



### Master Religious Calendar

2025 Date	2026 Date	2027 Date	Holy Day	Recognized Religion	Work Prohibited	Special Menu	Dietary Considerations	Special Group Services, Group Meals, & Other Information. (General Population only)
1/1/25	1/1/26	1/1/27	New Year's Day	Sidda Yoga	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of January 1.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
1/8/25	1/8/26	1/8/27	Drew Ali's Birthday	Moorish Science Temple	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moorish Science Temple inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.</li> </ul>
2/2/25	2/2/26	2/2/27	Imbolc/Omelic	Druidry-Celtic	Yes	No	Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet. Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner. Single serving of Non-alcoholic eggnog if available for procurement (A diligent search for item is required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of February 1</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
2/2/25	2/2/26	2/2/27	Imbolc/Omelic	Wicca	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
2/12/25	2/12/26	2/12/27	Darwin Day	Humanism	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of February 12.</li> </ul>





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								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
2/14/25	2/14/26	2/14/27	Feast of Valli/Disting	<b>Asatru</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
2/22/25	2/22/26	2/22/27	Allah's Physical Birthday (Father's Day)	<b>Nation of Gods and Earths</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight.</li> <li>Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement must be completed and returned to Food Service prior to the fast).</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset</li> <li>Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period.</li> <li>Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>Nation of Gods and Earths inmates may hold a special group service on this date (day or evening).</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available.</li> <li>DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
2/26/25	2/26/26	2/26/27	Savior's Day	<b>Nation of Islam</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nation of Islam inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> </ul>





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							dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized in conjunction with or separate from meal.</li> <li>If requested by Nation of Islam Volunteer, institutions may change the date of this service in order for the volunteer to provide information from the National Meeting.</li> </ul>
3/1/25 thru 3/29/25	2/19/26 thru 3/19/2026	2/8/27 thru 3/8/27	Ramadan/ Month of Fasting	Muslim/ Nation of Islam/World Community of Islam/ Moorish Science Temple	No	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Deputy Director for Institutions, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan, Nation of Islam, and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting.
NA	3/2/26 thru 3/20/26	3/2/27 thru 3/20/27	Baha'i Fasting Days	Baha'i	No	No		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight.</li> <li>Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement must be completed and returned to Food Service prior to the fast).</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset</li> <li>Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period.</li> <li>Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>No special services, except for the regular service day if a group is meeting at the facility.</li> </ul>
3/31/25	3/20/26	3/8/27	Eid-ul-Fitr	Muslim/ Nation of Islam/World Community of Islam/ Moorish Science Temple	Yes	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Deputy Director for Institutions, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan, Nation of Islam, and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting to include the Eid-ul-Fitr.
N/A	3/17/2026	3/17/2027	Tag Day	Moorish Science Temple	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A group meal is not authorized.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
3/13/25	3/2/26	3/22/27	Fast of Esther	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight.</li> <li>Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided</li> </ul>





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							Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<p>and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement must be completed and returned to Food Service prior to the fast).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>• The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset</li> <li>• Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period.</li> <li>• Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>• Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates may hold a special group service on this date (day or evening).</li> <li>• Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates, these two groups should each have their own separate service</li> </ul>
3/14/25	3/3/26	3/23/27	Purim	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates may be allowed a group meal (lunch or dinner). Meals may be served at the same time, but the groups should eat separately</li> <li>• Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>• Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates may hold a special group service on this date (day or evening).</li> <li>• Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates, these two groups should each have their own separate group service</li> </ul>
3/20/25	3/20/26	3/20/27	Spring (Vernal) Equinox	Druidry-Celtic	Yes	No	Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>• A special group service is authorized during the day.</li> </ul>



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							and Sealed Religious Diet. Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner. Single serving of Non-alcoholic eggnog if available for procurement (A diligent search for item is required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
NA	3/20/26	3/20/27	Spring Equinox	Native American	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>Native American Pipe Ceremony authorized for the service. The service will satisfy the designated ceremony for the month.</li> </ul>
3/20/25	3/20/26	3/20/27	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Asatru	Yes	No	Milk should be served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
3/20/25	3/20/26	3/20/27	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
4/12/25	4/2/26	3/22/27	Lord's Evening Meal	Jehovah's Witnesses	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>Unleavened bread/matzo and grape juice provided. Items to be purchased by the facility using commissary funds.</li> <li>An approved Jehovah's Witness elder may bring in (1o.z.) of red wine per participant for the service in lieu of grape juice.</li> <li>Unleavened Bread/Matzo and grape juice or wine may be passed around the group.</li> <li>The unleavened bread and wine/grape juice are not consumed by Jehovah's Witnesses members in the service, the elements are held</li> </ul>



