



Beulah Land

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As you may know, the season of Lent is well underway. Lent is the time of the church calendar when we especially try to recognize the journey that Jesus took toward Calvary. Of course, it is important that we become familiar with the stories associated with the sacrifice of Jesus, but I also believe that Lent is a time for all of us to ponder what Jesus' sacrifice means in our life. When the nails pierced Jesus' flesh what benefit was that for you? He died because He loves you. He died to open a door in your life so that you would be heir to the kingdom of God the Father.

The center of the Lenten message occurs in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus comes to the place where He must accept the purpose that God had in store for Him. He says "Father, if it is possible, take this cup from me, yet not as I will, but thy will be done." And from that moment on, Jesus' mission was to be a living sacrifice in order to reconcile a sinful people to their creator who is God the Father. **Jesus** died to deliver humanity from the darkness of sin and into the light of God's eternal Kingdom. In the context of Jesus' love, we come to know about grace and mercy. By the blood that Jesus shed as He died on the cross, we have the opportunity to know what it means to be forgiven for our sin. We come to know what it means to be loved unconditionally. We did nothing to deserve the deliverance the cross gives us. The love of Jesus is a gift that was freely given so that we might know the love of the Father.

Without the cross we are a square peg and the kingdom of God is a round whole. Jesus' love rounds our corners so that we fit perfectly into the niche that God has carved out for us since before the beginning of time.

During this Lenten Season ask yourself, what does it mean for you to trust Jesus Christ? What does it mean for you to obey His command, to love? What does the love from the cross of Jesus mean to you? How does that love change your life? Do you reflect a sincere desire to pick up your cross and follow our Lord Jesus Christ?

Pastor Tim

Worship Committee:

Communion will be served:



- March 31 – 9am, **Confirmation** during Worship Service. Four young ladies will be joining the church: Kyla Elsbury, Taylor Krueger, Sierra Krueger and Rachael Sandhaas-Hoke. There will be no Sunday School so all the children can join in this special day. Following worship, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall.
- April 18 – 7pm, Maundy Thursday Service will be held at CV Presbyterian Church.
- April 21 – 9am, Easter / Resurrection of Our Lord / One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected. There will be no Sunday School. The annual Jerry Sheldon Memorial Pancake Breakfast will follow worship hosted by the Congo Life Committee. The children are invited to an Easter Egg hunt following the breakfast.



One Great Hour of Sharing:

The church is the Holy Spirit's transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth through the church-wide One Great Hour of Sharing. There are three focus areas to better the world:

1. PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)
 - o Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
 - o Receives 32% of funds raised.
2. PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)
 - o Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
 - o Receives 36% of funds raised.
3. SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)
 - o Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
 - o Receives 32% of funds raised.

Please Remember Our Shut-ins in Your Prayers:

Grace Day 601 Hawthorne Crossing Drive SE Apt 213 Bondurant, IA 50035	Eleanor Garrison c/o Dan Garrison 5921 Cambridge Dr N. Richland Hills, TX 76184	Sonia Grafton Avonlea Cottage 2021 1 st St E, Room 26 Milan, IL 61264	Doris Kennedy 4909 107 th Ave Milan, IL 61264
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Prayer Requests:

Carol Browning	Cindee Brugman	Robert DeVries	Gary Lovested	Pat Modglin	Gloria Paulsen
Dylan Preston	Myrtle Sheldon	Bethany Spears	Tom Spears	Alex Strandgard	Harriet Strandgard

Please alert us with additions or changes to our Prayer List – Thank you!

Deacon
Ministry



During the month of February, 2018, the Beulah deacons reached out to others as reported below:

home visits = 2	communions = 0	calls/texts = 19
hospital visits = 0	funerals = 0	food delivered = 1
assisted living/nursing home visits = 3	cards sent = 37	good deeds = 3

Please remember those who are home bound and those on our prayer list.

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." -- from the book "Wings of Silver", page 48.

Sherrill Hills, secretary

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

EASTER LILIES

The deacons are taking orders for Easter lilies this year; \$15 each. Make checks out to: Beulah Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund. On the 'memo' line, write Easter Lilies.

Please contact Sherrill Hills by phone or text at 309/798-4015, or by e-mail at hills86@frontiernet.net, to place an order. Be sure to give your name if you text, and provide the name of the person or persons in whose memory you are purchasing the lily.



