

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Donna Metzler, Liturgist

Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. September 14, 2025
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before the Lord with songs of joy!

Know that the Lord is God.

God has made us. We belong to the Lord.

God's love endures forever!

*Hymn #491, **"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"**

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, all we have comes from Your hand.

We confess that we have mismanaged what was entrusted to us.

**We chase after our own gain,
and neglect to invest in Your coming kingdom.**

**Cleanse us from our self-serving plans
and fill us with the wisdom
to be shrewd stewards of Your grace.**

**Change our minds and hearts
that we may use our wealth to serve others,
building friendships that will welcome us
into Your eternal reign.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News.

In Christ, the past is finished and gone.

Everything has become fresh and new.

This new life is offered to us all.

Believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Passing On the Word

Lane Krueger, Clay Krueger, and Westin Sides

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.

And soon all those around can warm up it glowing.

That's how it is with God love,

Once you've experienced it

You spread God's love to everyone;

You want to pass it on.

Offering / Offertory Music

*Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Luke 16:1-9, pg. 79

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Parable of the Unexpected Audit"

*Hymn #487, **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

* Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn # 477, **"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"**

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response #108 vs/ 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

Good New to this and every age.

Till earth and sky and ocean ring,

With joy, with justice, love and peace.

*Postlude

**Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

Today is our “Back to School” Sunday.
We will be providing Whitey's Ice Cream during our
“Post Worship Fellowship”.



Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, September 21
right after Worship. We will be electing PNC members and officers.
The Officers are: Elders - Jon Cross and Bill Metzler
Deacon - Jan Passini

Today's Theme

The parables of Jesus are outrageous. They confuse us, confront us and confound us. Then they reveal to us a whole new perspective on life. There is a new way of living filled with grace and mercy, if we are willing to change. They call us to decide: will we enter into this new world? The amazing thing about Jesus is this: He does not just tell parables; Jesus is a parable. He leads us into new life and He discloses to us a new creation. The question is now up to us: will we follow where He leads?

Apple Pie Day will be this Saturday, September 20, starting any time after 8am. Please mark your calendar to help peel, mix, or roll!
All the pies have been spoken for already!
All profits support mission work.

New Members

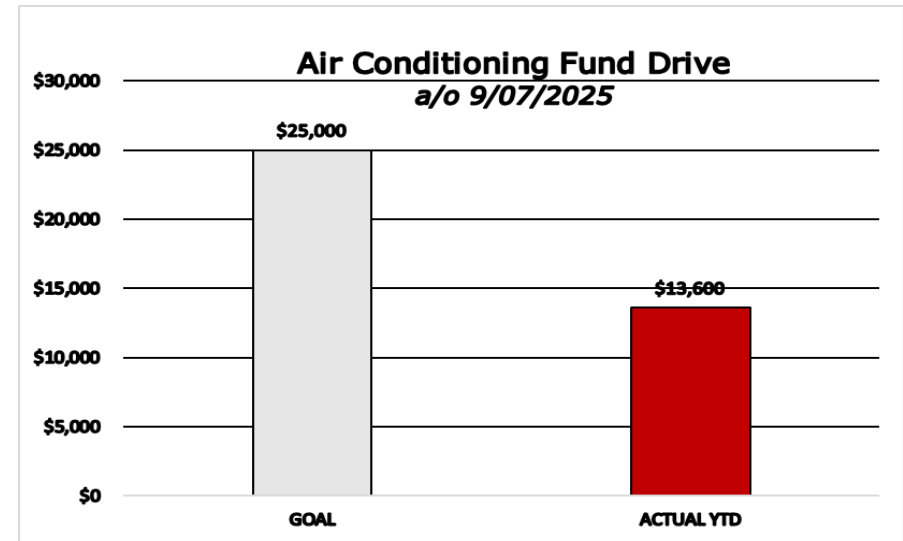
Beulah thrives through the strength of its's members. If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining the church, please talk with Dr. McDonald or call him at 402-480-3786.

Save the Date - Join the Team

The Quad City Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 5, 2025. Check-in is from 1pm-2pm at Caxton Building/Bethany for Children & Families, 1701 River Drive, Moline. Please come walk with us, if you can, and fight hunger at home and across the globe.

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	September 14	9:00am	Worship Post Worship Fellowship	Back to School Celebration
Saturday	September 20	8:00am-?	Apple Pie Day	
Sunday	September 21	9:00am	Worship after Worship	Congregational Meeting
Monday	September 22	7:00pm	Agape	



This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Jer 8:18 – 9:1 Ps 79:1-9 Amos 8:4-7
Ps 113 1 Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

Prayer List

Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries	Norma Gordon
Martha Green	Cathy Morgan	Dylan Preston

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

- ♥ Barbara Anderson
- ♥ Louise Green
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

Tax Tip – Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate up to \$108,000 annually from their **traditional IRA directly to a qualified charity**, potentially avoiding income tax on the distribution. This strategy is particularly useful for those who need to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) but don't need the funds for living expenses.

Key Rules for QCDs:

- **Age:** You must be at least 70½ years old at the time of the distribution.

- **IRA Type:** QCDs can be made from **traditional IRAs, inherited IRAs, and sometimes** simplified employee pension (SEP) or savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE) IRAs.
- **Direct Transfer:** Funds must go **directly from the IRA custodian to the qualified charity**, not to you first. Request your IRA custodian to send your donation directly to Beulah Church.
- **Eligible Charities:** The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization that is qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions. **Beulah Church is an eligible charity.**
- **Annual Limit:** The maximum QCD amount is \$108,000 per individual per year, indexed for inflation starting in 2024. For married couples filing jointly, each spouse can make a QCD, potentially totaling \$216,000.
- **Timing:** The QCD must be completed by December 31 of the tax year.
- **RMDs:** QCDs can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year.
- **No Itemized Deduction:** Unlike traditional charitable donations, **QCDs are not deductible as itemized deductions.**
- **Tax Implications:** QCDs are excluded from your taxable income, potentially lowering your overall tax liability.
- **Record Keeping:** It's crucial to keep records of your QCDs for tax purposes.