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								and reflected upon and passed to the next participant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A special group service to be held after sundown is authorized.</li> </ul>
4/12/25 thru 4/20/25	4/1/26 thru 4/9/26	4/22/27 thru 4/29/27	Passover	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God/African Hebrew Israelite/ Natsarim Israel/United Church of God/Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah	Yes for the entire 8 days of Passover.	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Deputy Director for Institutions, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Passover in DOC facilities.
4/18/25	4/3/26	3/26/27	Good Friday	Catholic	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service on Good Friday.</li> <li>Led by priest if allowed. If not, a Catholic Deacon or volunteer may lead the service or inmate member of the group (no wafer if led by a person other than a priest or Catholic Deacon).</li> </ul>
4/20/25	4/5/26	3/28/27	Easter	Catholic/ Protestant	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service will be provided on Sunday</li> </ul>
4/13/25	4/14/26	4/14/27	Vaisakhi (Sikh Solar New Year)	Sikh	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement. Many Sikh's also do not eat beef.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sikh inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
4/21/2025	4/21/26	4/21/27	Groundation Day	Rastafarian	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> </ul>





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4/30/25	4/30/26	4/30/27	Walpurgisnacht	<b>Satanism (Church of Satan)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of May 1</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
5/1/25	5/1/26	5/1/27	Beltane (May Day)	<b>Druidry-Celtic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<p>Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.</p> <p>Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner.</p> <p>A single serving (4 oz.) of grape juice is to be provided to participant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
5/1/25	5/1/26	5/1/27	Beltane (May Day)	<b>Wicca</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of May 1st.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
5/1/25	5/1/26	5/1/27	May Day	<b>Asatru</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
5/1/25	5/7/26	5/1/27	National Day of Reason	<b>Humanism</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanism inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>



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6/5/2025	5/27/26	5/16/27	Eid-ul-Adha	Muslim/ Nation of Islam/World Community of Islam/ Moorish Science Temple	Yes	Yes	A memorandum will be issued from the Deputy Director for Institutions, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan, Nation of Islam, and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting to include the Eid-ul-Adha.	
6/2/25 thru 6/3/25	5/22/26 thru 5/23/26	6/11/27 thru 6/12/27	Shavuot	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God/African Hebrew Israelite/ Natsarim Israel/United Church of God/Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah	Yes	No	At least one dairy product, 4 oz. serving, Cottage Cheese, should be provided on each of these two days. No additional milk product required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>Shavuot begins at sundown on the day preceding (a/k/a Festival of Weeks or Pentecost)</li> <li>A special group service may be held on each of these two days any time of day or evening.</li> </ul>
5/12/25	5/1/26	5/20/27	Vesak (Buddha Day)	Buddhist	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buddhist inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service may be held any time of day or evening</li> </ul>
6/14/25	6/13/26	6/12/27	Show and Prove	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	Not a fast day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service during the day or evening is authorized for Nation of Gods and Earths inmates, only.</li> <li>No personal guests or non-Nation of Gods and Earths inmates are authorized</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available.</li> <li>DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
6/20/25	6/21/26	6/21/27	Summer Solstice	Asatru	Yes	No	Pork should be served; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asatru inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> </ul>





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								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A service is permitted any time of the day or evening and may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.</li> </ul>
6/20/25	6/21/26	6/21/27	Summer Solstice	<b>Druidry-Celtic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<p>Milk and Pork should be served, substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.</p> <p>Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner. (A single serving (4 oz.) of grape juice is to be provided to participant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
6/20/25	6/21/26	6/21/27	Litha	<b>Wicca</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	Milk should be served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
6/20/25	6/21/26	6/21/27	Summer Solstice	<b>Native American</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native American inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service and pipe ceremony is authorized.</li> </ul>
6/24/25	6/24/26	6/24/27	Gurumayi's Chidvilsananda's Birthday	<b>Sidda Yoga</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening of January 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
7/23/25	7/23/26	7/23/27	Haille Selaisse's Birthday	<b>Rastafarian</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rastafarian inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner),</li> </ul>





