

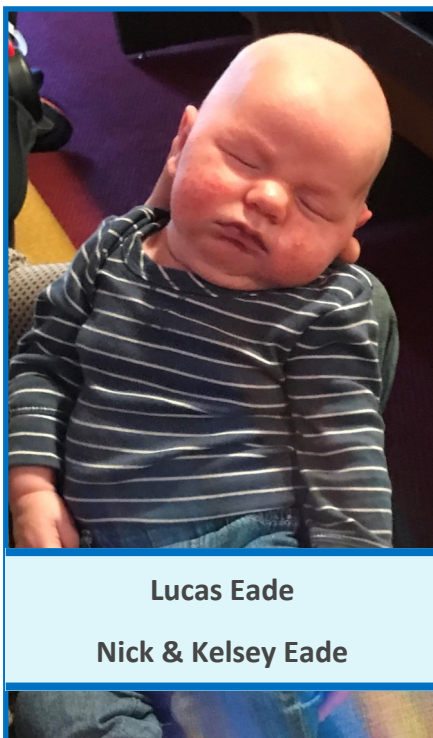
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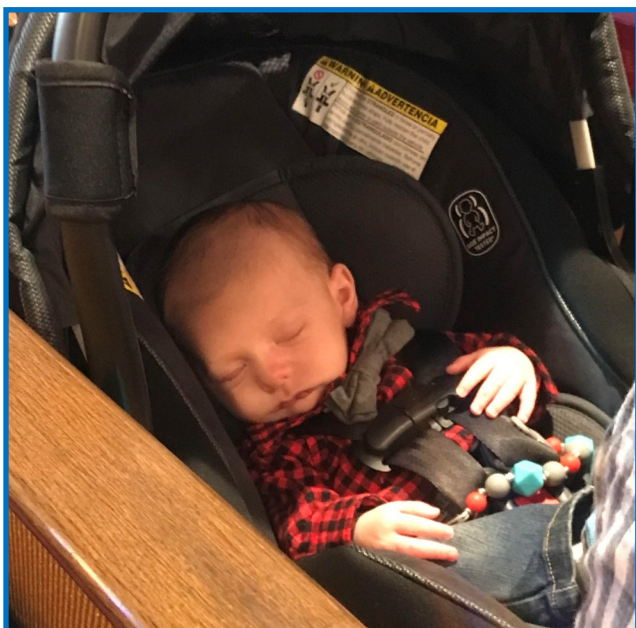


Lucas Eade

Nick & Kelsey Eade

All Saints Day

***Honoring
those who
have passed
and new
babies!***



Emric Kinney

Brendon & Jennifer Kinney

We light a candle to also honor:

Luella Rinard

Virginia Patton

Baby Jaxson Wynes

Baby Wade Weipert

And those mentioned by our
congregation

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Beth Schreck: Teacher, Writer, Musician, Grandma!



I was born in Saint Joseph sometime in the last century. As a baby, I was baptized by Doctor Harvey at First Methodist Church, sometimes called the White Temple. He baptized his youngest ones using a rose. After I grew a bit, I enjoyed the “Who can find the passage in the Bible fastest” games. I grew a bit more and started playing the organ for Wednesday night services.

I have had many jobs. As a babysitter, I could read “A Fly Went By” in record time. I spent a summer working in the hospital kitchen (ugh), and two summers in dental labs putting together false teeth.

Through college, I worked as an accompanist. I taught band and vocal music in Nebraska. As a very curious person, I entered nurses training at Missouri Methodist Hospital.

I did that for one year, and then had to stop because they would not let us work an outside job while we were in school. I missed it but continued to teach. Two years with delightful preschoolers in Head Start was very interesting. I taught vocal music in Cuba, Missouri, and both vocal music and junior high science at DeKalb. (It was here that Homecoming, Halloween, and a full moon all came on the same day! Just use your imagination!)

Teaching elementary band for two years at North Pole, Alaska, was great fun.

My favorite Alaska story: It was quite cold. It had been 63 degrees below zero for nearly two weeks. In the outlying area where kids had to wait for the bus, it was even colder--73 below! The school board decided because of the continued cold, they would give the kids a break and not have school that Friday. Friday came and the temperature was higher--43 below zero--so we had school!

