Calendar of religious observances

AUGUST 2015

- 1 Lughnassad – Wicca/Pagan (northern hemisphere)
- 13-15 Obon ** - Shinto
- 29 Raksha Bandhan ** - Hindu

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 5 Krishna Janmashtami ** - Hindu
- 14-15 Rosh HaShanah * - Judaism
- 18 Paryushana Parva ** - Jain
- 22 Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day * - Islam
- 23 Equinox
  - Mabon * - Wicca/Pagan (northern hemisphere)
  - Yom Kippur * - Judaism
- 23-26 Eid al Adha *** - Islam
- 28-Oct 4 Sukkot * - Judaism

OCTOBER 2015

- 12 Thanksgiving - Canada – Interfaith
- 13-21 Navaratri ** - Hindu
- 20 Birth of the Báb * - Baha'i
- 22 Dasara ** - Hindu
- 31 Samhain (northern hemisphere) Beltane (southern hemisphere) * - Wicca/Pagan
  - Reformation Day ** - Protestant Christian

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 All Saint's Day – Christian
- 9-13 Deepavali ** - Hindu
- 11 Diwali - Deepavali ** - Hindu - Jain – Sikh
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 12 Birth of Baha’u'llah * - Bahai
- 22 Christ the King – Christian – Feast Day for Christus Rex at UND
- 25 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday - Sikh
- 26 Thanksgiving USA – Interfaith
- 28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha * - Baha'i
- 29 Advent begins - Christian

DECEMBER 2015
6 Saint Nicholas Day – Christian
7-14 Hanukkah * - Judaism
21 Solstice
21 Yule * - Wicca/Pagan northern hemisphere
23 Mawlid an Nabi * - Islam
25 Christmas * - Christian

JANUARY 2016
1 Gantan-sai (New Years) – Shinto
6 Epiphany – Christian – end of Christmas
7 Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian

FEBRUARY 2016
2 Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Christian
   Imbolc-Lughnassad * - Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres)
3 Setsebun sai ** - Shinto
8 Chinese New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
9 Shrove Tuesday – Christian
10 Ash Wednesday – Christian – beginning of Lent – 40 day fast
14 St. Valentine’s Day – Christian
15 Nirvana Day ** - Buddhist – Jain

MARCH 2016
2-20 Nineteen Day Fast * - Baha’i
13 L. Ron Hubbard birthday – Scientology
17 St. Patrick’s Day – Christian
20 Ostara * - Wicca/Pagan (northern hemisphere)
   Palm Sunday – Christian
21 Naw-Rúz (New Years) * - Baha’i
23 Lord’s Evening Meal – Jehovah’s Witness Christian
   Magha Puja Day – Buddhist **
24 Purim * - Judaism
   Maundy Thursday – Christian
25 Good Friday – Christian
27 Easter – Christian
30 Mahavir Jayanti ** - Jain

APRIL 2016
8 Hindu New Year ** - Hindu
8-15 Ramayana ** - Hindu
14 Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) ** - Sikh
• 23-30 Pesach (Passover) * - Judaism
• 24 Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian
• 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan * - Baha’i
  o Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
• 30 Mahavir Jayanti ** - Jain

MAY 2016

• 1 Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian
  o Beltane – Samhain * - Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres)
• 4 National Day of Prayer – USA – Interfaith
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  o Ascension of Jesus – Christian
• 15 Visakha Puja ** - Buddhist
  o Pentecost – Christian
• 23 Declaration of the Bab * - Baha’i
• 29 Ascension of Baha’u’llah * - Baha’i

* Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.
** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.

Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.

These holidays come from the Interfaith Calendar linked below:
http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/2015.htm