

Emmanuel Newsletter for April 22-28, 2024

Sunday, April 28, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10am Eucharist. Pastor Dan Ward is the celebrant.

Church Events and Calendar This Week:

Saturday, April 27 8am-9:30am; Saturday Breakfast. French toast, bacon, scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads are offered.

Sunday, April 28, 9:00am; Choir practice

News and Upcoming Events:

Monday, 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.

Saturday, April 27, 6:00-9:00pm; Solar Summit at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. Emmanuel and Dennis and Candace Mapes will share their solar energy stories. 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. Speakers include Denise Keele, Director of Michigan Climate Action Network, M. Charles Gould, Extension Bioenergy Educator with MSU Extension, and Peter Sinclair, climate change communicator with Yale Climate Connections.

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

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

Thursday, May 9, 7pm; Holy Eucharist. Feast of the Ascension. Pastor Paul Kuhlman is the celebrant. F. William Voetberg is returning to play our recently repaired pipe organ.

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

“All the days of Easter are understood as one feast, but their unity and coherence is not static. Rather, week by week the mystery deepens. Easter Day and the Second and Third Sundays of Easter present appearances of the risen Jesus. The Fourth Sunday presents the image of the Good Shepard, who goes in search of his lost sheep and lays down his life for them. Beginning with Fifth Sunday of Easter the attention of the Church turns toward the Ascension and the deeper communication between the Lord and the faithful that the end of the resurrection appearances was understood to have brought about.”

From: Pfatteicher, Philip. *Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year*. Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 252