

Beulah Land

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Minister's Message

As you may know, the season of Lent is well underway. Lent is the time on 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 when Jesus comes to the place where He must accept the purpose that God had for Him to do. 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 hole. 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? Does your life reflect a spirit of thankfulness and are you ready to respond appropriately?

Pastor Tim

Deacon's Report for January 2020

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

JANUARY

home visits – 0
hospital visits – 1
assisted living/nursing home visits – 8
communion – 0
funerals – 0
cards/emails – 32
calls/texts – 24
food delivered – 1
good deeds – 8

FEBRUARY

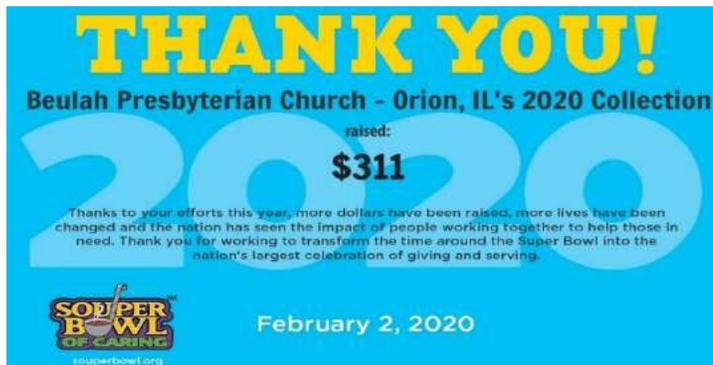
home visits – 2
hospital visits – 0
assisted living/nursing home visits - 4
communion – 0
funerals – 0
cards/emails – 30
calls/texts – 16
food delivered – 3
good deeds – 7

Sherrill Hills, secretary



"May you live all the days of your life." –from the book "Apples of Gold", page 27

"All it takes is one bloom of hope to make a spiritual garden." –Terri Guillemet



Thank you
to all who contributed to our Souper Bowl Day of Caring collection. Because of your generosity, we collected \$331, which we donated to Kings Harvest!



KING'S HARVEST MINISTRIES

Dear Friends:

We are privileged to receive your gift of compassion for people and pets and are proud to have you as our partner in this life-giving work. Your support will bring relief to the families who receive our help and will make our community a better, more compassionate place. Together we:

- > Served approximately 20,655 hot meals to the poor and homeless
- > Handed out 1,477 bags of groceries to the hungry along with once-a-month giveaway of hygiene products
- > Provided shelter for homeless single men and women, 5 sleeping rooms (for recovering addicts), and 4 transitional housing rooms
- > Passed out thousands of bus tokens to those in need
- > Gave over 9,500 pounds of pet food to the poor
- > And at our King's Harvest Pet Rescue located at 2504 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA... we generally housed 150+ pets, provided Foster homes for pets so their owners could stay in shelters without losing them, and adopted out 1,420 pets in 2019

Please know I am so thankful for you and your on-going support.

We were very blessed when God sent you to partner with us.

With kind regards, Terri Gleize Executive Director

Advice from a glacier: Carve your own path. Go slow. Channel your strengths. Smooth the way for others. Keep moving forward. Avoid meltdowns. Be Cool!

- God will never leave you empty. He will replace everything you lost. If He asks you to put something down, it's because He wants you to pick up something greater.
- To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors.
- God is not in a hurry. You are. It is why you are tired. It is why you are anxious, stressed and disappointed. Surrender your timeline in favor of His peace.
- Always pray to have 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 in God.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Communion will be served on:

- Maundy Thursday, April 9 (6:30pm)
- Sunday, April 12, Easter / Resurrection of the Lord
- Sunday, May 3, 3rd Sunday after Easter
- Sunday, June 7, Trinity Sunday

Food Pantry Collection dates: March 29, April 26 and May 31.

Liturgists: If you are interested in being a liturgist, contact Dennis Morgan, Tim Fritz, Donna Metzler, or Cecil Ward.

Holy Week Schedule:

- Palm Sunday, April 5
9:00am Worship
NO Sunday School
10:00am Jerry Sheldon Memorial Pancake Breakfast. A free will donation will be accepted for the Maintenance Improvement Fund in Jerry's honor.



- Maundy Thursday, April 9
6:30pm Potluck & Communion. Potluck – hot dish and dessert to pass; ham provided.

- Easter Sunday, April 12
9:00am Easter Service with Communion.
NO Sunday School



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING COLLECTION – Easter Service (Apr 12)

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) currently supports projects in over 100 countries through three impactful programs:

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

EASTER LILIES

The Beulah deacons are now taking orders for Easter lilies. To place an order, call or text Sherrill Hills. When placing your order, please list specifically who is purchasing the lily, how many you want, and the name(s) of those being remembered. The lilies will be \$15 apiece and orders should be placed by April 3. Checks should be made out to Beulah Deacons.



