Thanks Beyond Words

Pastor Beth, thank you for giving your time and talents to all of us at Beulah! About nine months ago, you walked into our sanctuary and graced us with your personality, poise, and professionalism. You became a part of our Beulah family immediately! You adapted to us so quickly. Thank you for being willing to serve two congregations and do so with such enthusiasm. You made sure we never felt like we were your second congregation because you served us as if we were your only congregation. You did not even once call us Lutherans!

You have moderated the Session meetings like you have lead us for years, attended committee meetings (as long as they were not held on Sundays!), participated in our church activities and supported Beulah in every way possible. You have held office hours where the “door is always open” and so is your willingness to help. You have visited those in need, the sick, the shut-ins, families suffering in different ways, those who have lost a loved one and those absent from worship. You extended your heart and hands to all of us, from the youngest to our most mature. We thank you again.

You stepped into our pulpit and invigorated our worship services! You have delivered amazing sermons! It is evident you have answered God’s call. Your style, your delivery and your knowledge of the Bible is demonstrated every Sunday you stand before us. Your messages are thought-provoking, faith-filled, and applicable to daily living. You have given us something tangible we can carry with us as we leave the pews of Beulah and go out into the world to serve our Lord. Thank you for challenging us!

There are so many other areas where you have touched lives and made a difference. Many of them are private conversations or special moments you spent with each person. You have given so unselfishly to every one of us. We will be forever grateful for the impact you have had on us, both individually and collectively. Beulah Presbyterian Church has been touched by the hand of God through the works of you, Pastor Beth. Our words are small but our gratitude is immeasurable!

As you leave our congregation at the end of October, we wish you the very best. We will carry you and your family in our prayers. Thank you for serving the Lord at Beulah. Well done, you good and faithful servant! Well done, Pastor Beth!

(Due to health reasons, Pastor Beth’s last day at Beulah Church will be October 31.)
Our New Committees Chair and Members have been chosen.

Worship: Chair- Dennis Morgan
Members- Pastor Beth, Maryan Wherry, Cecil Ward & Tim Fritz
Consultant- Ellen Cooke

Christian Ed: Chair- Jan Passini
Members- Karlyn Crosby, Emma Hoke, Rita Elsbury & Lynn Fritz

Buildings & Grounds: Chair- Jerome Bina.
Member- James Zwicker

Mission: Co-Chairs- Jan Passini & Wanda Cross
Members- Carol Browning & Jean Daves

Congo Life: Chair- Heather Nichols
Members- Iona Schnowske, Sue Crane & Donna Metzler

Personnel: Chair- Carla Zwicker
Members- Dennis Morgan, Jon Cross & Tim Fritz

Finance: Chair- Jon Cross
Members- Dennis Morgan & Alex Strandgard

Please take a moment before worship some Sunday morning to thank our dedicated members who are volunteering their time and talents to further our faith, education and mission in our church and community.

The 46th Annual Quad City Area Crop Hunger Walk and Food Drive is Sunday, Oct 1. It will be held at Modern Woodman Park, Davenport. Please join us in the walk which starts at 2pm. Contributions can be made in the Narthex.

-Beulah Mission Committee

- Sunshine and friends are always welcome!
- Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.
- Sunshine is the best medicine.
The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I *didn’t have time to pray*. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered. He answered back, “*You didn’t ask*.”

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn’t show me. He said, “*But you didn’t seek*.”

I tried to come into God’s presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, “*My child, you didn’t knock*.”

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I *had to take time to pray*. 

Addresses for Beulah’s Homebound Members:

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

**We must not only give what we have;** we must also give what we are.

Dear Beulah Family,

Thank you for all the support, cards sent and prayers that lifted me and most of all your love, my friends. I am so thankful for all of you! Love to all. Betty J. Morgan

Family is a little world created by love.
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!

- Love is the deepest need of our time.
- Happy Birthday Beulah; 163 years in service to God.
- Jesus loves the little children of the world.
- If you feel you have no faults, that’s one.

You don’t know how STRONG you are until being strong is the only CHOICE!

