

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Cecil Ward, Liturgist

Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship

9:00 a.m.

September 7, 2025

(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

From a humble beginning,
like a single seed or a speck of yeast,
the Kingdom of God grows.

Unseen at first, it grows, expands and transforms.

Word of God, speak to us anew Your words of life.

Holy Spirit, work among us, to make us Your people.

Creator God, let Your kingdom spread through all the earth!

*Hymn #262, “**God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**”

* Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

God of life,

You created the whole world and pronounced it good.

**We confess that we tolerate small sins that spread
and corrupt our character, our churches,
our community and our country.**

We have allowed sin to work secretly in our lives.

**Pride, vanity, hypocrisy, lies, and wrath
create false appearances, distorting and destroying
our identity, our relationships and our people.**

**Holy Spirit work Your Word within us
and among us, to purify, heal, and renew.**

This we pray in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came to give us grace upon grace. Jesus reveals that God is relentless. Like yeast working its way through dough. God’s grace is hidden, powerful, persistent, pervasive and ultimately irresistible. God will not stop until all is redeemed and God’s full purpose is complete. Believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

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 Matthew 13:24-35, pg. 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Parable of the Catalytic Kingdom”

*Hymn #520 vs 1-3, “**Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face**”

Sacrament of Communion

* 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 #263, “**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**”

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response (108 vs. 5) (Truro LM)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

Good News to this and every age.

Till earth and sky and ocean ring,

With joy, with justice, love and praise.

*Postlude

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

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.

Congregational Meeting will be on 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

Jesus speaks in parables,

each of which has a scandal at the core of the story.

Today we hear about the parable of the leaven. The key is to start with what we assume the story means. And then let Jesus speak to us anew with words of challenge, change and renewal.

Matthew's story has a wonderful double meaning, which helps us to see the world in a deeper sense of discernment and wisdom. Listen for Jesus speaking in the midst of this marvelous parable.

Sunday Sept 14 is our Back to School Sunday.

We will be providing Whitey's Ice Cream and the Congregation is asked to bring your favorite ice cream topping. If anyone would like to bring cookies or brownies to go with the ice cream - please do! If you have questions, contact Donna Metzler 309-781-7402.



Apple Pie Day will be 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.

Save the Date - Join the Team

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 5, 2025

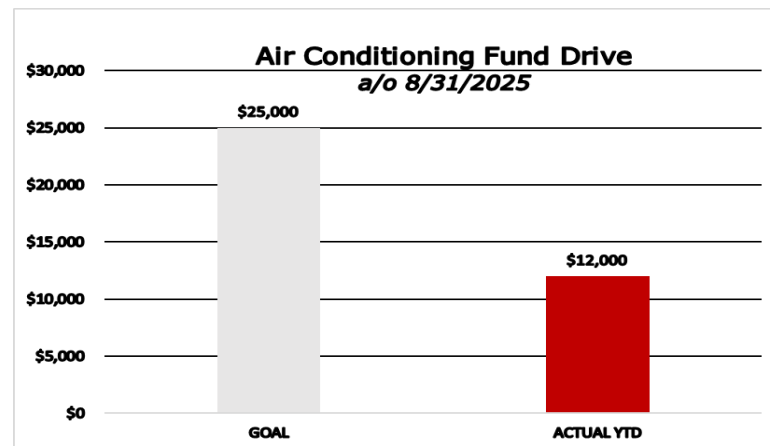
Check in @ 1-2pm 1701 River Dr, Moline, IL

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	September 7	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		9:00am	Worship / Communion / Food
			Pantry Collection
Tuesday	September 9	6:00pm	Building & Grounds Meeting
		6:30pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	September 10	12:00pm	Newsletter articles due
Sunday	September 14	9:00am	Worship
			Post Worship Fellowship Back to School Celebration

Gluten-free bread is served today at communion.

It's newsletter time – Please submit your articles to Nancy nroberts822@gmail.com by this Wed, September 10. Thanks!



This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 Ps 14 Ex 32:7-14
Ps 51:1-10 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

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.

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new members' contact information:**

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