In memory of all those who left us too soon...We remember you in the morning, in the night, when we look at the stars, a song, a place, a smell. You are always with us.



Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment in life!

If God puts a Goliath in front of you, He must believe that there's a David inside of you.

Enjoy the little things in life because one day you'll look back and realize they were the BIG things.

Dear God: From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for loving me, forgiving me, healing me and never leaving me. Amen.

To be rich, is not what you have in your bank account, but what you have in your 

Christ is risen. Hallelujah! May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love and joy.

BEULAH'S LENT MISSION PROJECT:



CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

Collecting Ash Wednesday until Good Friday (April 10, 2020)

Recipient: Christian Care - Rescue Mission (now housing 42 men)

Our Mission Committee will be purchasing shower curtains and additional sheet sets that they now need.

Following is an additional need that you can help with:

1. New bath towels and wash clothes
 - Please no red or other colors that may bleed when washed
 - Light or neutral colors are best (please no pink or feminine colors)
2. Monetary Donations to put toward the purchase of towels & wash clothes. *(Please make checks payable to: Beulah Mission)*

In June of 2019, Christian Care added 6 more beds so now they can house 42 men. Christian Care serves over 45,000 meals per year. They also have a daily meal site open 7 days a week which provides meals to anyone who comes.

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

GOOD THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS:

- ✓ Tell someone you appreciate them, as it is one of the simplest, yet most incredible things one can ever hear!
- ✓ If you can make one person laugh long enough to forget their problems, then your day was not wasted.

- ✓ In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings.
- ✓ Talk to God in the morning and your day will begin better!
- ✓ Look at today as a day full of promise with hope and gladness in your heart.
- ✓ Life is short. Don't be afraid to go after what makes you happy. Remember to laugh. Spend time with people who make you smile, and don't let negative people bring you down.
- ✓ Love is NOT what you SAY. Love IS what you DO!
- ✓ We are not here to one-up one another, but to help one another up!
- ✓ FORGIVENESS is setting someone free and realizing that we're the prisoner.
- ✓ Pick a person for the next 30 days and pray for their happiness, but don't tell them you are praying for them.
- ✓ Remember: A simple action is all that is needed to show God's love to a neighbor.
- ✓ If God can change night into day, He can turn your burden into blessings. Amen.

NEW KINGDOM TRAILRIDERS LOVES YOU

BECAUSE... You have a sense of **peace**, calming and joy to children who are on the Autistic Spectrum. Many times, children on the spectrum come to the barn feeling agitated due to sensory overload and other stressors. Once on their horse you can almost immediately see them begin to relax.

These riders quickly begin to soak in the environment and the movement of the horse as they feel the **calm** come over them as the instructor and volunteers guide them through obstacles that allow them to stop, start, turn and trot their horses, the smiles begin to appear on their small faces, soon bringing giggles. The smiles and **giggles** that melt the



hearts of everyone here at NKT! **Thanks a Million for helping to bring giggles to the barn!!**



Jean Daves accepted this award on behalf of Beulah, for Beulah's participation in the CROP Walk in 2019 and raising more than \$1,000.

It was presented on March 5 at the CROP Hunger Walk Golden Shoe Recognition Celebration in Davenport.

Kindness is really powerful.

**My God is so BIG and so strong and so mighty.
There's nothing my God cannot do!**

**Do the right thing even when no one is looking;
it's called integrity.**

Always pray for others who can't pray for themselves, because others prayed for you, when you couldn't pray for yourself.

2020 Orion Community Lenten Services
Sponsored by the Orion Ministerial Association This Year's Theme: Psalms

All services begin at noon and last about half an hour. A light lunch will follow each service at the host church.

A \$2 donation to the host church is suggested for each meal.

Please remember in your meal planning that some of those who will be participating may be fasting meat during Lent.

Date	Host Church	Host Liturgist	Preacher
Friday, March 20 noon	St. Paul Lutheran Church	Rev. Gwen Sefrhans-Murphy	Rev. Dave Schultz
Friday, March 27 noon	Beulah Presbyterian Church	Rev. Tim Snart	Rev. Gwen Sefrhans-Murphy
Friday, April 3 noon	Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover	Rev. Reed Pederson	Rev. Jerry Higdon
Good Friday, April 10	Most local churches will have their own services today. Please choose a service that fits your schedule.		

Jesus died. Jesus rose. I live forever!

Journey of Passion

You're invited to attend "Journey of Passion".

This is an interesting drama that tells the story of Jesus and the journey that He took in the weeks before He made His loving sacrifice.

This play will be on Sunday, April 5 at 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, Coal Valley.

For newsletter submissions or questions,
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 We're on the Web! See us at: <http://www.beulahpcusa.org/>
 Like us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/Beulahpresbyterianchurch](https://www.facebook.com/Beulahpresbyterianchurch)

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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A house is not a home without *God* in it. Amen.