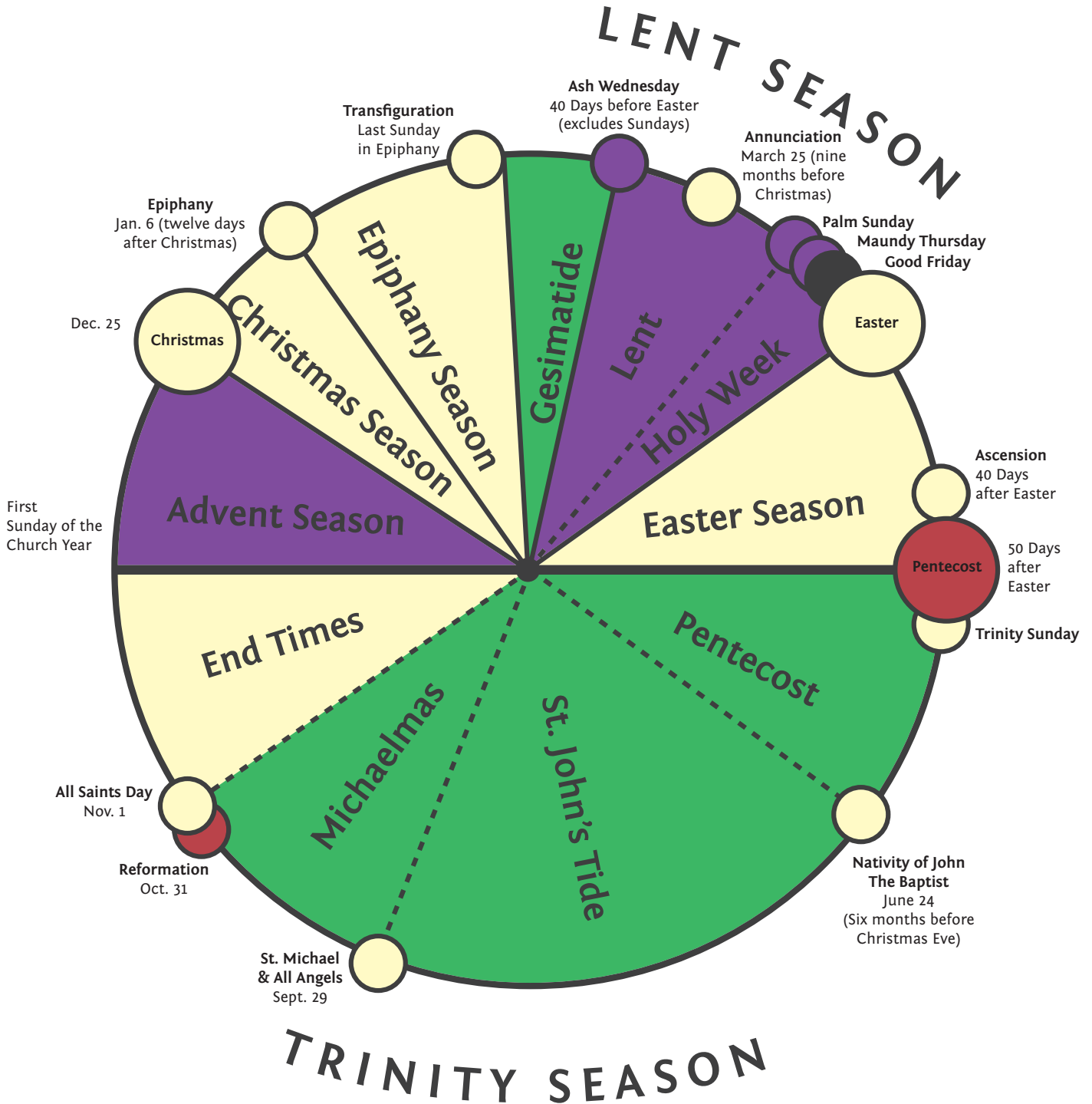


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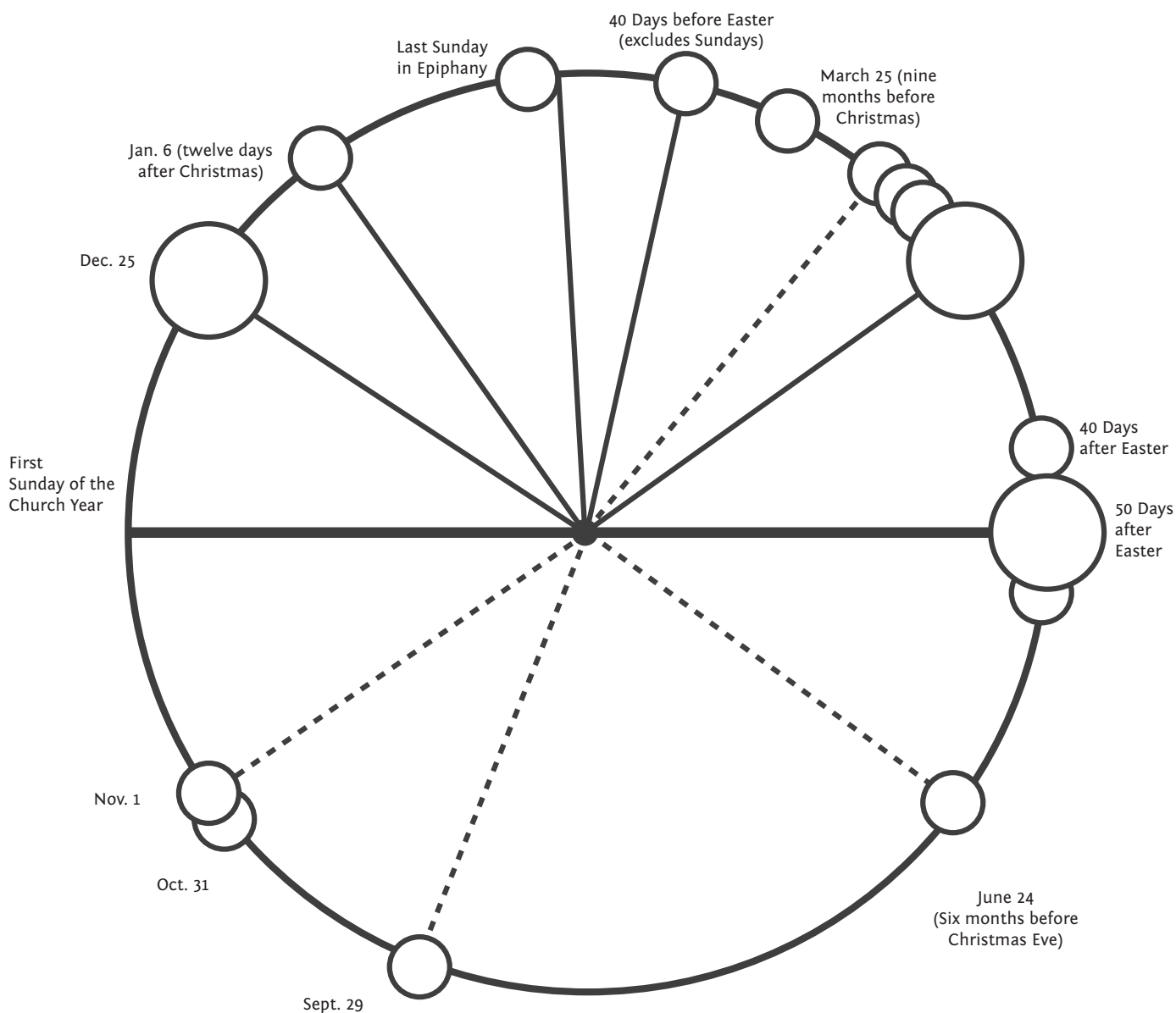
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Directions

Books needed:

- **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH)**
- **Book of Family Prayer** by Bishop Nils Jakob Laache

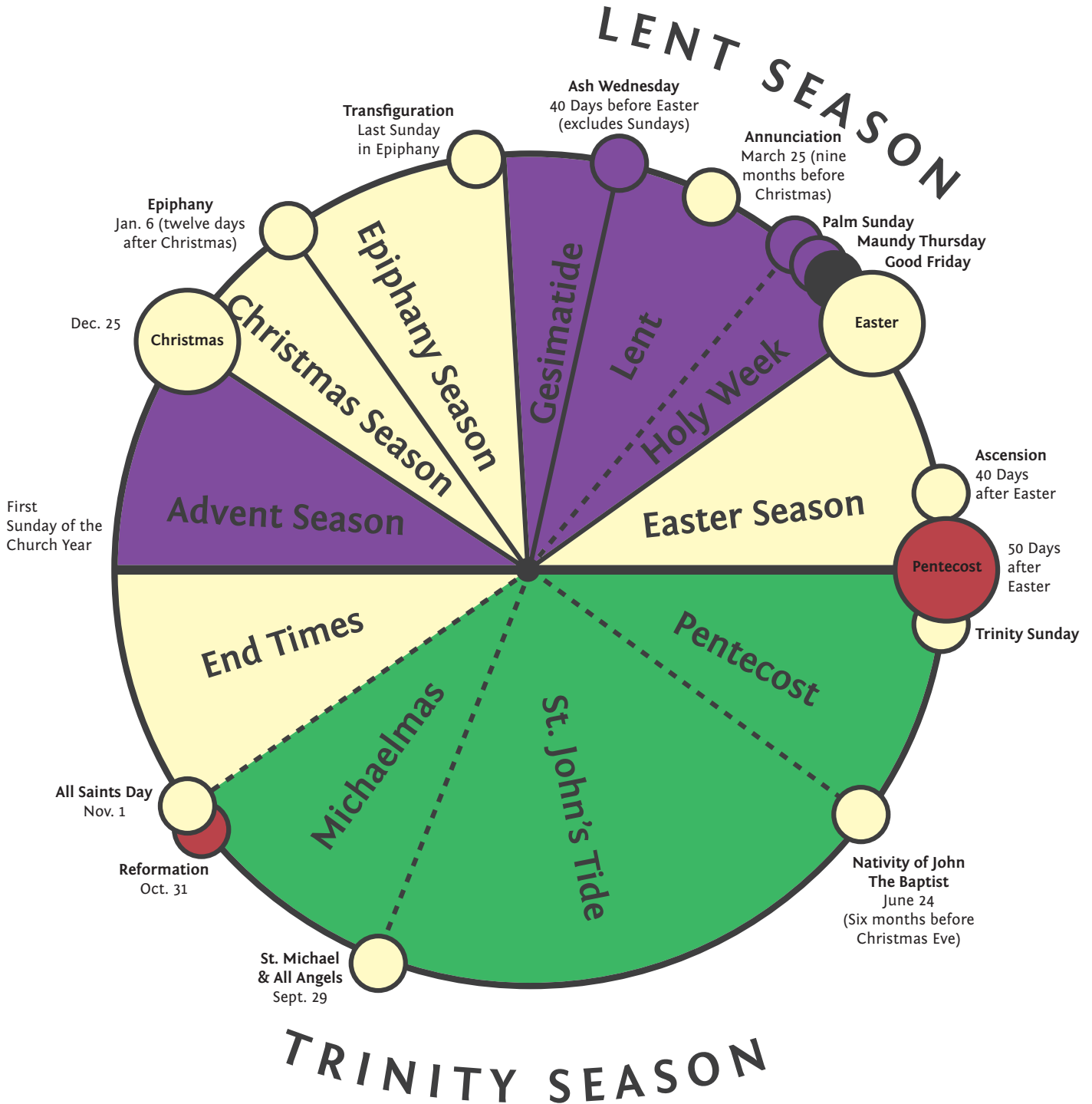
Notes:

The solid lines separate the seasons. The dotted lines separate “mini-seasons” or periods within a season. The larger circles on the edge of the calendar are the major feasts, referred to here as “Festival Days.” The smaller circles are “Feast Days.” Not all feasts are listed. The calendar lists only the days which cause the seasons to “move forward,” that is, those that either cause a season to begin or come to an end.

- 1** Using the church year on pages 5 and 6 of the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH)**, write in the names of each:
 1. Season
 2. Festival Day
 3. Feast Day
- 2** Read the explanations in the **Book of Family Prayer** on pages 383, 458, 613, and 680 and write in the names of “mini-seasons” of the non-festival half of the church year.
