FREE PLANNING TOOL FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Plan Your Whole Church Year

2027 Church Planning Calendar

Every key church date for 2027 already filled in, plus monthly planning prompts, a quarterly checklist, and a ministry event planner.

2027

START HERE

How to Use This Calendar

1

Review the key dates

Every majorchurchdatefor2027 is already on the calendar, including Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and Advent.

2

Add your church's events

Writeinanniversaries,revivals,conferences, homecomings, and anything else unique to your church.

3

Work through the quarterly checklist

Useittodecidewhatneedstobescheduled,ordered, or recruited for each quarter.

4

Fill in the ministry event planner

Listeachministry'seventswithalead,abudget, and a status so nothing slips.

5

Share it with your team

Printacopyforeachministryleader or share the digital version in your next staff meeting.

TIME SAVER

Block one afternoon with your key leaders. Work month by month, then use the quarterly checklist to assign owners.

OVERVIEW

2027 at a Glance

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February

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March

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April

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May

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June

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27	28	29	30			

July

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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November

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

● Key church or civic date (see the full list on the next page)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2027 Key Dates

Fri, Jan 1	New Year's Day
Wed, Jan 6	Epiphany
Mon, Jan 18	MLK Jr. Day
Sun, Feb 7	Transfiguration Sunday
Wed, Feb 10	Ash Wednesday
Sun, Feb 14	First Sunday in Lent
Mon, Feb 15	Presidents' Day
Sun, Mar 14	Daylight Saving Time begins
Sun, Mar 21	Palm Sunday
Thu, Mar 25	Maundy Thursday
Fri, Mar 26	Good Friday
Sun, Mar 28	Easter Sunday
Thu, May 6	Ascension Day / National Day of Prayer
Sun, May 9	Mother's Day
Sun, May 16	Pentecost Sunday
Sun, May 23	Trinity Sunday
Mon, May 31	Memorial Day
Sat, Jun 19	Juneteenth
Sun, Jun 20	Father's Day
Sun, Jul 4	Independence Day
Mon, Jul 5	Independence Day (observed)
Mon, Sep 6	Labor Day
Sun, Sep 12	Grandparents Day
Wed, Sep 22	See You at the Pole
Sun, Oct 10	Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Sun, Oct 31	Reformation Day
Mon, Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Sun, Nov 7	Daylight Saving Time ends
Sun, Nov 21	Christ the King Sunday
Thu, Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day
Sun, Nov 28	First Sunday of Advent
Sun, Dec 5	Second Sunday of Advent
Sun, Dec 12	Third Sunday of Advent
Sun, Dec 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fri, Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Sat, Dec 25	Christmas Day
Fri, Dec 31	New Year's Eve / Watch Night

Also observed: Black History Month (February) and Clergy Appreciation Month (October). Dates follow the Western church calendar.

STAY AHEAD

Quarterly Planning Checklist

Q1
January to March

- [ ] Set the year's theme and goals
- [ ] Confirm new ministry leaders
- [ ] Approve ministry budgets
- [ ] Valentine’s Day - Singles ministry opportunity
- [ ] Plan Easter/Holy Week
- [ ] Plan spring revivals, services, & events
- [ ] Send year-end giving statements
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Q2
April to June

- [ ] Plan Mother's and Father's Day activites
- [ ] Plan graduate recognition
- [ ] Recruit VBS and summer volunteers
- [ ] Run a mid-year budget check-in
- [ ] Plan summer revivals, services, & events
- [ ] Do Spring maintenance at the church
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Q3
July to September

- [ ] Plan back-to-school events
- [ ] Plan Fall revivals, services, & events
- [ ] Plan Pastor Appreciation
- [ ] Draft the 2028 budget
- [ ] Plan Thanksgiving Services
- [ ] Start planning Christmas Events & Activities
- [ ] Plan Fall maintenance at the church
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Q4
October to December

- [ ] Celebrate Pastor Appreciation
- [ ] Plan winter revivals, services, & events
- [ ] Finalize Christmas events & dates
- [ ] Order Christmas gifts for staff & congregation
- [ ] Plan a thank you for this year's volunteers & staff
- [ ] Plan the 2028 calendar
- [ ] Schedule 2028 pastoral vacation times
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

2027 | MONTH 1 OF 12

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLKJr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

PLANNING FOCUS *January*

- [ ] Share the 2027 theme and calendar
- [ ] Plan Spring revivals & events
- [ ] Distribute 2026 contribution statements

MINISTRY EVENTS

NOTES

2027 | MONTH 2 OF 12

February

Black History Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Transfiguration Sunday	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12	13
14 FirstSunday in Lent	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

PLANNING FOCUS *February*

- [ ] Finalize Easter/Holy Week plans
- [ ] Valentine’s Day - Singles’ Ministry opportunity
- [ ]

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 3 OF 12

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Palm Sunday	22	23	24	25 Maundy Thursday	26 Good Friday	27
28 Easter Sunday	29	30	31			

PLANNING FOCUS *March*

- [ ] Send Easter invitations
- [ ] Plan Easter guest follow-up
- [ ] Prep Holy Week service orders

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 4 OF 12

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

PLANNING FOCUS *April*

- [ ] Follow up with Easter guests
- [ ] Recruit VBS and summer volunteers
- [ ] Plan graduate recognition

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 5 OF 12

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Ascension Day Nat'l Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Pentecost Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Trinity Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

PLANNING FOCUS *May*

- [ ] Honor mothers and graduates
- [ ] Confirm summer schedule
- [ ] Plan Father's Day

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 6 OF 12

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

PLANNING FOCUS *June*

- [ ] Run VBS and summer programs
- [ ] Honor fathers
- [ ] Start planning the fall kickoff

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 7 OF 12

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day (obs.)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

PLANNING FOCUS *July*

- [ ] Plan back-to-school events
- [ ] Schedule fall small groups
- [ ] Update the volunteer roster

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 8 OF 12

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

PLANNING FOCUS *August*

- [ ] Host the ministry year kickoff
- [ ] Launch fall groups and classes
- [ ] Bless teachers and students

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 9 OF 12

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12 Grandparents Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 SeeYou at the Pole	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

PLANNING FOCUS *September*

- [ ] Draft the 2028 budget
- [ ] Recruit Christmas volunteers
- [ ] Plan Pastor Appreciation

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 10 OF 12

October

Clergy Appreciation Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Pastor Appreciation	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Reformation Day						

PLANNING FOCUS *October*

- [ ] Celebrate your pastor
- [ ] Finalize Advent and Christmas plans
- [ ] Start a giving or stewardship focus

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 11 OF 12

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving ends	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Christ the King Sunday	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 FirstSunday of Advent	29	30				

PLANNING FOCUS *November*

- [ ] Plan Thanksgiving outreach
- [ ] Begin Advent
- [ ] Send Christmas service invitations

MINISTRY EVENTS

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2027 | MONTH 12 OF 12

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Third Sunday of Advent	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Watch Night	

PLANNING FOCUS *December*

- [ ] Lead Christmas services
- [ ] Send year-end giving statements
- [ ] Start the 2028 calendar

MINISTRY EVENTS

NOTES

KEEP IT ORGANIZED

Ministry Event Planner

EVENT	MINISTRY	DATE	LEAD PERSON	BUDGET	STATUS

Status ideas: Idea | Scheduled | Volunteers set |Supplies ordered | Promoted | Done

YOUR YEAR IS PLANNED. WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready-to-Use Templates for Church Teams

Eventkits,announcement templates,volunteer schedules, andadmintoolsbuiltfor busy church leaders. Watch your inbox for the next one.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

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