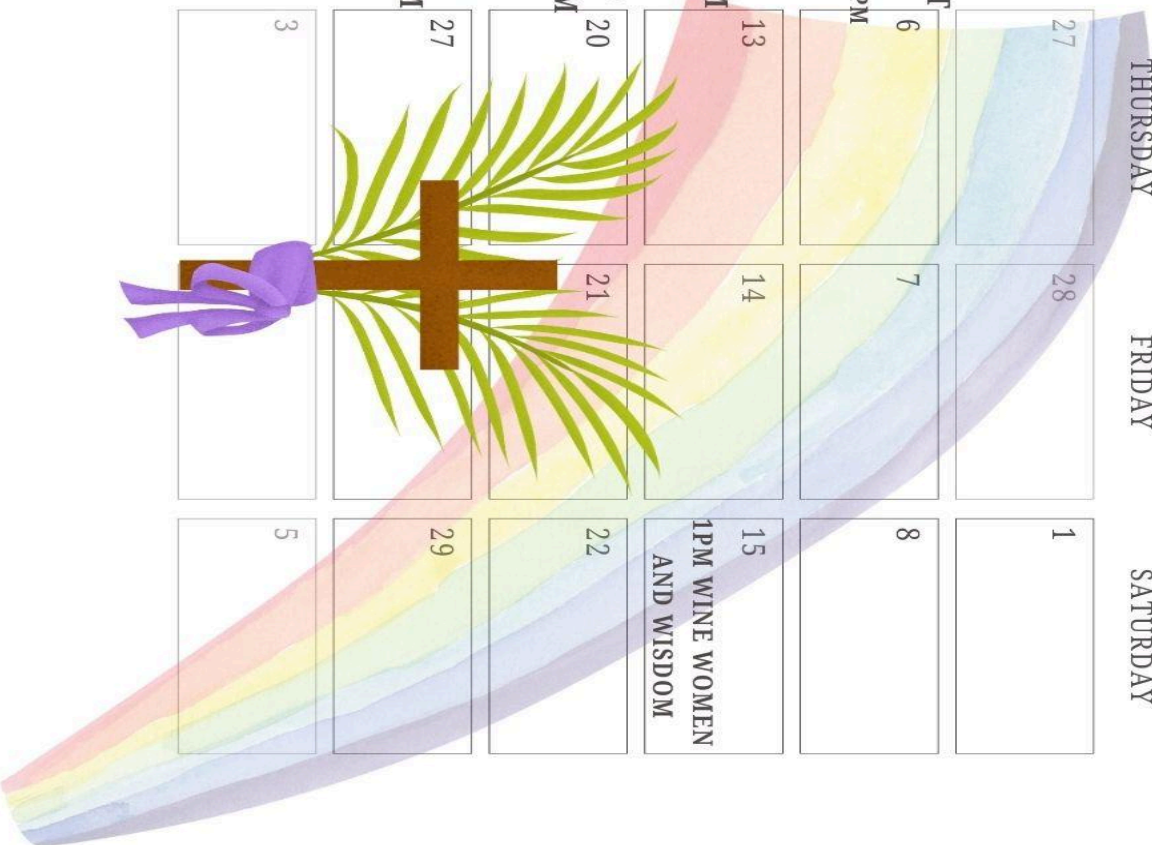
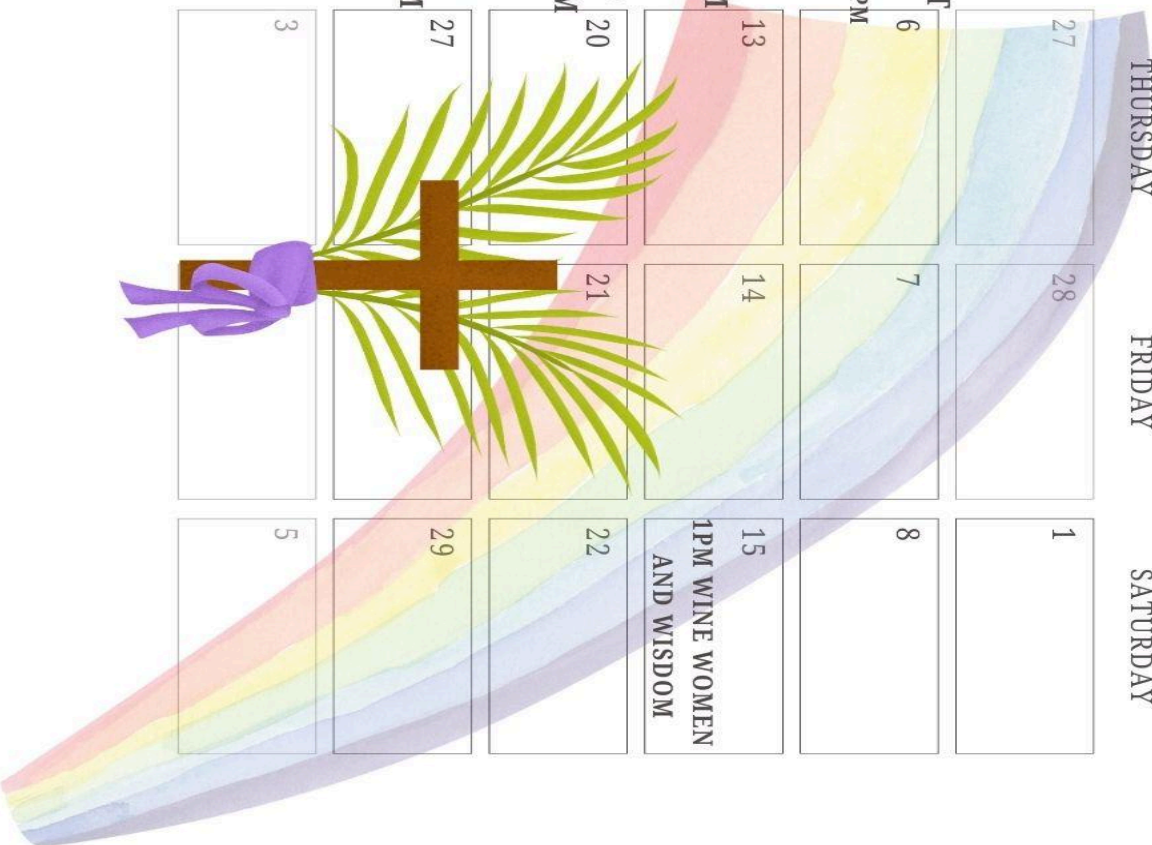
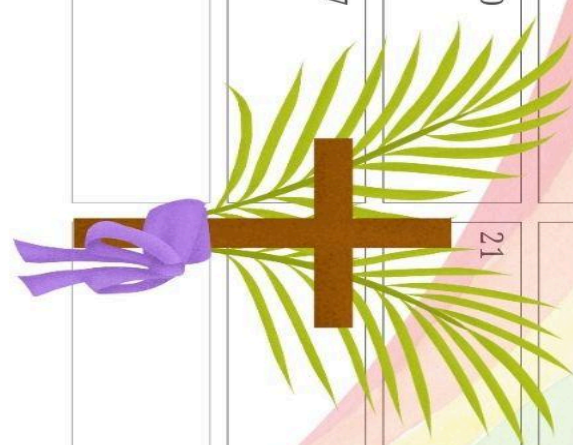
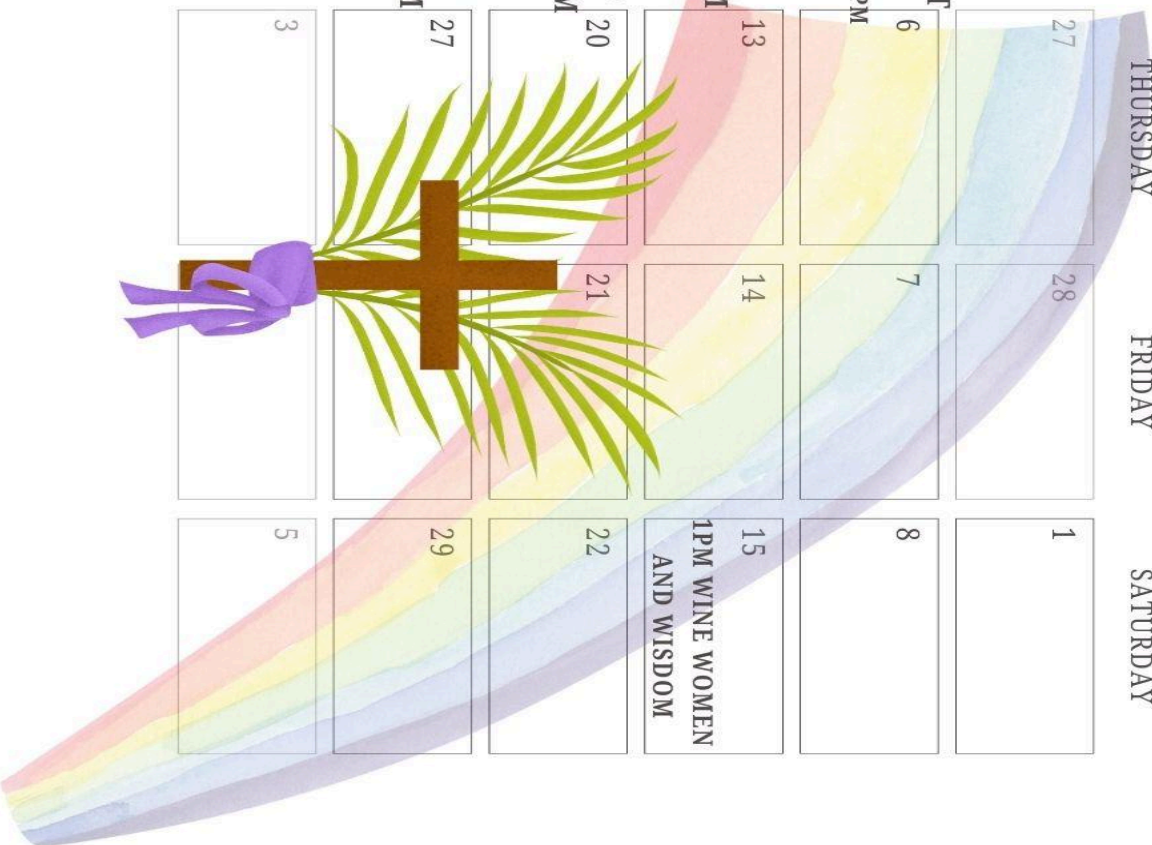