- 3** Then, color each “slice” of the calendar using pages 5-6 of **ELH**. (Note: The calendar here assumes white is used for the whole last mini-season of the non-festival half of the church year, from Nov. 1 until the last Sunday of the Church Year). Color also each circle for each festival and feast day.
- 4** Observe. What patterns do you notice? What colors are used when? What do you think the use of white in the last season of the festival half and the last mini-season of the non-festival half signifies? What do both of those seasons focus on? How does the calendar mirror the life of Christ?

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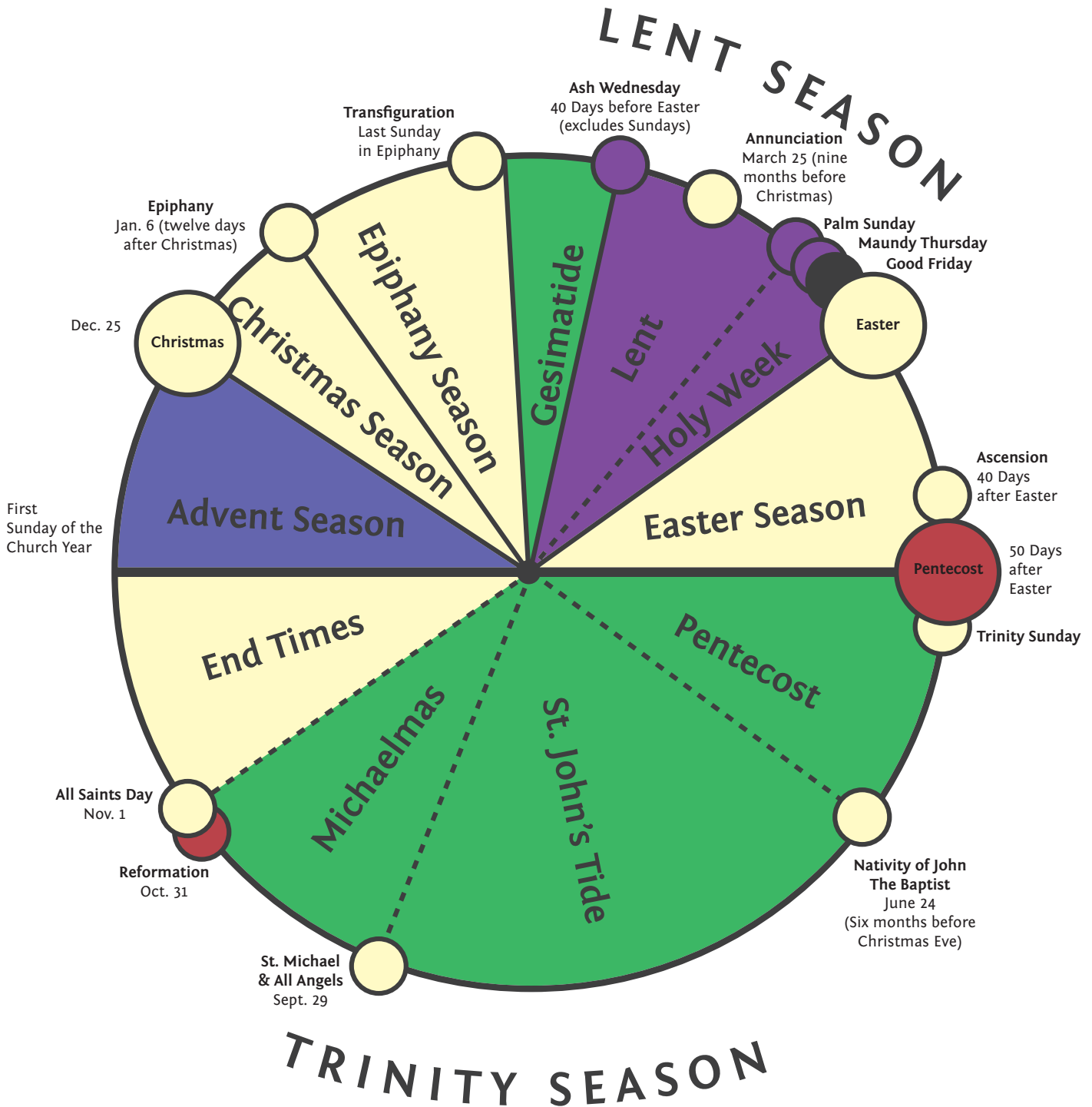
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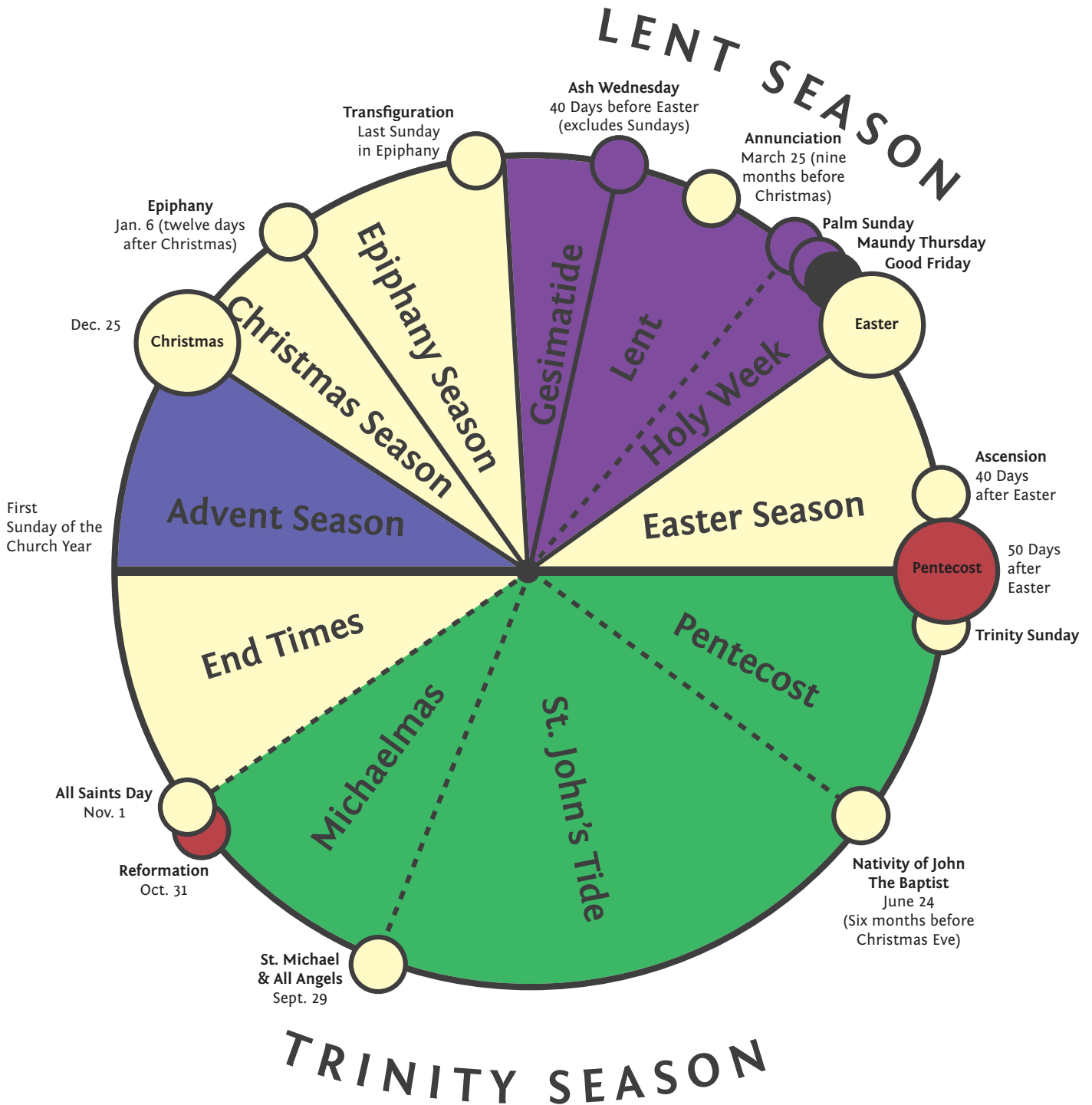
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