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8/1/25	8/1/26	8/1/27	Lughnasadh/Lamas	Wicca	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
8/1/25	8/1/26	8/1/27	Lughnasadh	Druidry-Celtic	Yes	No	<p>Milk and Pork should be served, substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.</p> <p>Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner. (A single serving (4 oz.) of grape juice is to be provided to participant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
NA	9/4/26	10/29/27	Janmashtmi (Birth of Lord Krishna)	Hindu	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
8/17/2025	8/17/26	8/17/27	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
8/30/25	8/29/26	8/28/27	Allah Tribute Day	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	Not a fast day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service during the day or evening is authorized for Nation of Gods and Earths inmates, only.</li> <li>No personal guests or non-Nation of Gods and Earths inmates authorized</li> </ul>





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NA	9/23/2026	9/23/27	Autumn Equinox	<b>Native American</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>Native American Pipe Ceremony authorized for the service. The service will satisfy the designated ceremony for the month.</li> </ul>
9/22/25	9/22/26	9/23/27	Fall Equinox	<b>Druidry-Celtic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<p>Milk and Pork should be served, substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.</p> <p>Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner.</p> <p>A single serving (4 oz.) of grape juice is to be provided to participant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
9/22/25	9/22/26	9/23/27	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	<b>Wicca</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
9/22/25	9/22/26	9/23/27	Winter Finding	<b>Asatru</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>
9/23/25 thru 9/24/25	9/12/26 thru 9/13/26	10/2/27 thru 10/3/27	Rosh Hashanah	<b>Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God/African</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	Evening Meal Night 1, items to be provided: 1 - Apple & 1 – single serving packet of honey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>Begins at sundown on the day preceding and is a 2 day observance ending at sundown on the second day</li> <li>A special group service may be held.</li> </ul>





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				Hebrew Israelite/ Natsarim Israel/United Church of God/Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah)			Evening Meal Night 2, Item to be provided:  Qty: 1 – Star Fruit or Passion Fruit.  NOTE: Must alternate by year	
9/25/25	9/14/26	10/4/27	Fast of Gedaliah (Tishri 3)	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight.</li> <li>• Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement must be completed and provided to Food Service before the start of the fast)</li> <li>• Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>• The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset</li> <li>• Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period</li> <li>• Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>• Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates may hold a special group service on this date (day or evening).</li> <li>• Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates, these two groups should each have their own separate group service</li> </ul>
10/2/2025	9/21/26	10/11/27	Yom Kippur (begins at sundown on the day preceding)	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God/African	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jews, Messianic Jews, Yahwists and Philadelphia Church of God fast the entire day beginning at sundown the day preceding (approx. 25 - 26 hours total)</li> <li>• Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided</li> </ul>



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				Hebrew Israelite/Natsarim Israel/United Church of God/Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah			<p>dietary requirement</p> <p>From sunset the day before, until sunset the day of Yom Kippur, no meals are to be eaten. Food Service is to ensure that the proper caloric count is provided with the dinner meal to cover the missed meals for the day.</p>	<p>and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement form must be completed and provided to Food Service before the start of the fast)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period</li> <li>Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>Inmates authorized a group meal at the institutions discretion or individually.</li> <li>A special group service should be held on the evening of the previous day or during the day of Yom Kippur.</li> <li>Inmates are authorized to wear their personal canvas shoes.</li> </ul>
10/10/25	10/10/26	10/10/27	Year One (Birth of the Nation of Gods and Earths)	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	<p>No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight.</li> <li>Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt; 24-hour meal agreement form must be completed and provided to Food Service before the start of the fast).</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset</li> <li>Inmates will be provided an opportunity to take their medications through special pill calls or self-medication before the start of the fasting period or after the fasting period</li> </ul>





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								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inmates should consult with the medical staff and must take all responsibility for the possible consequences of taking medications at intervals not recommended by the medical staff.</li> <li>Nation of Gods and Earths inmates may hold a special group service on this date (day or evening).</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available.</li> </ul>
10/14/2025	10/14/26	10/14/27	Winter Nights	<b>Asatru</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day.</li> <li>No evening service and no soil offering.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must</li> </ul>
10/7/25 thru 10/15/25	9/26/26 thru 10/4/26	10/16/27 thru 10/24/27	Sukkoth	<b>Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God/African Hebrew Israelite/ Natsarim Israel/United Church of God/Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>Sukkoth begins at sundown on the day preceding (a/k/a Feast of Tabernacles) for a total of 9 days</li> <li>A special group service may be held any time of day or evening on Day 1 and 2; 8, and 9. No religious activities during days 3-7.</li> <li>The Aleph Institute or other Jewish organizations may donate one Lulav and Etrog for use in services during Sukkot. The Aleph Institute or other Jewish groups are to coordinate the donation with the GraceInside Religious Advisor at Headquarters ahead of the observance.</li> </ul>
10/20/25	11/8/25	10/28/27	Diwali (Festival of Lights)	<b>Hindu</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
10/31/25	10/31/26	10/31/27	Samhain	<b>Druidry-Celtic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.  Facility food service to determine how to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Druidry-Celtic inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> </ul>