I had married a military chaplain. At this point he no longer wanted to lie down in green pastures, he wanted to find greener pastures, so off he went. He called to tell me he was leaving, and that he thought Schreck was too harsh a name so he was going to change his name to Shepherd. I wanted to say, “As in the Good?” I don't know how I resisted that!

I invested 10 ½ years teaching adult residents at the state hospital. I even got to sing in our band there. When the education program was sadly cut, I went to AGP where I worked in the lab as a chemist for six years. I missed teaching! Two years at BCCH were wonderful. I was awarded a grant to add science equipment to my classroom there.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Cindy Buhman



It's November! I have turned the calendar page and am thinking about all the activities to come during this month. It will be a whirlwind, I know, but I give thanks for friends and family who do the craziness with me! That includes YOU! We share abundant blessings from our God – abundant love, joy, hope, and faith – all topics we will be discussing this month.

We began with Abundant Love last Sunday – a love which covers a multitude of sins. You can watch the service online at www.clairchurch.com if you weren't able to join us in person. It was a fun day with costumed boys and girls at Children's Time. Alice Cooper was quoted during the sermon, and we sang, "I love you more today than yesterday, but not as much as tomorrow." (Now I can't get that song out of my mind!) We lighted candles for saints of our past – those who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. And we lighted pink and blue candles for the babies born among us this year – saints of our future! Little Emric Kinney and Lucas Eade made their very first visit to Clair UMC! And, I will add, they both slept through the whole service!

As part of this Abundant worship series, I invite you to join in conversation each week to talk about the sermon and how God's abundance impacts our body, mind, and spirit. We'll meet in person at Clair UMC at 2 PM each Monday. Or I'll be online at 7:00 each Wednesday evening if you'd like to join the conversation there. We'll spend an hour in conversation and prayer. Let me know if you are interested in the online option and I'll send you the link to join.

Clair UMC has been a busy place lately! I am thankful for the energy and excitement around being the Church!

And, one more thing... I just completed an online order for the Muffin Fundraiser Open Door Food Kitchen is doing. Check it out at www.theopendoorfoodkitchen.org/muffins. Each half-dozen muffins is \$12. You may choose from Banana, Blueberry, Pumpkin, and Chocolate Chocolate Chip. We talked Sunday about the important ministry Open Door is. They have been serving over 350 lunches each day lately. Our support is so important. All orders must be received by Friday, Nov. 5, and may be picked up at Open Door on Friday, Nov. 12 or Saturday, Nov. 13 between 1:30 and 5:30 PM.

Blessings, Friends, as we live in God's ABUNDANCE! *Pastor Cindy*

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Food Prep for over 360 meals served at the Open Door Food Kitchen! Thanks helpers!

Thanks to Wayne, Ross, Rod, Ryan, Duane, Joe, Scooter, Denny & Brendon!

Great breakfast by Sherry & Barb!

Men's Group Stays Between the Lines!



Clair's Calendar

Nov. 3—Nov. 24	Sermon discussions—2 pm Mondays in person; 7 pm Wednesdays online
November 8	Starlite 6 pm
November 9	Admin. Brd. Mtg.
November 14	Rescheduled HOT DOG ROAST 12 noon
November 20	Men's Breakfast

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In my 10 ½ years at Mid Buchanan, I tutored, taught music preschool through 3rd grade, worked with some special ed kids, taught some computer programs, and had reading students after school. I even had a first grader build a rocket. I was awarded my second grant there to add equipment needed for our music program. At this time of year, each of my music classes composed their own Halloween song, both words and music. These special songs are now part of my treasure chest.

My “kids” are: Staci Hammond Schreck and Nicholas Hammond Schreck. They are OLD.

Grandchildren: All A’s on her grade card Karli, who is very active in dance and theater and will be playing the part of Fiona in the musical Shrek (March 2022). She is doing a terrific job with her trumpet. I do wish she would sing more! Her birthday is 9/25.

Elliott: The wise, the big brother, takes pride in the things he knows. Enrolled in tap and ballet. Does really NOT like loud noises and is sometimes/often scared by them. Very sensitive and loving. 12/26/16

Fenian: The explorer, the adventurer. Very curious and has a great memory. Also, in tap and ballet. Has expressed a fear of “tormados.” When moisture falls from the sky, Fenian calls it ‘water.’ Elliott is insistent that it is ‘rain.’ This little fellow is also very loving. 12/17/17

I have attended Clair since Pastor Ben Mulford was here. I had been here a couple of times, then played for the Christmas Eve services.



