

Emmanuel Church Calendar and News April 1 - April 7, 2024

Sunday April 7, The Second Sunday of Easter, 10am Eucharist. The celebrant is Pastor Kuhlman. See below for more about the Octave of Easter.

Church Events and Calendar This Week:

Saturday, April 6, 8am-9:30am, Saturday Breakfast. Join us for great company and fluffy waffles, real maple syrup from Mapes' centennial farm, link sausage scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads.

Sunday, April 7, 9AM, Choir practice.

News and Upcoming Events

Ten **Easter Goody Bags** were distributed to children on Saturday March 30 and Sunday March 31. Thank you Michelle, for organizing this event. Kids were pleased with the candy, the Play-Doh and the money hidden in a plastic egg.

Barry County Earth Alliance will be at the **Barry County Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo on Saturday April 13** at the Hastings High School from 10AM to 1PM. The Alliance's theme is Reduce-Reuse-Recycle. Julie Howarth is working one of the recycle booths. An electric vehicle car show is also part of the Expo. Three parishioners will have their plug-in vehicles at the exhibition.

Barry County Earth Alliance will recognize Earth Day on **Monday April 22, 6PM** with a screening of *Reuse! Because You Can't Recycle the Planet* at the Hastings Public Library at 6PM.

The Thornapple Players will perform **Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella** at the Dennison Theatre in the Barry Community Enrichment Center (old Presbyterian Church). Dates are Wednesday, May 1 through Sunday May 5. Our own Sarah Boonstra is the Wicked Stepmother--totally out of character.

Pastoral requests

For those requesting baptism, home communion, hospital visitation, or a priest for pastoral concerns, please notify Marty, the Senior Warden at 269.948.8775.

The Second Sunday of Easter is The Octave (Eighth Day) of Easter

“The Sundays following Easter Day, which used to be counted as “after Easter”, are now counted as Sundays “of Easter”, because Easter is understood as one long and great Sunday, a week of weeks, comprising the 50 days of rejoicing.

The Gospel on the Second Sunday in Easter in all three years of the lectionary cycle is the account of St. Thomas’s insistence on visible and tangible proof of the resurrection. The selection of the Gospel for the Sunday of St. Thomas is a consolation and encouragement of those thoughtful people who find the resurrection difficult or impossible to comprehend. That Gospel continues to be part of the instruction that members of the Church all need to hear, Jesus’s blessing of those who have not seen and yet have believed.

“From: Pfatteicher, Philip. *Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year*. Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 244-45.