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## Easter 2022 Celebrated at Clair Church!



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### Karen Jones feels welcomed at Clair!



I was born in Minnesota and grew up in Spencer, Iowa (NW Iowa). We attended First English Lutheran church which was part of Missouri Synod. I joined the United Methodist church sometime around 1986.

I had a lot of jobs in my teen and younger adult years. Eventually I completed my studies in Mental Health Counseling and spent about 35 years working in the mental health field, mostly with children. I was more of an administrator than a counselor and retired from Children's Square U.S.A. where my last position was as the Vice President of Professional Service.

I also served for 21 years in the Iowa Army National Guard. Most of that time, I worked in the personnel section of a Battalion Headquarters. The Guard was a great experience for me, and it provided some balance because it was so different from my civilian jobs in Human Services.

I have been married one time and have three grown daughters and nine grandchildren, ages 3-23. My oldest

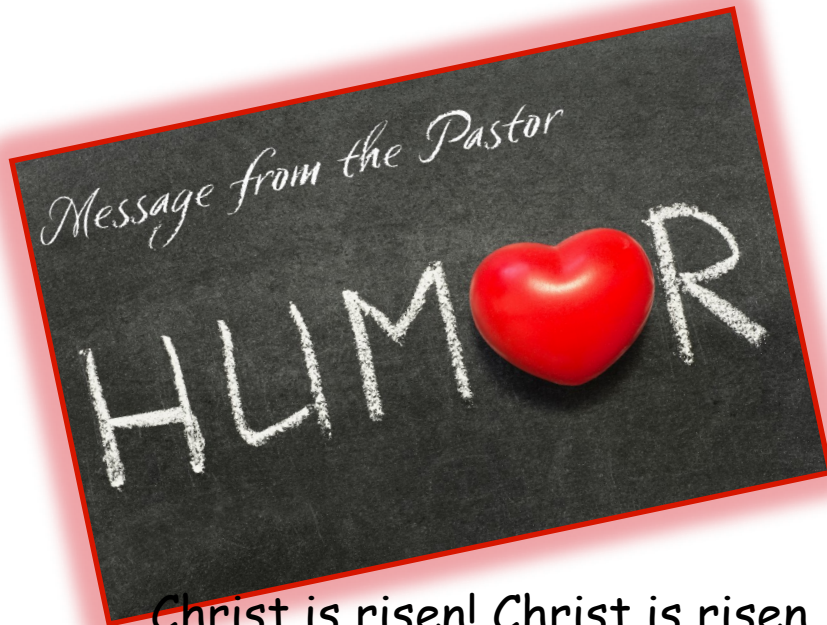
daughter, Shaela, lives in Maryland with her husband and two sons. She is a physicist and works for Goddard Space Center. My second daughter, Michelle, is a teacher (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and she and her husband farm near Fairfax, Missouri. She has a son by her first marriage who is 23 and lives in Kansas City, and a son and twin daughters still at home. Melissa, my youngest, lives in Prairie Village, Kansas and she and her husband have two daughters and a son. She works for CB Richard Ellis and manages commercial property in the KC area.

I have attended Clair for little more than a year. I don't have a lot of memories from Clair, but one of my favorite church related stories is about my Grandson Abram. He went to Sunday School on Palm Sunday when he was about 4. After class, he proudly showed his mother the Easter egg he had colored. He was so excited he was stuttering, and he said, "An,an,an, and NEXT Sunday, this egg is going to crack open, an, an, and JESUS is going to come out!"

I like to read, do puzzles, and swim. I attend water aerobics which I really enjoy. I had a huge flower garden at my last house, but it was a lot to keep up so I am trying not to get so carried away this time. I really like history and enjoy museums and historical sites, and I am trying to do some genealogy – I'm very much an amateur.

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Pastor Cindy Buhman



### Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

The church calendar has calmed down a bit from the activities of last week. We went from the joy of the Palm Sunday parade to the joy of Easter morning, but there were difficult days between the celebrations. I appreciated the Ebenezer congregation hosting the Maundy Thursday service, complete with foot washing and Holy Communion. Then on Friday we gathered at Clair UMC for a Tenebrae service, commemorating Jesus' final hours.

It was great to see families gather for Easter morning worship and to sing the glorious hymns of Easter. And the babies were so much fun! I made my way to the nursery following worship and found four little boys – three babies in arms. And two other baby boys and their parents had already gone! I look forward to baptisms coming up on May 1 and others on June 5 when we will also welcome new youth and adult members into the Clair UMC family on the day of Pentecost.

Our membership classes are going well. I so enjoy the conversations we have had about the Trinity: Father, Son, Spirit – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. We have talked about creation, about sin, forgiveness, our need for a redeemer, and the power of the Holy Spirit. There's much more to come over the next weeks as we prepare for confirmation and membership on June 5. It isn't too late to join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM!

But, right now I'm excited about Holy Humor Sunday coming up on April 24! Bring your best "dad" jokes to share. We'll be sure to sing fun songs and laugh a lot as we celebrate that God has played the biggest joke of all on ol' Satan – defeating sin and death once and for all through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Easter blessings, Friends! It is an honor to be your pastor!

*Pastor Cindy*

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# Clair's Calendar

Now through June 1 Membership classes—6:30 pm each Wednesday

April 23 *Safe Gatherings Refresher for ALL VBS volunteers 10-12 noon at Clair*

April 24 Holy Humor Sunday!

April 29 Serve at Food Kitchen 9 am

May 5 VBS meeting at Ebenezer 6:30 pm

May 7 **FLOWER SALE! 9 am—2 pm**

May 9 Starlite 5:30 pm

May 10 Administrative Board 6 pm

May 15 Fellowship Luncheon

May 21 Men's Group 8 am

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I moved here from Iowa since two of my daughters and 7 grandchildren live near here. My mother moved here with me from Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

I still get up to NW Iowa about once a year. My best friend married a farmer near there, and I have aunts and uncles in Southern Minnesota. This year we are having our 50 year class reunion and I keep asking myself “how can that be possible!?”

I have felt really comfortable and welcomed in this church which is appreciated when moving to a different town and a new church where you don't really know anyone.



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### Food and Fun Enjoyed on Easter Sunday!