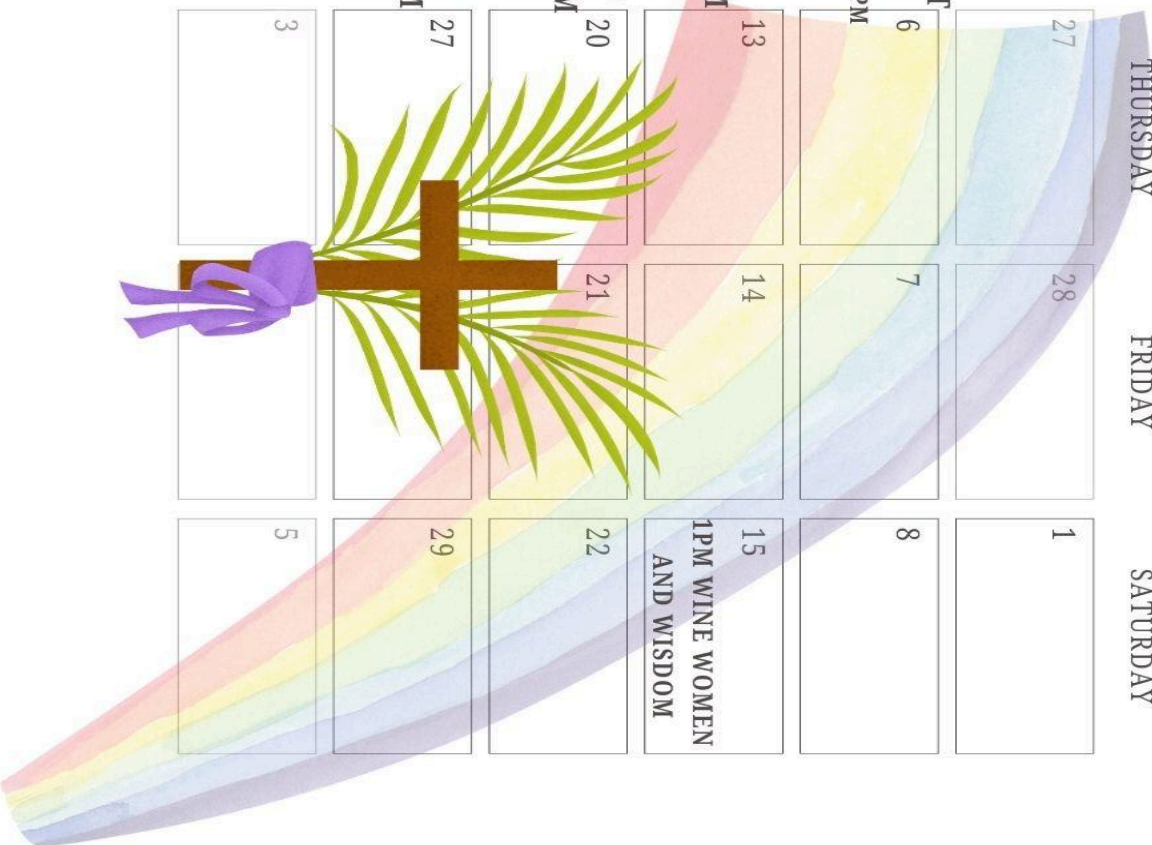
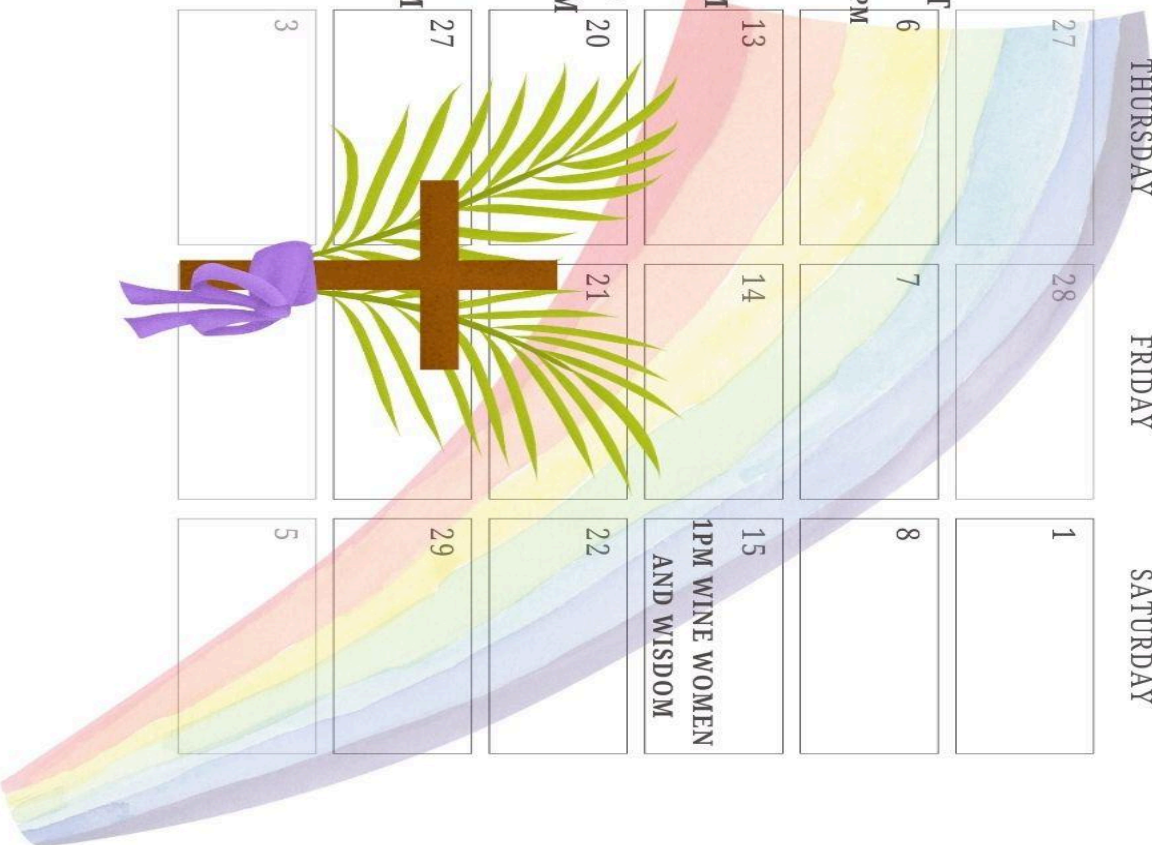
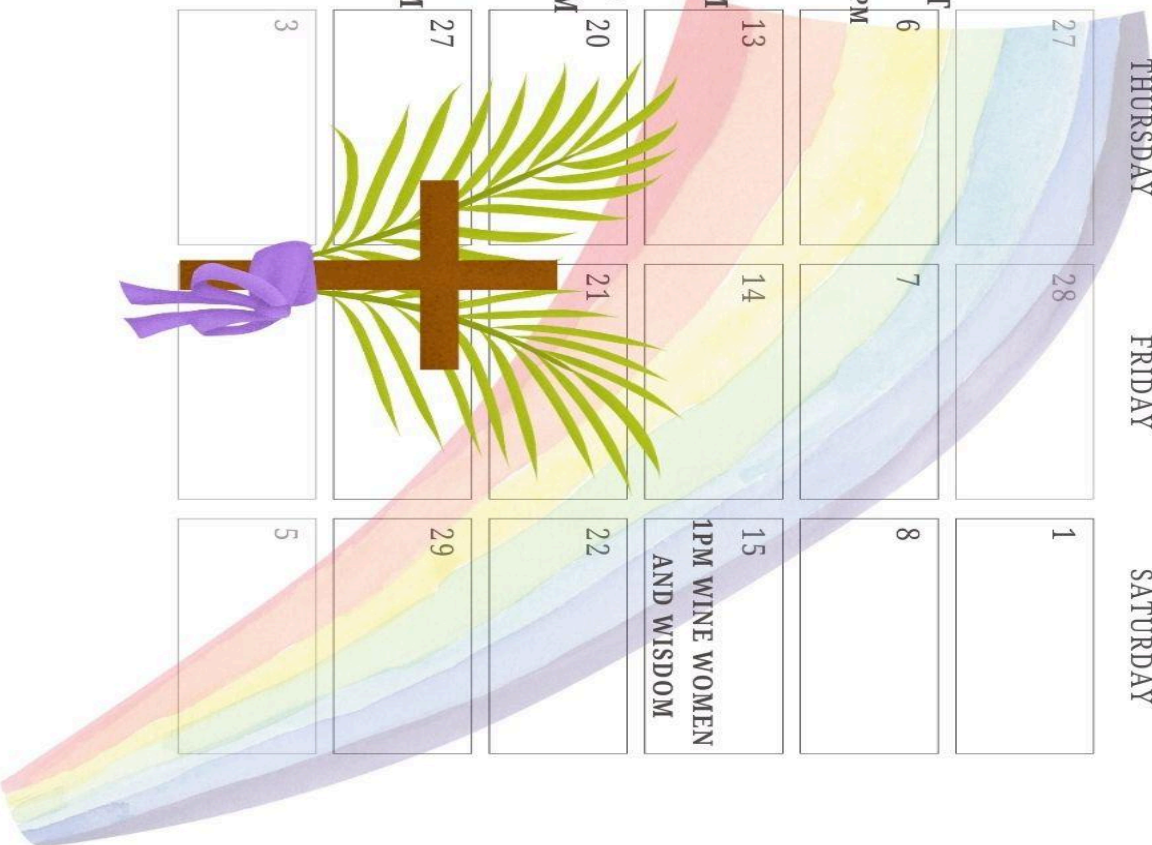
