

Beulah Land

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Minister's Message

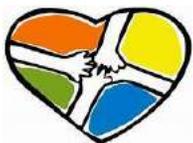
Welcome 2020! As we begin a new year, think of all of the possibilities that lie ahead. In looking back, we have met our financial goals, and 2019 was a good year as far as mission and ministry. In looking ahead, 2020 brings into view a whole new realm of potential for us to answer the call to be God's servants and God's children. As God's servants, we have opportunities to answer His call to love and serve those in need around us and around the world. And as God's children, we have the opportunity to embrace God's love, remembering that the hand of our Savior is always stretched out for us to hold onto. God's love is there for us not only to share in times of struggle and sorrow, but also to share in time of success and happiness.

So, my hope for us, in our individual journeys as well as our church community, is that we would never take opportunities for God's love, in good times or in bad, for granted. God loves you and me always. His love is not just for Sundays, or for life's extreme situations. God loves us when we are bored. God loves us when we are sad. God loves us when we are hurting, when we are happy, when we are overwhelmed, when we are doing routine things or very challenging things. God's love is always there for us. If we stop and think about that, many of us really only scratch the surface of the potential of our relationship with God. There is so much more joy and love and support that could come from God's hand into our hearts if we would only say, "Here I am Lord."

Let us make our goal in 2020 to tap further into the potential of our relationship with God. Life seems to set up road blocks sometimes, but we know that in Christ, all things are possible. Let us take advantage of all the opportunities that we have to make our lives an offering unto the Lord, instead of an offering unto ourselves. Let us take advantage of all the opportunities that we have to see and to feel our Savior's love in the hearts of those people around us. A richer sense of God's love is there for us, if only we would answer the call of our God to love all the people around us and to serve them and to fellowship with them, instead of turning our time and thoughts inward, thinking only of those ends that serve our personal needs. The light of Christ could burn with so much more brilliance.

May see a brighter light in Christ's love as 2020 unfolds before us.

Pastor Tim



Deacon's Report for November and December 2019

During the months of November and December, the Beulah deacons reached out to others as reported below:

NOVEMBER

home visits – 1
hospital visits – 0
assisted living/nursing home visits – 4
communion – 0
funerals – 0
cards/emails – 55
calls/texts – 7
food delivered – 2
good deeds – 4

DECEMBER

home visits – 2
hospital visits – 0
assisted living/nursing home visits - 4
communion – 0
funerals – 0
cards/emails – 55
calls/texts – 13
food delivered – 6
good deeds – 7

"One kind word can warm three winter months." - Japanese Proverb found in the book "To Every Thing There Is a Season".
"The way to be happy is to make others happy." - taken from the book "Apples of Gold", page 34.

Sherrill Hills, secretary

Worship Committee:

Communion will be served on:

- Sunday, February 2, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
- Sunday, March 1, Transfiguration of the Lord



May God be above you to Bless you; below you to Support you; before you to Guide you; behind you to Protect you; beside you to Comfort you; and inside you to give you Strength and Joy.

Prayer Requests:

Carl Colson	Robert DeVries	Carolyn Jessen	Addison Kelly	Terry Kuster	Gary Lovested
Jack Millan	Lucy Peterson	Dylan Preston	Alex Strandgard	Pat Sussman	Jackie Williams

Clint Ziemer-Pastor Cable Community Church

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family:

- Tim & Bethany Spears and their daughter, Carmichael, who are serving in the Philippines.
- Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

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

Please Remember Our Shut-ins in Your Prayers:

Grace Day
601 Hawthorne Crossing Drive SE
Apt 213
Bondurant, IA 50035

Eleanor Garrison
c/o Doug Garrison
910 Honey Locust Dr
Fate, TX 75087

Sonia Grafton
Avonlea Cottage
2021 1st St E, Room 26
Milan, IL 61264

Doris Kennedy
4909 107th Ave
Milan, IL 61264

Harriet Strandgard
Amber Ridge Memory Care
221 11th Ave
Moline, IL 61265

Jackie Williams (for rehabilitation)
4343 Kennedy Dr, #2102
East Moline, IL 61244

I wish you:

12 months of happiness,
52 weeks of fun,
366 days of success (*yes, it's leap year*),

8,784 hours of good health,
527,040 minutes of good luck,
and 31,622,400 seconds of joy!

Happy New Year! You are very special!!

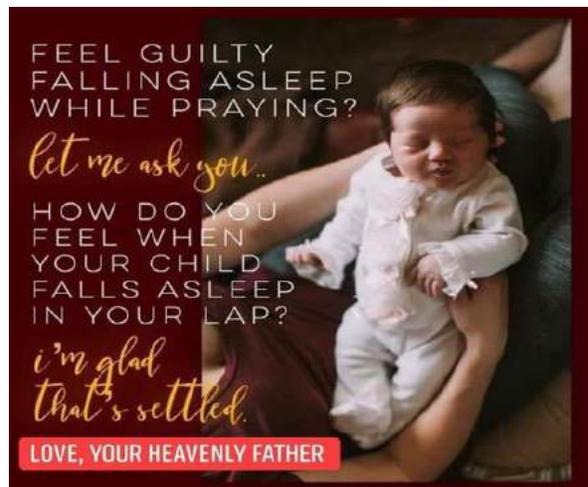
Bible Verses:

- ♥ Be still and know that I am God. *Psalm 46:10*
- ♥ You are loved. We thank Our God through Jesus Christ for you. *Romans 1:8*
- ♥ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. *Matthew 3:16-17.*



