

Season	Planning Period	Implementation Period	Notes
Advent, Christmas, Epiphany	Late September/early October-November	Late November/Early December through either February or March	Advent spans 4 weeks, Christmas usually just 1-2, and Epiphany varies quite a bit more depending on where Easter falls on the calendar, but is usually lighter for programming
Lent	December-January	February-April, depending on when Easter falls.	There are around 7 weeks in the Lenten Season, and the last week is Holy Week. Special services start with Ash Wednesday and conclude with Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil potentially.
Easter	February-March	March-May, depending on when Easter falls.	The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and runs 7 weeks. Easter can fall anywhere from late March to late April, so planning and implementation would be set accordingly.
Pentecost	March-May	May-August	The first Sunday for this season is Pentecost, whenever that falls based on Easter (May-June), and the season concludes at the end of the summer programming cycle, just before school starts.
Harvest	June-August	September-November	The first Sunday will kick off the fall programming year. Typically Stewardship will fall in this season. The final Sunday is Christ the King Sunday.

A few notes:

- This is one way of dividing the liturgical year that tries to even out the load. Some seasons are longer, some shorter, depending on the calendar and what is going on. As we live into this new model, we may decide to make adjustments on the seasons/timelines. Some alternatives: Advent, Christmas/Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest (6 seasons) or Advent, Christmas/Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost 1, Pentecost 2, Harvest 1 and Harvest 2 (8 seasons). Pentecost and Harvest are the longest implementation seasons, but they also don't have as many of the "big" church events/worship services that the other seasons have.
- Ideally, each seasonal team will have 5-10 members, but they can work with fewer or more. Families can serve together. It is not up to each seasonal team to actually DO everything in the season, but to insure that everything gets covered as needed.
- Each season will begin with an extended planning meeting with the pastor, looking over Scriptures and the season as a whole, then meeting as needed from there. After that, each season will have a Ruling Elder convener, who will also serve as a liaison to Session as needed.
- The heaviest part of the work load will be in the planning period. Other churches have found that the team doesn't usually need to meet, but can just check in as needed during the implementation period.
- Individuals can't sign up for back to back seasons, since planning and implementation periods overlap.