

**Emmanuel Newsletter April 9-15, 2024**

*Sunday April 14, the Third Sunday of Easter, 10am Eucharist.* The celebrant is Pastor Kuhlman.

### **Church Events and Calendar This Week:**

*Saturday, April 13, 8:00-9:30am; Saturday Breakfast.* Join us for great company. We are offering breakfast burritos, hash brown patties, scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads.

*Sunday, April 14, 9am; Choir practice.* The anthem is “*Draw Me Close I Need Thee Every Hour*” by Kelly Carpenter.

### **News and Upcoming Events**

*April 8, Verna Sunior celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday!*

*Saturday, April 13, 10am-1pm; Barry County Earth Alliance* will be at the kid-friendly **Barry County Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo on Saturday April 13** at the Hastings High School. Julie Howarth will be working one of the booths featuring the Alliance’s theme of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle. In addition, three parishioners will exhibit their vehicles as part of the Drive Electric Earth Month (DEEM) electric vehicle car show.

*Saturday, April 20, 11am; Memorial service for Eloise Doster,* Mark’s mother, at Doster Community Church, 12145 Doster Road, Plainwell. If you would like a ride, contact Georgette Schirmer at 269.838.6601. We plan to leave Emmanuel at 10:00, as traffic is rerouted and slowed for the Barry Roubaix.

*April 22, 6pm, Barry County Earth Alliance* will recognize Earth Day with a screening of *Reuse! Because You Can’t Recycle the Planet.* at the Hastings Public Library. Please bring a reused item to display.

*April 27, 6:00-9:00pm; Solar Summit at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute.* Emmanuel is an invitee to share its solar energy story.

*May 1-May 5, The Thornapple Players* will perform **Rogers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella** at the Dennison Theatre in the Barry Community Enrichment Center (old Presbyterian Church). Our own Sarah Boonstra plays the stepmother.

### **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.

## A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. *Amen.*

## Solar Eclipse from Emmanuel's solar array

Please see below the electricity production from the solar array throughout Monday, April 8, the day of the solar eclipse.