- Thank you to the special people in my life who have listened without conditions, understood with empathy and loved me no matter what!
- Thank you God for a roof over my head, a bed to sleep in, food on my table and shoes on my feet. Forgive me if I every start to complain and forget my great blessings. Amen.
- On my bad days, I seek you. On my good days, I thank you. On my great days, I praise you. But every day I need you. Thank you God for always being there for me.
- Good New: God is getting you back on your feet for the greatest comeback of your life. Tell God, "Thank you".
- I opened two gifts this morning. They were my two eyes. Thank you God. Amen.
- At the end of the day all that really matters is you've done your best. Your loved ones are well and you are thankful for all that you have. Thank you God.
- It's really nice to wake up in the morning realizing that God has given me another day to live. Thank you God. Amen.
- Thank you God for always being there, when nobody else was. Thank you for Your unconditional love.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His favour upon
you and give you His peace.
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Thoughts for the New Year:

- ✓ My strength did not come from lifting weights...my strength came from God lifting me up when I was knocked down.
- ✓ One song can change a moment. One idea can change a world. One step can start a journey, but a prayer can change the impossible.
- ✓ No one can go back in time to change what has happened. So work on your present to make yourself a wonderful future.
- ✓ As the old year retires and a new one is born, we commit it into the hands of God. We ask for direction and guidance. May God grant us His grace, His tranquility and His wisdom!
- ✓ You don't need a new year or a new day to start over; you only need a new mindset.
- ✓ Do you have just 1 minute to thank God for all you have?

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

Our thanks to Carol Browning for weekly updating this sign.

- **God is with you everywhere you go.**
- **A GRATEFUL heart is a HAPPY heart.**
- **Be thankful for what you have.**
- **God's greatest gifts . . . hope, peace, joy and love.**
- **Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**
- **We are keeping Christ in CHRISTmas.**
- **Grow in FAITH, Grow in LOVE.**
- **May God give you grace and peace.**



Beulah's Annual Congregational Meeting

Plan to join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting,
which will be held on Sunday, January 26
during our 9am Worship Service.

Before you sleep, **PRAY.** When you wake up, **PRAY.**
When life gets hard, **PRAY.** When you're happy, **PRAY.**
If you are unsure, **PRAY.** God is always with us. Amen.



2020

- I have removed all of the bad food from my house. **IT WAS DELICIOUS!**
- **ALARM CLOCK FOR RETIREES:** Go back to sleep or get up; it's entirely up to you!
- If you want to be happy, do not dwell in the past, do not worry about the future, focus on living fully in the present.
- I'm on two diets now: I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one!
- I'm not fat, but I'm not thin either. I'm at the point where you can definitely tell I like chocolate cake.
- When you are so overwhelmed that you can't put your prayers into words, remember...God hears your heart.
- Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.
- One day, I would like to turn on the news and hear "There is Peace on Earth".
- In this new year, may your financial worries leave you as your finances multiply. May your pain be less and your joy more. May you have less worry and more faith. May God bless you and your loved ones with this and more. Amen.
- Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.
- Forgive people in your life, even those who are not sorry for their actions. Holding onto anger only hurts you, not them.
- Your cell phone has already replaced your watch, camera, calendar and alarm clock - Don't let it replace your family.
- Try starting your day or ending your day by praying to Our Lord as it is the sweetest time of the day. Why? Because you are talking to the One who loves you the most.
- When sadness fills your heart, when tears flow in your eyes, always remember 3 things:
 - 1 – God is with you.
 - 2 – God is still with you.
 - 3 – God is always with you.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Maybe you can put a smile on someone face this year by:
 calling on a loved one,
 sending a note or email to a friend,
 visiting a neighbor who may live alone,
 phoning or visiting a shut-in or someone in the hospital,
 volunteering at a food pantry or a mission site,
 writing a note to a teacher who made a difference in your life,
 sharing YOUR smile with someone at the grocery store, work or at your school.
 We can all make a difference each and every day as we have the love of God in our heart!

Dear God, give me eyes that see the BEST in people,
 A heart that FORGIVES the worst,
 A mind that FORGETS the bad,
 And a soul that NEVER LOSES FAITH. Amen.

Birthdays are good for your health.
Studies show that people who have more birthdays live longer!!

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1 – Sherrill Hills	9 – Jay Solomonson
3 – Jean Daves	20 – Dorothy Gift
6 – Lorenzo Galindo	20 – Rev. Tim Snart
8 – Julia Sandhaas-Hoke	30 – Eleanor Garrison

Wedding Anniversaries

None that we have record of

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

2 – Louise Green	12 – Kendal Cross
2 – Carol Schoening	20 – Deanna Zwicker
2 – Richard Smart	26 – Richard Miller
12 – Carol Browning	28 – Iona Schnowske

Wedding Anniversaries

None that we have record of

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3 – Mary Giannetti
 13 – Jared Nichols

Wedding Anniversaries

21 – Jay & Sheryl Solomonson

Please alert us if we have missed printing your birthday or anniversary – thank you!



T'was the night before Christmas, God glanced over the earth.
 He looked to and fro all over it's girth.
 They missed it again He said with a sigh, a heavy heart and a tear in His eye.
 I gave them my Son, so they could be free, My greatest gift to them from Me.
 They traded Me in for a man in red, a little tree and horse drawn sled.
 How do I save them and make them see that My love is complete, My grace is free?
 How do I help them, when all they know is a talking snowman and a box with a bow?
 Maybe next year, they will stop and see,
 the biggest gift of Christmas is the little child from Me.

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Mission Statement:

Working together for spiritual growth to glorify, praise, worship, and share God's love.

Vision:

Beulah is:

- A Christ-centered family of faith.
- Flexible in learning and listening to God.
- Serving the Lord with gifts and talents through multi-generational engagement.
- A Landmark Church, visible in the community, vibrant in ministry and impacting the world.
- A destination for continual growth.

Slogan:

Love, Thrive, and Grow for the Glory of God.

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Life is a journey, enjoy it!