

CLAIR CONNECTION

Carol Ueligger—Part of Clair's Family From Birth



I grew up north of Clair on Route W. I have attended Clair since I was two weeks old. Our family attended services on Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Our church was an EUB which joined the Methodist Church in approximately 1968.

I began my education in a one-room school, Frogge, which is across Hwy. 6 on the east side of State Route W. The school has been a private home for many years. While the Platte Valley School District was being organized and the school was being built, we attended a school in St. Joseph that was not being used by the St. Joseph School District. I think we moved to the new Platte Valley building in the Spring of 1954. My dad, along with other dads of the Platte Valley district drove the buses and knew the parents of the students personally.

Needless to say, there were very few behavior problems on the buses! The cooks were all moms of the students.

I graduated from Central High school, St. Joseph Junior College, attended NWSC, and MWSC -graduating in the first class at Missouri Western with a BS in Education.

I am a retired elementary teacher. I have taught grades 2, 4, and 5. I taught both of my kids in 2nd grade at Helena. I also taught reading part-time after I retired. I taught 34 years in the Savannah R-3 School District.

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I met my husband, Ron, at St. Joseph Junior College. We sat next to each other in freshman speech class. We were married at Clair in July 1969 and there was no air conditioning! Sadly, Ron passed in December of 2015. He is missed every day. Ron kept me laughing for 46 years.

I was baptized (infant) at Clair, confirmed about 1959, married at Clair, and our two children were baptized and confirmed at Clair. Our children are Travis (Stacey) and Tricia (Jeff). Tricia's daughters are Alexa (senior nursing student) through CMSU and Sophia (sophomore interior design) at CSU at Fort Collins, Colorado.

Gardening is probably my favorite past time. I like to read and do some sewing and genealogy research. One of my great-grandfathers, George Soule, sailed on the Mayflower. He was a tutor to the young children on board.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Cindy Buhman



Here we are at the end of January! Can you believe it?!?! This past Sunday I preached about Stewardship of Time. It seems to me that time keeps moving faster and faster and faster! I guess that's what happens the older you get. Anyway... my big takeaway from this Sunday's sermon was: "Let's make every moment count, but not by filling it with busyness, but by embracing life and living it to its fullest – being good stewards of our time."

Here are some questions from this week's Sermon Guide to help you reflect upon time:

How do you think "management" of time differs from "stewardship" of time?

Remember the definition of stewardship: "The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

What does "busy" mean to you? Do you see how "busy" has come to mean successful, indispensable, and important? Does your busyness play into how you value yourself – contribute to your feelings of self-worth?

What does Sabbath-keeping mean to you? Do you have time to "just be?"

On Jan. 30 we'll focus on Stewardship of Work, followed by Stewardship of our Bodies, our Community, Privilege, and then end the series on Feb. 27 with Stewardship of Money and Finances. I hope we will all be challenged and blessed by thinking about the whole of our lives from a stewardship perspective.



Several people have signed up to work on different committees in 2022. There is still time to be involved in the work areas of Education, Worship, Mission, and/or Prayer. We would like EVERYONE to be included on a "Courtesy Committee" – teams of people who are willing to help occasionally with funeral dinners, 2nd Sunday fellowship dinners, and other celebrations throughout the course of the year. The idea is that when we "spread the wealth," everyone has an opportunity to be included in the blessing of serving others. Good News! It isn't too late to sign up! Just let me know where you would like to serve.

Blessings, Friends! It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy

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Sisters Carol, Rhonda and Janet Wilkins

He survived the first winter and became a leader in the community. I am a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and PEO Chapter ED, among several other service organizations.

There was a large group of kids in Clair youth fellowship in the 60s. We went to church camp in Topeka, KS several years. I remember the first year I attended camp I lost about 10 pounds and I didn't even know it! I think I sweated most of it off. My mom was a bit shocked. Now as I look back, I feel sorry for our sponsors, Cliff and Evelyn Schindler. They had their hands full. I sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and Bible School. I have served on the Board and the 100th Clair Anniversary committee.

I have seen Clair go through many changes, but it always survives! Recently, Pastor Cindy asked us to write down names of people we are thankful for at our church. I would not know where to start. I'm thankful for everyone who attends and supports our church in so many different ways.

Eat, Drink and Be Very—GENEROUS!



We will again be participating in the mission of collecting soup for Inter-Serv on Sunday, February 13 – along with our Tailgate Fellowship Luncheon! Bring your favorite tailgate concoction - but leave the beer at home :). Don't be a chicken about it. Use your noodle. Bring all the soup you can fit on your tailgate and then some!

And in the spirit of football (**GO CHIEFS**), "pick six" different kinds of soup to bring. Don't be penalized for forgetting your soup. You will get extra points with Pastor

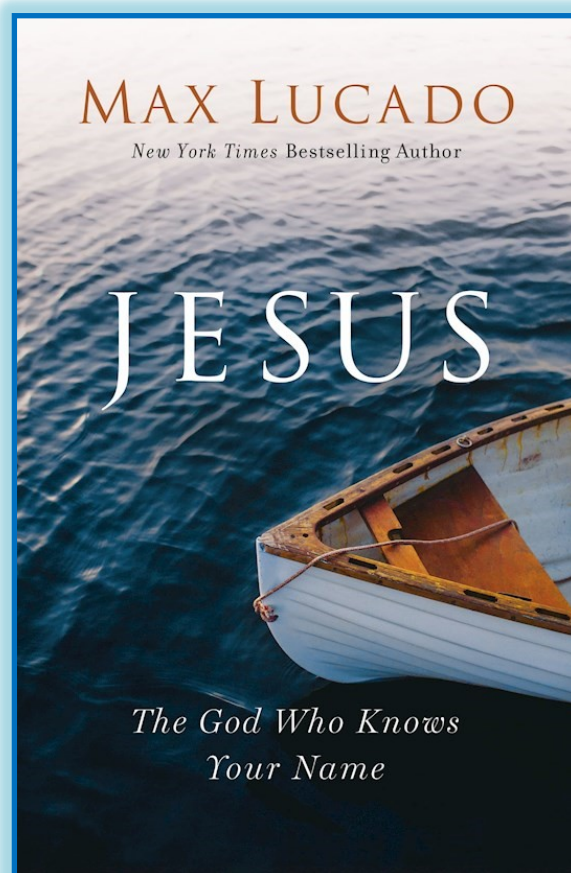
Cindy. And if there's unnecessary roughness, there's always soup to help you reach your goal. Use the running game to get your soup delivered to Clair. No one will be blocking the way. We know you will be rushing to get there. Don't attempt a play fake and try to take credit for someone else's soup! We've got to tackle hunger in the St. Joseph area together! **TOUCH DOWN CLAIR CHURCH!**

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The Klein Clan enjoys the pool table along with equipment donated by Meredith!

Join the Crusader's Class as they study who Jesus really was and is: God, Friend of Sinners, Great Teacher, Miracle Worker and more!



Clair's Calendar

February 8	Administrative Council 6 pm
February 9	Education Team Meeting 6:30 pm
February 13	SOUPERBOWL Sunday and Tailgate Fellowship Dinner
February 14	Starlite 11:30 am (bring a sack lunch)
February 16	VBS Meeting at Ebenezer 6:30 pm
February 19	Men's group at Clair 8 am