

March 2026

“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Dear Church Family,

March always feels like that , a new thing beginning to spring up. The Lord is always moving, always shifting seasons, always preparing hearts for what’s next. And as a church family, this verse reminds us to stay spiritually alert ,to be open, to be expectant, and to make room for the new thing the Lord is about to do this year.

There are moments in church life that remind us how beautiful unity is. One service. One table. One family. Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 AM we will gather for a Unified Service with Communion and Water Baptism. We are especially excited to celebrate as six individuals will be publicly declaring their faith through water baptism. What a joy it is to witness lives transformed and hearts boldly identifying with Christ. Let’s come ready to rejoice with them as a church family.

After the service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall for cake and coffee. Immediately following that time of fellowship, we will hold our Church Council Meeting. During this meeting, we will also be receiving four new members into the church family. We thank the Lord for adding to His church and strengthening our body. It is always a blessing to see the Lord continue to grow and establish His house. All members and everyone who considers Maranatha their church home are encouraged to attend.

Connection does not happen automatically , it is built intentionally. And sometimes the best conversations happen around a table. On Friday, March 20 from 6:00–8:00 PM, Pastor Rania will begin a new initiative for our ladies called “Better Together.” These potluck gatherings will be hosted in various homes as a way to help the women of our church connect more personally and meaningfully. This is something new we are launching to strengthen relationships and build deeper fellowship among our ladies. Please sign up in the foyer and be part of this beautiful beginning.

Passion Week is always a sacred time for us as a church family, a time to slow down, reflect, and focus on the cross and the resurrection. During Passion Week, our Tuesday MEGA Ministry gathering will be paused. (No Mega Ministry, March 31). Instead, we will come together for our Good Friday Service that week on April 3.

Following Easter, we will continue a short spring pause on Tuesday, April 7 and April 14, allowing families a little breathing room during this special season. We will resume our regular MEGA schedule afterward.

Time change is a small reminder that seasons shift quickly , and we adjust. Daylight Savings Time begins Saturday, March 7. Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed that night so you can join us Sunday morning ready and refreshed.

Easter is approaching, and we are already preparing to bless our children in a meaningful way. We are collecting candy-filled plastic Easter eggs for Kids Church. Please place your donations in the container in the foyer. Thank you for helping us make Easter Sunday joyful and memorable for our kids.

There are also seasons when we pause to thank the Lord for faithful service and to bless someone as they step forward in obedience. On Tuesday, March 24, we will gather from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a Farewell Potluck dinner for Pastor Joyann. She has served faithfully for 14 years in youth ministry and nearly nine years on staff here at Maranatha. The evening will be a time to thank the Lord for the years she served in our church and to bless her as she steps into a new season of ministry, following the Lord's direction as He reveals what's next. The evening will be in place of ministries that night and include a potluck meal as we celebrate together. (This will mark her final day serving on staff at Maranatha.) Please sign up in the foyer and indicate what you would like to bring for the potluck meal.

A gift box will be placed in the foyer on Sundays for a couple of weeks, where you may place cards and monetary gifts as an expression of love and appreciation. Let's surround her with encouragement and prayer as we send her forward with blessing.

Church family, thank you for your faithfulness and unity. The Lord continues to guide Maranatha, and every season beginnings and transitions is in His hands.

With love,
Pastor Nader Kawar
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P.S. Please see the attached March calendar for an overview of this month's events.