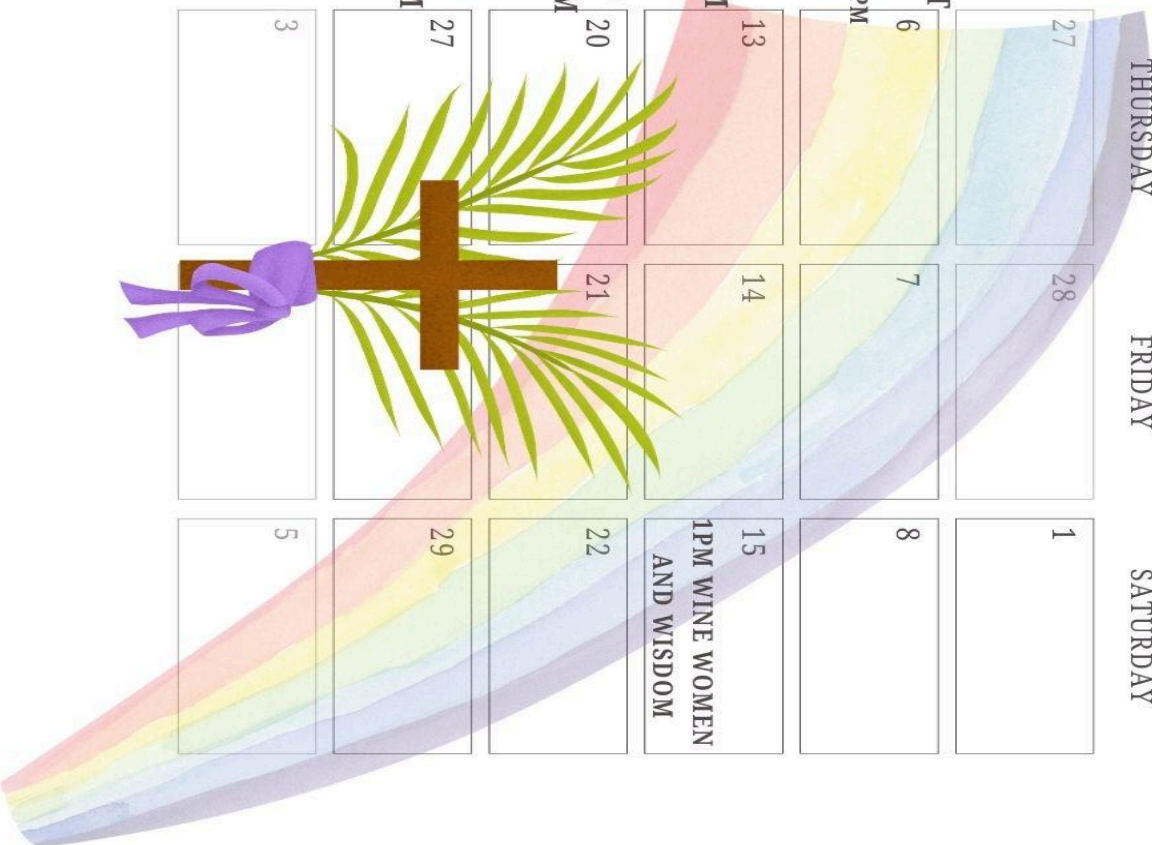
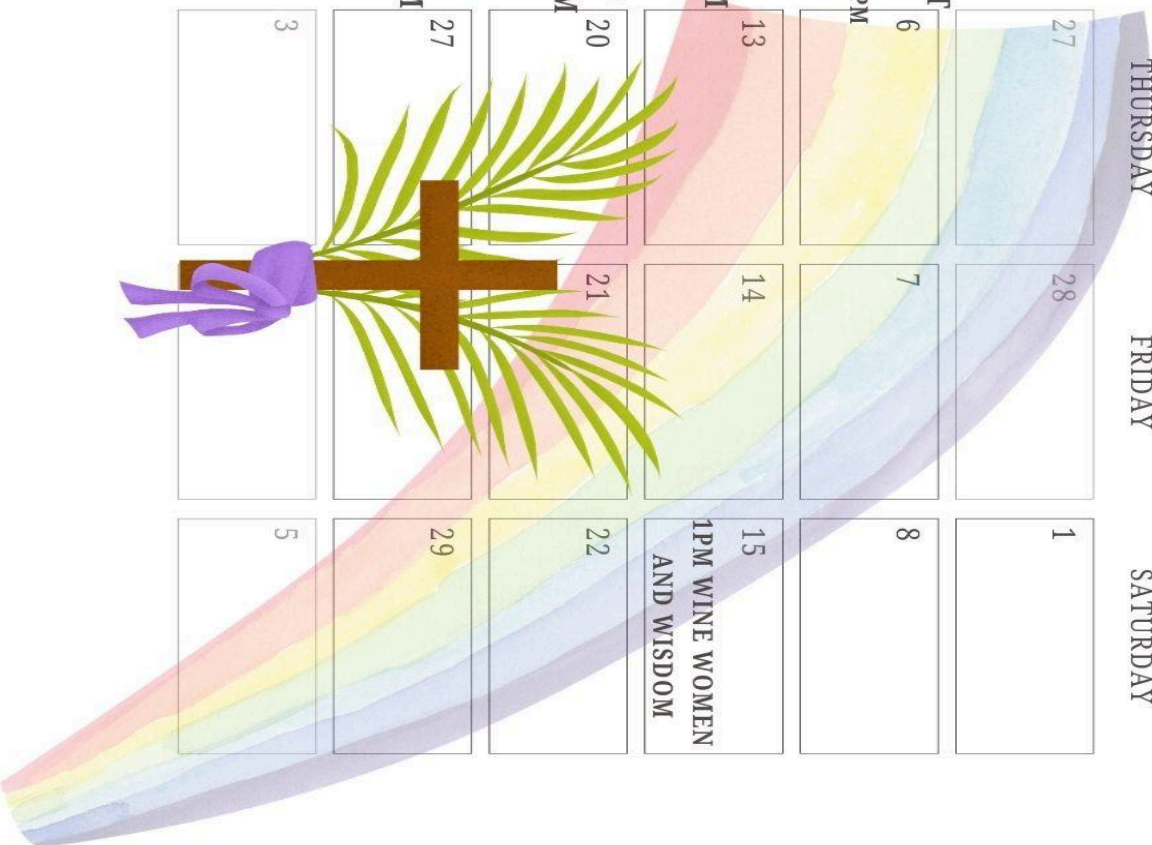
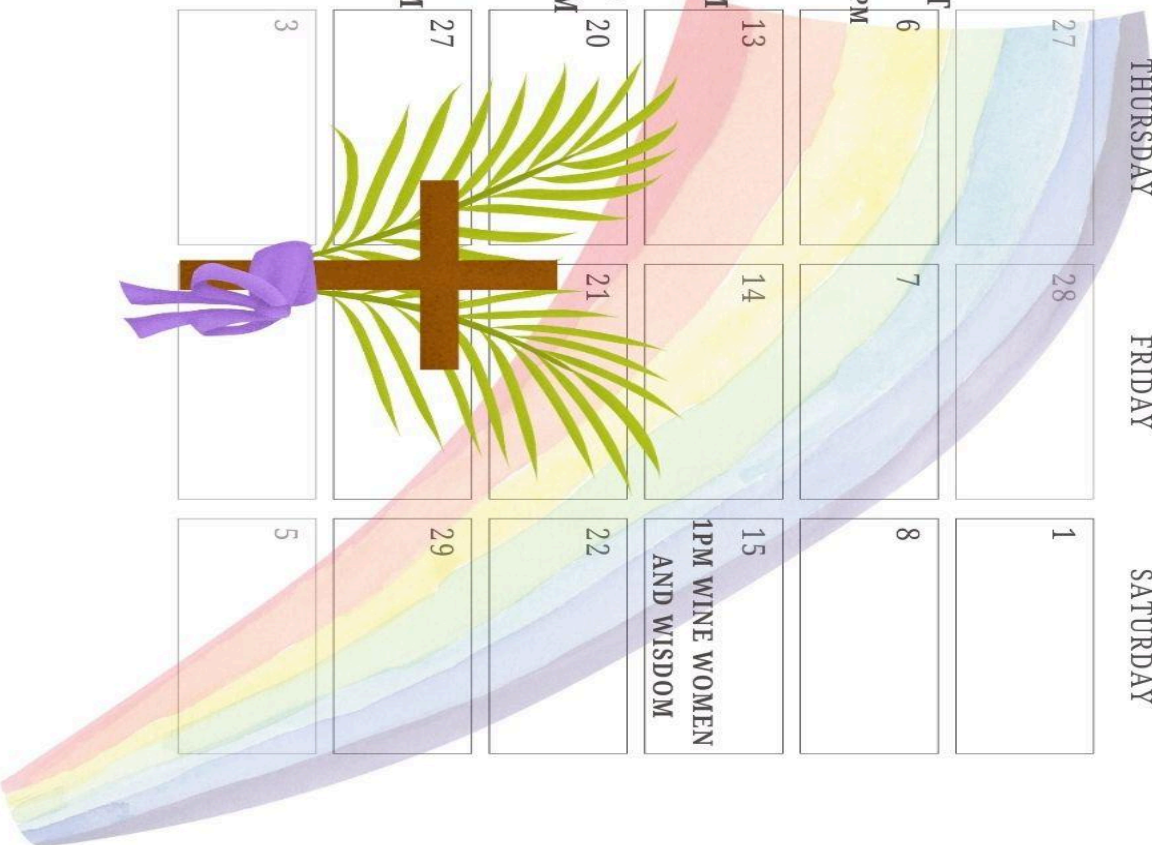
Thursday September 11

Thursday November 6



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 	1 
2 WORSHIP 10AM	3 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	4 10AM: QUILTING	5 10AM SECOND HARVEST ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30PM 7PM: CHOIR	6 	7 	8 
9 WORSHIP 10AM	10 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	11 10AM: ANNA CIRCLE 7PM COUNCIL MEETING	12 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 5:45PM 7PM: CHOIR	13 	14 	15 1PM WINE WOMEN AND WISDOM
16 WORSHIP 10AM	17 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON 	18 10AM: QUILTING	19 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 5:45PM 7PM: CHOIR	20 	21 	22 
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*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world*

