

Mar/Apr 2019

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

Growing up, I didn't know much about the Christian Calendar. I was aware of Advent and Christmas (although the two of them largely blurred together). My church would celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter, and even mentioned Pentecost in passing upon occasion. Lent, however, was completely foreign to me until high school when it seemed to begin gaining in popularity in Evangelical circles.



I knew people who'd give up chocolate or maybe a type of meat for the season, leaving the distinct impression that Lent was essentially a time for Christian dieting or a second go at New Year's resolutions. In truth, those acts of renunciation didn't make much sense to me at the time. Nor did it

seem like it was having a profound effect on my friends who chose to fast from novel food groups.

Lent may be many things, but novel is not one of them. In fact, as I came back to faith, the season of Lent and its invitation for fasting and penitence became essential for my experience of Easter. Taking forty days to prepare myself for the jarring experience of jumping between Good Friday and Easter helped me bridge the gap between the feeling of searing loss and exultant joy because I'd done the prayerful work of considering what I allowed to separate me from God. Whether it was my pride, my desire for comfort, my benefit from injustice, or whatever it else might be —

Lent allowed for me to see this in clear relief against the scene of Jesus' crucifixion. It allowed for me ask for the freedom of New Creation — that New Creation might happen within me.

This, I believe, is one of the great gifts of Lent (and fasting in general). As we remove something from our lives that we use as a crutch to make us feel comfortable, we begin to see the world around us more clearly. Much like how it is said that a blind person's other senses are heightened by the depri-

vation of sight, so too is our sense of poverty before God heightened as we deprive ourselves of the things which prohibit us from relying on God.



So, as you go into Lent this season, I pray that you seriously consider what it is that is prohibiting you from clearly seeing your need. May your sense of who God is be heightened through this time of penitence and fasting. May your vision be cleared, so that you can see anew what Jesus is accomplishing in his march towards Calvary.

In Christ, Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Service: 10:30

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Calendar

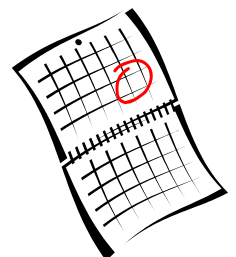
- 3/3 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am,
"Jacob's Deathbed Finale: Family Drama and
Trauma at the End-Of-Life" hosted at Shepherd of
the Hills Lutheran Church at 4:30pm
3/5 - Worship Team at 10:00am
3/6 - Deacons at 4:00pm,

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6:00pm,
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm**

- 3/10 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Daylight Saving Time Begins
3/12 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm,
Romans Class at 5:30pm
3/17 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday
3/19 - Romans Class at 5:30pm
3/24 - Education on Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am
3/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm,
Romans Class at 5:30pm
3/31 - Fifth Sunday of Service at 10:30am
4/2 - Romans Class at 5:30pm
4/3 - Deacons at 4:00pm
4/5 - Elder and Deacon Meeting at 6:00pm
4/7 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am
4/9 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm,
Romans Class at 5:30pm
4/14 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Palm Sunday
4/16 - Romans Class at 5:30pm
4/18 - Mid-Day Maundy Thursday Service from
12:15pm-12:45pm,
Maundy Thursday Service hosted by St. Andrew
Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm
4/19 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
4/20 - Easter Preparations at 10:00am

**4/21 - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00am,
Breakfast following Sunrise Service
Easter Worship Service at 10:30am,
Communion Sunday**

- 4/23 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm
4/28 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am



Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday: Women's Association meets
Third Tuesday at 10 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday:

Choir 5:45—7:15

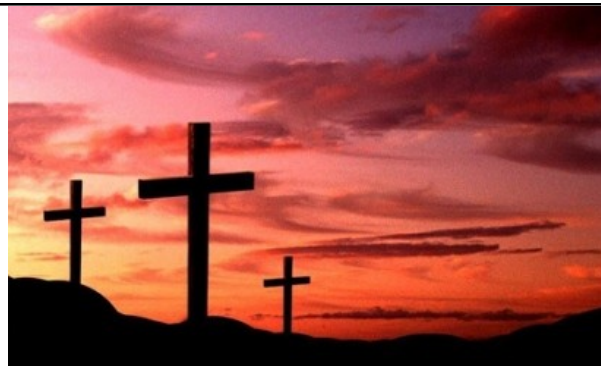
Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Parkinson's yoga group 11:30-2:pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm



Lent begins on
March 6



Good Friday is April 19

Deacon basket for 2019
Check with Don, Ruth T. or Pearline



Box in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a box in the fellowship hall for people to donate new or gently-used shoes (are they good enough to wear to a job interview or to school?) for a non-profit organization, Soles4Souls, which is based in Nashville.

If you've not heard of Soles4Souls, please do a web search.

