Easter

On this day, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after 3 days in the grave (Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday). The resurrection is recorded in the Christian Scriptures in Matthew chapter 28, Mark chapter 16, Luke chapter 24, and John chapter 20. To Christians, it is important because it fulfilled prophecy and is the foundation of the Christian belief. It is described in 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

Date
- The date of this annual celebration varies from year to year, occurring on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th. It is based on the lunar calendar.
- Link to Interfaith Calendar for year/date lookup.

Greetings
Christians greet one another on this day by saying, “Happy Easter” or by one person saying, “He is risen,” with another person replying, “He is risen indeed.”

Common Practices and Celebrations
Many Christians celebrate Easter with special church services and music.

Impact to U-M Community
- Easter is a national holiday in the United States.
- The holiday is always on a Sunday so no special accommodations are likely required on U-M Campus.
- Link to U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts.

U-M Campus Resources
- Maize Christian Organizations, U-M
- Association of Religious Counselors, U-M

Information Sources
- Religion Facts Easter
- Blue Letter Bible, Matthew 28
- Blue Letter Bible, 1 Corinthians 15

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