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							provide these two items, i.e., by Master Menu or in another manner. Single serving of Non-alcoholic eggnog if available for procurement (A diligent search for item is required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
10/31/25	10/31/26	10/31/27	Samhain	Wicca	Yes	No	Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wicca inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
10/31/25	10/31/26	10/31/27	Halloween	Satanism (Church of Satan)	Yes	N	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satanism (Church of Satan) inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
11/2/25	11/2/26	11/2/27	Haille Selaisse's Coronation	Rastafarian	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> </ul>
11/5/25	11/24/26	11/14/27	Birth of Guru Nanak	Sikh	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
11/16/2025	11/16/26	11/16/27	Sunwait	Asatru	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>





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12/8/25	12/8/26	12/8/27	Bodhi (Enlightenment) Day	Buddhist	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>A special group service may be held any time of day or evening</li> </ul>
12/14/25 thru 12/22/25	12/4/26 thru 12/12/26	12/24/27 thru 1/1/28	Chanukah	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group meal required</li> <li>Chanukah begins at sundown on the first day indicated (a/k/a Festival of Lights) for a total of 8 days</li> <li>A special group service authorized each evening of Chanukah for prayer, worship, and lighting of the Menorah candles. (See Attachment 3.)</li> <li>Friday sunset candles are to be lit 10 minutes before sunset as the Sabbath Day starts at sunset. Chanukah candles can burn into the Sabbath, but cannot be lit after the Sabbath has started.</li> <li>Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish inmates, these two groups should each have their own separate group service</li> </ul>
12/21/25	12/21/26	12/21/27	Yule (Winter Solstice)	Asatru/ Wicca	Yes	No	Milk Pork should be served; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asatru and Wicca inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service is permitted any time of the day or evening and may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal</li> <li>Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Asatru and Wicca inmates, these two groups should each have their own separate group service</li> </ul>
12/21/25	12/21/26	12/21/27	Winter Solstice	Druidry-Celtic	Yes	No	Milk and Pork; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare and Sealed Religious Diet.  Facility food service to determine how to provide these two items, i.e., by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Druidry-Celtic inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Follow the guidance provided in Dietary Considerations</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision</li> </ul>





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							Master Menu or in another manner. Single serving of Non-alcoholic eggnog if available for procurement (A diligent search for item is required)	
12/21/25	12/21/26	12/21/27	Winter Solstice	<b>Native American</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native American inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service and pipe ceremony is authorized.</li> </ul>
12/24/25	12/24/26	12/24/27	Black Mass (Winter Solstice)	<b>Satanism (Church of Satan)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satanism (Church of Satan) inmates are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population inmates.</li> <li>Meals will be served from the regular menu or a religious diet menu if the inmate is on a religious diet.</li> <li>A special group service is authorized during the day or evening December 24.</li> <li>No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.</li> </ul>
12/25/25	12/25/26	12/25/27	Christmas	<b>Catholic/ Protestant</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No group Meal required</li> <li>Usual Christmas religious activities will be provided. A Christmas Eve group service (day or evening) is authorized in the event a Christmas Day group service cannot be held.</li> <li>Both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day group services may be held at the Facility Unit Head's discretion.</li> </ul>

\***Group Meal** - Inmates are authorized to participate in a shared meal subject to their Housing Status and the Security Level of the facility.

\*\***Special Group Service** - A religious service, study session, ritual, ceremony, celebration, meeting, and/or any other religious practice that is provided during an authorized Holy Day Observance or special religious event approved by the Facility Unit Head

**For astronomical twilight times in your area, consult <http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Virginia.asp>. Be sure to set for times**

**Druidry-Celtic** – Provide one, 4oz, single serving of grape juice at one group meeting in January, February, March, April, July, October, November and December. Staff will determine which service in the month grape juice is provided. Inmates are not to remove the grape juice from the service location