I will be responsible for taking the shoes to a donation site.

Thanks & blessings, Cindy

Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Cheerios Cookies - from Peggy's kitchen

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| ♦ 1 1/2 c sugar | * 1/4 c butter or margarine | * 2 eggs |
| ♦ 1/3 c canola oil | * 1 tsp vanilla | * 1 1/2 c flour |
| ♦ 1 c quick oats | * 1 tsp baking soda | * 1/2 tsp salt |
| ♦ 3 c of cheerios | * 1 c of raisins | |
| ♦ | | |

Directions:

Beat sugar, butter or margarine on medium speed. Beat in 2 eggs, oil, & vanilla. Stir in flour, oats, baking soda, & salt. Stir in Cheerios & raisin.

Drop dough by slightly rounded tablespoons, 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 9 to 11 min.

Bake at 375F oven Makes: 2 dozen

BARC, Jr. Amateur Radio Club

Part of our service to our community is providing support to various groups like PEO and BARC, Jr. This last month we hosted the BARC, Jr. amateur radio club, composing children up to 18 and their mentors. They spent a number of hours communicating with other Hams around the country with their antenna and radio.

Don



GIFT CARD MINISTRY

Did you know that gift cards are an important part of the ministry here at Valmont. The proceeds from the gift card sales are used to augment the finances used by the deacons and some other projects. Even if you do not shop at Safeway, all of the gift cards available at the Safeway "Gift Card Mall" are available to you to purchase with the gift cards you purchase at Valmont. We are working convince King Soopers too.

The church purchases Safeway and King Soopers cards at a 5% discount and sells them to you at face value. Gift cards are easier to use than either cash or credit cards. We accept cash and checks for the purchases. If you are willing to help by selling the cards to your relatives or neighbors let me know and I will explain how to do it. We buy all of our gasoline using these cards and it seems we use a lot. Most of the newer Safeway and King Soopers stores have these gas stations. We seem to eat out a lot too. So we buy gift cards for the restaurants we use the most. Do you purchase on Amazon, use an Amazon gift card! Fixing up the house? Use Home Depot or Lowe's.

There are many more card types available than I could list here.

Thank you, Don Lewis and Shirley Crowe



Sanctuary Chairs

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A big thank you to everyone who participated in the two weeks in which the sanctuary chairs were rearranged. May we continue to have our eyes opened to the world around us, seeing the details that we might have missed if we only stuck with what was comfortable.

“But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.” — Matthew 13:16-17
Eric



Andrew's Concert

This is a concert of the Boulder Chamber Orchestra. Andrew is playing near the front center.



**Be part of the VCPC
prayer chain! Contact
Stella May or Cindy.**

Answers to Did you Know: A,1; B,3;
C,1; D,2; E,1; F,2; G,3; H,1; I,1; J,1;
K,2; L,3; M,3; N,3; O,1

Did you know!

A. Which bird did Noah first release from the Ark?

- 1) A Raven 2) A Dove 3) A Pigeon 4) A Seagull

Source: Genesis 8:6-12

B. Who was Joseph's master in Egypt?

- 1) Jacob 2) Ramesses 3) Potiphar 4) Xerxes

Source: Genesis 39-40

C. Who was Dinah?

- 1) Daughter of Jacob 2) Mother of Lazarus
3) Sister of St. Peter 4) Cousin of Rachel

Source: Genesis 34

D. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?

- 1) Judas Iscariot and Peter 2) Peter and Andrew
3) Simon and Matthew 4) James and John

Source: John 1:35 – 42

E. Who changed his name to Israel?

- 1) Jacob 2) Moses 3) Adam 4) Cain

Today, Israel refers to a nation in the Middle East and the Holy Land for Christians, Jews and Muslims. But before it became the name of a nation it was the name of a person. After wrestling with God (or an angel, depending on your interpretation) Jacob was given the new name "Israel" which means "striving with God." Renaming is not uncommon throughout the Bible, and many stories show how a new name can be an important symbol of transformation.

F. Who in the Bible never died?

- 1) Moses 2) Elijah and Enoch 3) Joseph and John
4) Jonah Source: Hebrews 11:5 and 2 Kings 2:3-11

G. What does the name Esau mean in Hebrew?

- Brave 2) Strong 3) Hairly 4) Foolish

Source: Gen. 25:25

H. What was stored inside the ark of the covenant?

- 1) Manna , Aaron's Staff , Stone Tablets of Commandments 2) Nothing 3) Gold and Jewels

4) Stone Tablets of the Commandments

Source: Hebrews 9:4

I. Where did Jesus get the money to pay the temple tax?

- 1) Fish 2) Buried treasure 3) Thin Air 4) Angels

Source: Matthew 17:24-27

J. Which of Jacob's 12 sons was his favorite?

- 1) Joseph 2) Judah 3) Benjamin 4) Ruben

Source: Genesis 37:3-4, 18-36

K. What happened to Moses' staff when he threw it down at the burning bush?

- 1) It broke in half 2) It turned into a snake
3) It lay there without catching fire