Special memories at Clair include:

I hesitate to mention any name that belongs with the hands that played with the knobs on the red stove thinking it was a big toy, but Sherry was so kind and understanding when I reluctantly had to tell her the strap on her very nice purse had been somewhat melted and seared. Talk about people you appreciate!!!

Christmas Eve when the lights go out and the candles go on.

Children singing special songs down in front.

How strange and silly I have felt when I have left the organ to go let the people I hear talking in the hallway know I am here, or to say hello, and there is no one there. I could attest I have heard Patty. I do not do that anymore. I think the voices are an illusion created by the wind blowing in a certain way across the roof. I have practiced in many churches at many different hours of the day and of the night. Each has its own personality expressed in its own creaks and groans and strange sounds which do become familiar.

One of the funniest things that happened when Ben was there was: I had been so careful about locking both doors. He came in and just gave the locked inner doors a push and they opened. **See Page 6**

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Mark 10:46-52

**The blind man wanted Jesus to
heal him.**

**The crowd helped the blind
man make his way to Jesus.**

**The children learn how we can
help lead others to Christ.**



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He also told me once I should consider not practicing in big storms because the church had no basement--no safe place to go and we were in a big, wide, open space.

Fenian would think that prime for 'tormados!"

Hearing the congregation laugh! What a happy sound.

I like to read, but don't do as much as I like. I have been rereading "Only the Ball was White," a fascinating story about the history of early baseball. I attended Karli's book fair and could not resist, "Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories." 'Tis the Season!

I enjoy playing solitaire online because people from all parts of the world discuss the challenges and how they did. We sometimes share trials and tribulations and very happy thoughts--and many of those friends contributed a funny for Holy Humor Sunday. I am amazed at how closely folks in other countries follow what is going on here and do share very revealing opinions which I appreciate! I have been cut off from them for a while because my laptop is on (possibly permanent) strike.



**The Lord your God is in your midst
The mighty one will save
He will rejoice over you with gladness
He will quiet you with his love
He will rejoice over you with singing**

**What a magnificent picture that gives!
God rejoicing and singing over US.
Wow! How humbling and how beautiful! - Beth See Page 7**



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I love writing and need to do more. My book, “Lord, Help Me...the Desperate Dieter” was published by Concordia. I did win a very nice camera in an online writing contest once. Karli and Meredith sang my song “Have you Seen the Baby?”

Singing is terrific. I like seeing plants grow. My grandchildren delight me. They are sooo precious.

I have heard many people ask for prayers for sick friends or for medical issues they are facing. I am glad we can share and add them to prayer lists.

If you consider adding me to your prayer list, pray that I become smothered with good housekeeping skills. I would like to be blessed with some positive financial acumen. I also believe it is time for my hands to quit shrinking and for my brain to stay healthy!

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*“Touching my heart at Clair are
the love & work that everyone
puts into things”—Beth Schreck*

Maybe I shouldn’t share this because Karli thinks it is weird. I would like to play for my own funeral! (NOT anytime soon!) I already have several songs recorded and put on my FB page. (www.facebook.com/beth.schreck.5) One of my favorites is near the top: “The Inner Light.” I have several, but would like to record them better with a piano and/or organ in nice tune. I heard music from Francis Street First one Sunday (popped up on fb and surprised me). I think it said Donovan was playing. That piano is really out of tune!



Touching my heart at Clair are the love and the work that everyone puts into things, and the care that this congregation has for others. There is so much kindness and generosity here!

I also appreciated the special events which brought the past to life. What great efforts and caring on the part of the participants, playing roles or working in the background to create the success of the events. The energy here can be phenomenal. I appreciate our Sunday crew and their dedication to getting the service out to those who cannot be here, Debbie's newsletter, and Cindy's (Joe, too) enthusiasm and gentleness and love with the children, and the special efforts Meredith and others put in to help our children learn. I appreciate the people in the background doing things that I don't see, the people who clean and keep us beautiful, Scooter's magnificent smile and attitude bringing me through the door on Sunday morning, and the wonderful folks sitting in the seats that put amazing finishing touches on what our church is and what it does.

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