Something to Ponder: “SIX LITTLE STORIES"

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That’s FAITH.**
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That’s TRUST.**
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That’s HOPE.**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That’s CONFIDENCE.**
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That’s LOVE.**
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence: ‘I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.’ **That’s ATTITUDE.**

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories by inviting Jesus into your heart.

A little more kindness…….A little less Hurry.
A little more Laughter…….A little less Worry!
The Christian Education Committee is happy to announce a new **confirmation class** is being held during the 2017-2018 Sunday School term. Any 6th-12th grade students that would like to be confirmed in Beulah Church should contact Jan Passini, 563.343.3987 so materials can be ordered. **Classes began Sunday, September 17 during 9:30am Sunday School hour.** Wanda Cross will lead the class.

**Confirmation Corner**

This fall, a new confirmation class began. Our confirmands will be spending the next couple of years exploring and deepening their faith as they make the decision as young adults to join the church. We will be keeping all of our Beulah members and friends informed with what we are studying and will be asking each of you to also examine and deepen your own faith so that as a congregation we can travel this path with our confirmands. These young adults will be posing questions to you and look forward to your responses. Please see the Confirmation Corner table in the Narthex where your faith questions will be waiting for you. A box will be available to return your responses. We will also pose our questions in upcoming newsletters, so our out-of-town friends can also have the opportunity to help in our faith journey. Here is what we will be studying in our first few lessons:

1. **Who wrote the Bible, God or humans?**
2. **Is the Bible true?**
3. **Why does the Bible contradict itself at times?**

We look forward to our journey together and look forward to hearing from everyone.

**Confirmation Class, left to right:**
- Taylor Krueger
- Sierra Krueger
- Kyla Elsbury
- Rachael Sandhaas-Hoke
- Andrew Atkins
Beginning today, let’s remember:

- Keep calm and pray. Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Philippians 4:6
- I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. John 17:4
- When God closes a door, He opens a window.
- Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. Hebrews 10:24
- Help carry one another’s burdens and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Quotes for us to think about:

- Hate stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses!
- God loves you and so do I.
- Kindness is Christianity with its working clothes on.
- Friends become our chosen family.
- The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.
- Forgiveness is the final form of love.
- Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can’t change.
- Peace begins with me.
- If friends were flowers, I’d pick you.
DEACON'S REPORT

During the month of August, the deacons of Beulah reached out to others as follows:

- 5 home visits
- 2 hospital visits
- 1 assisted living/nursing home visit
- 18 cards were sent
- 7 telephone calls were made

"There may be times when you cannot find help, but there is no time when you cannot give help."

-- from the book "Wings of Silver"

Sherrill Hills, Secretary

The task ahead of us is never as great as the **POWER** behind us!
Exercise daily; **RUN** from Satan and **WALK** with God!
Read the Bible; it’s ‘User-Friendly’!
PLUS, we have **tech support** every Sunday @ 10:40am!

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Dear Beulah Presbyterian Church,

We would like to say thank you so much to everyone at Beulah that made our dad’s memorial service and luncheon such a blessed day! Thank you to Pastor Beth for the beautiful words and stories and Ellen Cooke for the wonderful music. To all the ladies that worked to prepare the luncheon and bring food and serve us both at the luncheon and in the service, especially Sue Crane Jan Passini, and then Dorothy Gift, Barb Anderson, Jean Daves, Nancy Roberts, Nedra Baraks, Emma and Suzanne Hoke, Iona Schnowske, Carol Browning, Sherrill Hills, Joyce King, Deb McBride, Betty Morgan, Penny Peterson, Carol Schoening, Pat Edmondson, Caroline Neumann, Mary Giannetti and Louise Green and anyone else we may not have mentioned. Thank you so very much! Love, The Grafton Family

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**Attention:**

Dried hydrangea bouquets will be available starting October 15 with all donations going to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey and Irma Relief.
# Beulah’s Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Calendar

*Please let us know if we missed your “special” celebration!*

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For newsletter submissions or questions, please contact Nancy Roberts. Email: nroberts822@gmail.com
Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.
We're on the Web! See us at: http://www.beulahpcusa.org/
Like us on Facebook: 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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