

Emmanuel Church Calendar and News April 14-20 2024

Sunday, April 21, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 10am Eucharist. Canon Val Ambrose will be the celebrant. Zach Franklin will be the guest organist.

Sunday, April 21, 11:20AM; Vestry meets in the rector's office.

Church Events and Calendar This Week:

Saturday, April 20, 8:00-9:30am; Saturday Breakfast. We are offering sausage gravy and biscuits, tater

tots, scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads. Join us

for great company, then walk over to the Barry Community Enrichment Center to experience the bicycle gravel road race.

News and Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 20, 11:00am; 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 269.838.2159. Georgette and Bob plan to leave for the Doster Community Church at 10:00, as vehicles and traffic will be rerouted and slowed for the Barry Roubaix.

Monday, April 22, 6:00pm; 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.

Saturday, April 27, 6:00-9:00pm; Solar Summit at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. Emmanuel is an invitee to share its solar energy story. Also, Melinda Bloom (former Emmanuel parishioner and Russ Hammond's daughter) and her husband Bruce will share their experience with a commercial solar array on their dairy farm in Coldwater.

May 1-May 5: The Thornapple Players will perform Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* at the Dennison Theatre in the Barry Community Enrichment Center. Our own Sarah Boonstra plays the part of the stepmother.

Sunday, May 5, 3:00pm; Zach Franklin's Exit Recital. Kellogg Community College. KCC Davidson Auditorium, 450 North Avenue, Battle Creek, MI. Dessert reception to follow.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

“The Fourth Sunday of Easter is the Sunday of the Good Shepherd, an image that distills the essence of the rescuing work wrought by Jesus. This Sunday teaches that the Lamb who was slain is one with the Shepherd who lays down their life for the sheep. Moreover, as the Fourth Gospel presents the image, when Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd he is making a divine claim, appropriating an image that in the Hebrew Bible was applied to God himself. In Ezek. 34:11-16, God condemns those who should have served as the shepherds of the people for abandoning their task and declares that he himself will do what should have been done.” *From: Pfatteicher, Philip. Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year. Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 249, 251-2.*

Rector-Elect

We are very excited to welcome Mother Alicia Hager to minister with us. Her first service as celebrant will be Pentecost, May 19, 2024.