For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:18

Don't forget to check out Beulah's web page.

www.beulahpcusa.org



Beulah's Lent Mission Project *Collecting until Easter (April 21)*

Recipient: Christian Care - Rescue Mission (houses 36 men)

Our Mission Committee already purchased 16 replacement pillows for their facility to replace/supplement the pillow supply we purchased for them last year.

Following are the additional items they could use:

Donation List – Top Needs

1. Bed sheets (***twin size in white***) for bunk beds.

- Fitted bottoms with flat tops
- Package with bottom, top, & pillow case also Ok

2. Monetary Donations to purchase bus tickets. (*Please make checks payable to: Beulah Mission.*)

Christian Care serves over 60,000 meals per year. They also have a daily meal site which provides meals to anyone who comes to get a meal (breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days a week).

We look forward to your continued support of this project. The staff and the men at Christian Care really appreciate our donations.

Thank you, Beulah Mission Committee



**Family members don't have to be blood. They just have to be caring.
Remember, you have a church family at Beulah!**

New Photo Directory

Please sign up on the appointment schedule in the narthex the date and time you wish to have your picture taken for our new directory.

Place:

Beulah

Beulah

Date:

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Times:

2-9pm

10am-5pm



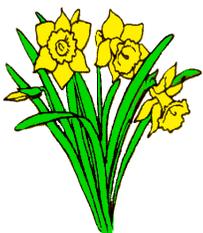


- Good bye Winter; so long snow. It's time to watch the flowers grow!
- An apology is a good way to have the last word.
- Don't put others in their place; put YOURSELF in THEIR place.
- Seconds count, especially when dieting.
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- Time spent improving yourself lessens time for criticizing others.
- Past failures are guideposts for future successes.
- It takes only a few minutes to be kind.
- Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light. For Christ is with you ever more, to guide you day and night.
- A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits.
- Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.
- Sending love to everyone who's trying their best to heal from things they don't discuss.
- When you can't forgive someone, pray for them. It may or may not change them, but it will always change you.
- I STAND for the flag. I KNEEL for the cross.

Have You Read the Church Sign Messages on the Corner of 104th Street and 148th Avenue?

Our thanks to Carol Browning for updating this sign.

- Love one another as God has loved you.
- Faith Hope Love. The greatest is LOVE.
- Hope = Hanging on Patiently Everyday.
- TGIF = Today God is First.



The Orion Area Food Pantry is seeking assistance providing families with holiday meals for Easter. The Food Pantry is planning to distribute holiday meals to 28 families (90 persons) this year. To help provide these meals, the Food Pantry is requesting you sign up to bring the items listed in the narthex to church so they can be distributed to those in need. Since distribution of Easter meals will be April 16, items should be returned to the church no later than April 14.

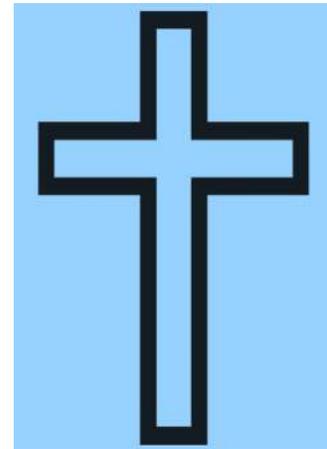
Sign up today to help make the holiday happy and joyous for other families in our community.

**“Jesus said, ‘I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart.
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.
So don't be troubled or afraid’”. John 14:27**



I'll hold you in my heart until I hold you in heaven!

I Still Believe in
 Amazing Grace,
 That there is
 Power in the Blood,
 That He walks with me and He talks with me,
 That Because He lives,
 I Can Face Tomorrow all
 because of the **Rugged Cross**.



**Our Congo Life Committee wants you to save the date of
May 18 for the annual Spring Luncheon!!**

Some days I amaze myself; other days I look for my phone while I'm holding it!

Life is short, keep it sweet!

God is the arm that will hold on to you at your weakest.

God is the eye that will see you at your darkest.

God is the heart that will love you at your worst.

Remember: God may tell you NO because He has a better YES!

Be fluid and open. Accept change as it comes and trust God with the outcome.

Every single one of us is here on earth for a reason.

February 2019		
Worship	Giving	Attendance
02/03/19	\$ 832.00	29
02/10/19	\$ 1,618.00	34
02/17/19	\$ 667.00	36
02/24/19	\$ 2,527.00	46

- *"Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,..." Luke 24:46*
- *"He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification..." Romans 4:25*
- *"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united..." Romans 6:5*
- *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Peter 1:3*