4) It spoke to him Source: Exodus 4:2-3

L. What did God use to cover Adam and Eve?

- 1) Fig leaves 2) Palm branches 3) Animal skins
4) Linen cloth Source: Gen 3:21

M. Finish the verse: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is ____."

- 1) Faith 2) Hope 3) Love 4) God

Source: 1 Corinthians 13:13

N. Who did Peter raise from the dead in Joppa?

- 1) Lazarus 2) Widow of Zarephath's Son
3) Tabitha/Dorcas 4) Jairus' Daughter

Source: Acts 9:32-43

O. What happened when Jesus preached in his hometown of Nazareth?

- 1) They tried to throw him off a cliff
2) They all became believers

3) They begged for healings

4) They asked him to stay longer

Source: Luke 4:28-30



Happy Easter

Trash – Again? More on what is trash?

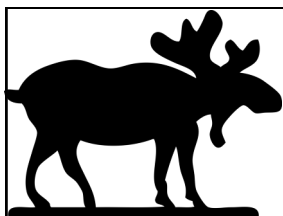
It is hard to know anymore. We have three bins dedicated to Valmont trash. There are now signs over each bin to help you know what is what! Take time to look at them.

Recycle: Most of you recognize that we can recycle some items like soda cans, food tins, ball of aluminum foil and plastic (with triangle number). Those of course go in our Recycle bin.

Compost: Here is a new system we have not had before. Compost includes most carbon based material, here is a partial list: All food, napkins, paper towels, compostable plastic bags and plastic ware (made out of corn oil!) but no other plastics; paper plates that do not have plastic, purchase only paper products that are compostable.

Trash (Land Fill): This is sort of simple, if it isn't in those two lists it is trash. Consider: if food is caked on recycle items it is trash. Or wash it of (90% or better) of cans because they will be melted down. Plastic though should not have any food. Here is another if to consider: Clorox types of wipes are not paper but are really plastic and are trash and "paper" coffee cups and plastic and paper.

If you have questions about this, ask Don Lewis



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

**Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,
a Joy for the Heart and a Shelter in the Storm.**

The cold weather has brought to light some issues at Highlands. The retreat center was built 16 years ago. The domestic hot water boilers were installed at that time and have developed some major issues. The staff is getting quotes for replacing the two boilers. The current boilers are rated at 80% efficiency. The quotes are for boilers rated at 95% efficient. The other problem that has developed is a significant leak in the water system. The staff has spent a great deal of time trying to locate the leaks in buried lines. Hopefully they will find the leaks and get them repaired within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, water is being purchased to have enough for the guest groups that are scheduled. Having to purchase water costs \$2,000 for 18,000 gallons. Guests are being very good about helping to conserve water. The kitchen staff is using bottled water and paper products to reduce dish washing. This last week, Maria received notification that two of the trusts from the Jane Hayes estate, will have partial distributions within the next two weeks. One trust is valued at \$2 million and the other is approximately \$5 million. Highlands is to receive 20% of each trust. The amounts of the partial distribution have not been specified in the documentation, but the timing of the distribution is **a true blessing!!**

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the very generous donors, the hard-working staff, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!!
Ruth Lewis
Highlands Camp Committee



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Scripture	Sermon Title	Series	Church Calendar
Luke 9:28-36 Philippians 1:3-11	Gratitude Transfigured	[one off]	Transfiguration Sunday
Luke 9:51-56	A Tale of Two Cities	What the Dickens?	First Sunday in Lent/Daylight Savings
Luke 9:57-62 1 Kings 19:19	Great Expectations	What the Dickens?	Communion
Luke 10:38-42	The Old Curiosity Shop	What the Dickens?	
	Fifth Sunday		Serve the Family Learning Center
Luke 19:1-10 Galatians 6:7	Hard Times	What the Dickens?	
Luke 19:28-48	Bleak House	What the Dickens?	Palm Sunday
Luke 24:1-12		[one off]	Easter Sunday/Communion
Genesis 2 Psalm 8	The Icon of God - Authority	Being Human	



Romans Class

Join us every Tuesday evening from 3/12 through 4/16 at 5:30pm for a study of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Each lesson will be preceded by a soup supper. Please contact Eric or sign-up for the class if you would like to attend.



Adult Education

Throughout Lent the Adult Ed. class will be studying the Psalms together, as we compare multiple translations in hope of better understanding these biblical poems. Neither reading nor preparation are required for this class, so feel free to join us on Sunday's at 9:00am for vigorous conversation and friendly fellowship.



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