

July 13, 2022

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Clair Helps SOS Graduate Invest in the Future

On Friday, July 8, volunteers from Clair helped a recent Sisters of Solace graduate – Savanna – move into her new apartment! SOS had also lined up additional help to move the larger items. Starlite had spearheaded the collection of household items in preparation for the move. You may have seen the tables full of useful items in the Fellowship Hall as the donations kept coming in! It was a blessing to see a bed, bedding, dresser, linens, kitchenware, lamps, cleaning supplies, curtains, coffee maker, microwave, TV, and the list goes on! Thanks to all who helped by generously providing items and/or delivering the items to help Savanna start this new chapter of her life. After the items were all delivered to the second floor apartment, we all joined hands in prayer as Pastor Cindy blessed Savanna's new home. The smiles say it all!



Graduates

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Shanna Frank: She's Not in Kansas Anymore!



Shanna Eggers Frank has been a lifelong Kansan. She grew up on a farm in rural Woodson County (southeastern Kansas) and then moved to Emporia to attend college. She lived primarily in Emporia, with a two-year stint in Lawrence, until moving to St. Joseph when she and Phillip were married November 26, 2021. She was raised in a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Shanna works for Emporia State University. She's worked in their TRIO programs – federally funded grant programs serving first-generation, low-income students in their pursuit of higher education – since her undergraduate days at ESU. She has worked with students in 6th through 12th grades (college preparatory programs) and undergraduate students. She currently serves as the director of the McNair Scholars Program that she wrote and obtained for the university in 2017. She is blessed that her supervisor has allowed her to maintain this position remotely after she moved to St. Joe. She enjoys being active in her professional association where she has served in a

variety of leadership capacities at both the state and regional level.

She enjoys baking and reading. She really wishes Phillip enjoyed her desserts more but he doesn't have nearly the sweet tooth that she does! Before getting married, Shanna also committed a lot of her time to advocating for child welfare. She was a licensed foster parent, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, a leader of a foster-parent support group, and part of her prior church's Loving Hands ministry supporting foster families.

She began attending Clair occasionally with Phillip while they were dating and has attended regularly since moving to St. Joseph.

Shanna's favorite memory from Clair (so far!) is the Harvest Festival last fall when she was bidding on a loaf of bread and Phillip began bidding against her. Everyone had a good laugh and it helped raise additional money for a good cause!

She appreciates the kindness of all the Clair members and how much Pastor Cindy's sermons resonate with her.



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The scripture for Sunday's worship was 1 Kings 17:8-16 – the story of the prophet Elijah and his interaction with the widow and her son in the town of Zarephath. During my time with the children during worship we talked about the widow running out of food. What do we do when we run out of food?

Go to the store and buy some.

What do we do if we don't have money to buy food?

Grow food in the garden.

Then we had conversation about the Open Door Food Kitchen, collecting food for food pantries, etc. For little boys who have had no experience with having no food in their homes, I suspect it is hard to imagine an empty refrigerator or pantry. But the conversation was a reminder for all of us to keep food pantries in mind this summer, especially as food prices rise.

Several years ago I received a call from a young mom who said she was out of food. I bought some staples at the local grocery store and delivered the food to her apartment. A little boy greeted me at the door and helped carry bags inside. The woman expressed her gratefulness as she started to put items away. I was really "got" as I saw that the refrigerator was empty – literally. There was nothing on cabinet shelves either. When she said she was out of food, she meant she was out of food.

So... keep those who are hungry in mind when you are shopping or when you are gathering vegetables from your garden or when you are eating a meal. Keep the widow of Zarephath and her son in mind. Let's do our part to make sure food never runs out just as God's love for us never runs out.

Here is an opportunity to stick your toe into Lay Ministry waters!

Online Basic Course: Introduction to Lay Ministry

This is a foundational course, where participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership.

Online - August 4, 5, 12, 13

Offered through the Northwest District

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy

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Showing Generosity

.....more pictures from Savanna's move!



Home Sweet Home

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Clair Church will once again be participating in the children's shoe drive for the AFL-CIO in St. Joseph- Soles for Christ. This will be the 20th year for this program, which offers shoes to children from pre-school to 12th grade living in Andrew and Buchanan in Missouri and Doniphan County, Kansas. Two additional counties will be added this year: Clinton and DeKalb counties in Missouri. Last year, 781 students received shoes.

Bring new shoe donations to Clair by July 24!!

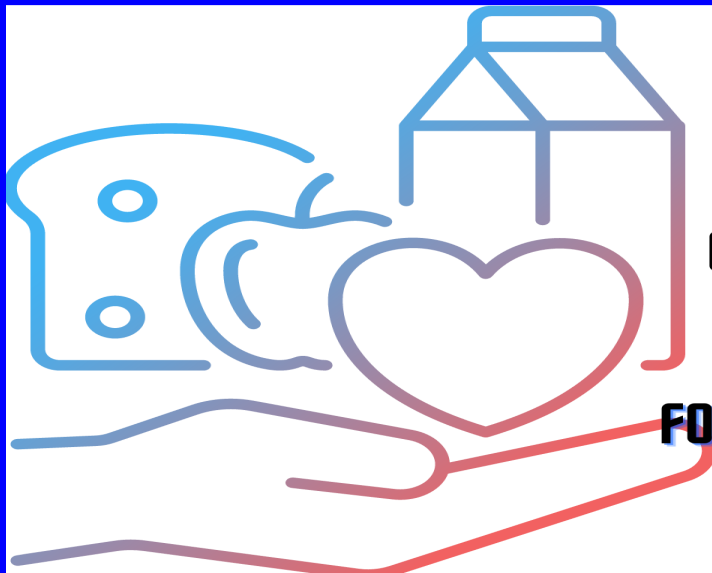
Join us July 19-21 at
Ebenezer as we
continue Vacation
Bible School! Meal
is served at 5:15 and
VBS concludes at
8 PM!



FOOD FOR KIDS

**CLAIR IS COLLECTING NEW
BOYS' BOXER UNDERWEAR
FOR BOYS SERVED BY THE
FOOD FOR KIDS ORGANIZATION**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



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ClairChurch
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Fellowship Activity

YOU ARE INVITED!



FISH FRY

& Chicken Tenders

Friday, August 19

@ 6:30 p.m.

The Schreiber's Farm

9620 SE Pickett Rd.

Easton, MO



Join us for Food, Fun, & Fellowship.
Please bring a side dish or dessert
and your lawn chair!
We will provide the fish, chicken tenders, and
drinks.

Live music with Curtis Stroud!

Kids Fun!

Water Balloon Fight and Sprinkler Fun.
Bring your swimsuit, water gun, and towel.



Plus, a birthday celebration for Pastor Cindy!



Karli Schreck

& Erika Strasser's
daughter
will be in Beauty
& the Beast at the
Ruby Theater 615
S. 10th on July 22
at 7 PM

Contact Karen
Vulgamott to or-
ganize tickets!

Clair's Calendar

July 16	Men's Group—8 AM
July 19-21	VBS at Ebenezer—5:15 PM
July 24	Last Sunday to donate new Soles for Christ shoes
July 29	Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen
August 3	Final Night of Vacation Bible School
August 8	Starlite—5:30 PM
August 9	Administrative Board—6 PM
August 14	Fellowship Luncheon
August 19	Fish Fry at Schreibers'
August 20	Men's Group—8 AM
August 29	Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen

