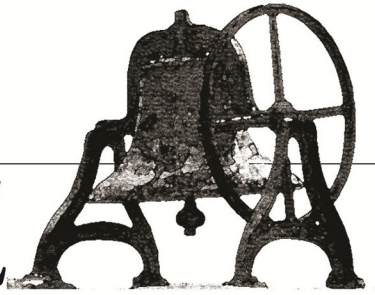


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Spring issue

Valmont

VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *164 years* OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Teddie McConnell
Bridge Pastor

Our Adult Sunday School class began in September of 2025 with me trying to use purchased lessons that included cartoon videos from YouTube about the Bible. Well, the students were kind enough to follow my lead, but it wasn’t really aimed at their level of sophistication and learning. So we decided to take a new approach.

Now we start each class by reading the two Scriptures on which I’ve based my sermon for that Sunday. Then we discuss them. I don’t give away how I’m going to preach about them, but I do make comments and ask questions to stimulate discussion. This approach has proved to be much more interesting and fun for the group, and we’ve gotten to know

God’s Word- and each other- better for using it. I believe it was inspired by the Holy Spirit.

These are adults who haven’t just attended church for years and listened to many sermons. They have also attended Bible studies and deepened their knowledge by taking the time and effort to read their Bibles at home, working through passages alone and with others. All that studying has resulted in a group that has strong faith and strong opinions, but is never disagreeable when they disagree.

I want to encourage anyone who hasn’t been to this Bible study to show up at 9:00 am on a Sunday and give it a try. You may not have the same level of learning as some of the others yet, but that’s all the more reason to come. Everyone has to start somewhere, and no one is required to speak.

As we live through the season of Lent and celebrate Easter, we can find inspiration in worship and Bible study, but I would also suggest that we pay particular attention to the coming of Spring as we do it. God’s creation is astonishing in its beauty. Just as it takes prayer and fellowship to find inspiration in Bible passages that can seem almost too familiar, the flowers and trees that bloom in the spring can feel humdrum unless we look at them with the intensity and amazement that comes from watching God’s handiwork in the world around us.

A tulip bulb, for example, sleeps under the ground until the combination of sunlight and water resurrect it, bring it to life. Then it uses these simple elements

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to expand into a far larger and more beautiful plant. It’s miraculous in its own way.

To me, Easter is an even more joyful time of the year than Christmas. We celebrate the fact that Jesus not only taught us profound truths about the love of God, but also allowed Himself to go through terrible pain and death for our sakes. The biggest miracle is that He rose from the dead and showed us that love of God in a new way – one that gives us the freedom to rise from the dead as well, simply because we believe. Let’s renew our joy in that incredible gift this Easter. Let’s bloom together.

Blessings, Pastor
Teddie

Bulletin Board

Elders:

<i>Peggy Moore</i>	<i>Ruth Tisdale</i>
<i>Steve Clem</i>	<i>Mike Greever</i>

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<i>John Olson</i>	

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Ella Travis

Choir/Worship Director:

Jack Harless

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Teddie's Schedule

Sunday morning: Adult Bible Study and Worship

Tuesday 9 - 1: In the office and responding to phone calls and email.

Wednesday, Friday: working from home

Thursday: in the office by appointment only

Sunday afternoon, Monday and Saturday: off or working from home.

Deacon's Meeting Schedule

Last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am .

Kathy, Debbie and John



Sack Lunch at the Church

Mar 10th

Apr 14th

12:30

Who's at the Church

- Iglesia meets Sunday 3-5 pm
- Tuesday 7 to 8 pm
- Thursday 7 to 8 pm
- Rocky Mountain Chorale - Monday 6:30 to 9
- Round Pantry Collection Delivery is on the Second Monday
- PEO #1 - 2nd Monday Sept-May 12 -2 pm
- Jun-Aug 9-12pm
- PEO Mah Jonng 1st & 3rd Monday 1 to 3 pm
- Zonta Foothills - 2nd Thursday 5:30 to 8 pm
- Busy Bees—4th Tuesday 12 to 3 pm
- Ukulele Group - Friday 6 to 8 pm
- Sack Lunch—Second Wednesday at 12:30 pm
- Session, Third Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm
- Women's Association meets Third Wednesday (Sep-May) at 10 am
- Deacons, last Tuesday at 9:30 am

Choir

Choir meets practice is every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 and quick meet on Sunday at 10 am. Come sing a joyful song to the Lord!





Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Sour Cream Sugar Cookies by Teddie



From the kitchen of Dorothea Lamb (Norma Tomboulian's mother)
Makes 5-7 dozen, depending on their size. Half-batch amounts are listed second.
(Ingredients are in **bold**.)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, cream together until well-blended:
2 (1) Cup **granulated sugar** 1 (1/2) Cup **shortening** Beat in 3 **eggs** (2 eggs) one at a time.
Beat in 1 (1/2) Cup **sour cream** 1 (1/2) tsp. **nutmeg** and 1 (1/2) tsp. **vanilla extract**
In a small cup, mix 1 (1/2) tsp. **baking soda** with a small amount of water and stir in.

In a medium bowl, combine the dry ingredients:
1 (1/2) T. **baking powder** 1/2 (1/4) tsp. **salt** 6 (3) C. sifted **all-purpose flour**.

Add dry mixture to the wet mixture about 1 C. at a time until blended. Add more flour if needed to make a moist but not sticky dough. Refrigerate if not baking immediately.

Sift an even layer of **confectioner's sugar** onto the work surface and roll dough out about 1/4" thick. Cut out with cookie cutters and place at least 1/2" apart on lightly greased cookie sheets. Reroll scraps only once, as rerolling more times makes them tough.

Bake 7-8 minutes or until lightly browned on the bottoms. They will be crisper with longer baking. Cool completely on wire racks. Frost as desired. Dough can be divided in half and baked at different times. The cookies freeze well – if you can keep them around long enough!



Banana Bread Recipe from Peggy Moore

Makes 2 loaves Bake at 365 degrees

3 eggs, beaten 3 cups flour 1 cup oil 1 tsp. soda
2 cups sugar 1/2 tsp. baking soda 2 cups mashed bananas 1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla 1 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Grease and flour 2 loaf pans (glass). Beat eggs, add oil, sugar, bananas and vanilla - cream together. Sift flour and add flour, soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Mix to add nuts. Bake for 1 hour.

For rhubarb bread - add 2 cups diced rhubarb and 2 Tbsp of apple sauce.



Student Spotlight

Every Tuesday, Bennett arrives for his lesson with a mischievous smile, *somewhat* ready for a piano lesson. After we exchange hellos and settle down, he gives me his best effort. We talk a lot about "karate chops" and marshmallows! I have come to enjoy his energy and humor--he's a bright, clever kid with a huge personality.

Bennett is 8 years old and attends Jarrow Montessori School in Boulder. Video games are a hobby of his; Mario Odyssey and Tears of the Kingdom are among his favorites. He prefers the color rainbow and plays soccer with his good friend Nolan. At VCP, Bennett enjoys exploring our organ. At the "last lesson of the month," when students get a chance to play a game and have a treat, the rhythm bean bag game is almost always his choice. Bennett says, "Piano is hard work."

Blessing, Stella





Wow, check out the wild life Scott and Debbie are having!

Easter at Valmont: A Celebration of Resurrection

Easter is a central celebration in the life of our church, marking the hope and joy of the resurrection. We look forward to gathering as a community for meaningful worship and music as we enter this holy season together.

Our Easter celebration will begin with a Sunrise Service led by Stella Pradeau. Gathering at daybreak offers a beautiful and reflective way to proclaim the resurrection and begin Easter morning in worship.

At the 10:30 a.m. service, the congregation can expect a special handbells and voice performance. The combination of handbells and choir will help tell the Easter story in a vibrant and celebratory way.

While we will unfortunately not have a Good Friday service this year, there are meaningful opportunities in our area for those who wish to observe the day. St. Ambrose offers a phenomenal Tenebrae service during this season, and St. Andrew will hold a Maundy Thursday service.

If anyone would like to join the bells or sing for Easter, now is a wonderful time to step in — we especially need singers. If you are interested, please see or email Jack at jack.johnharless00@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter together.

Upcoming musical events are continued on page 7



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Head in the Stars

The next major, widely visible astronomical "star" event is the [total lunar eclipse \(Blood Moon\)](#) on **March 2-4, 2026**, which will be visible from North America.

List of the major 2026 astronomic events:

January 3-4, 2026: [Quadrantid Meteor Shower peak](#).

February 17, 2026: [Annular Solar Eclipse](#) (visible in parts of Antarctica, South America, and Africa).

March 2-4, 2026: Total Lunar Eclipse (visible in North America).

May 5-6, 2026: [Eta Aquariids Meteor Shower](#).

November 17-18, 2026: [Leonid Meteor Shower](#).

www.ValmontObservatory.com



Music for the Spring

CMF Concerts 

My passion each summer is the Colorado Music Festival. I volunteer with this organization and attend almost every concert. I highly recommend checking out some of the concerts on this summer's calendar. You will want to reserve your place at the free family concert and buy any other tickets early. **Tickets go on sale for individual events March 3.** Here are some highlights, but all concerts are top quality.

July 9/10 Himari

July 12, Free Family Concert **** reservations open 3/3, they will go quickly!!**

July 16/17 Yuja Wang/West Side Story ****rockstar pianist**

July 26 Mozart

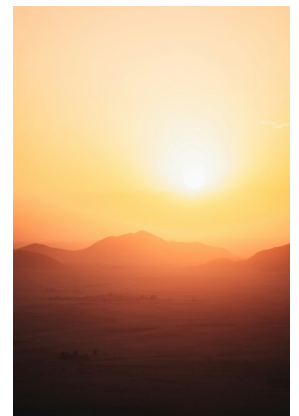
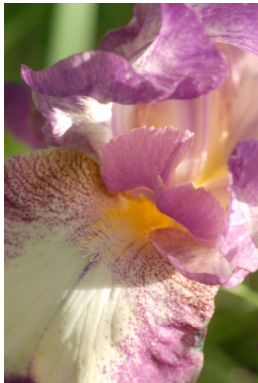
August 6/7 Michelle Cann

<https://coloradomusicfestival.org/calendar/>

Blessings, Stella



The signs of Spring



Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our beautiful Easter Sunrise and Breakfast



Women's Association

As the church sack lunch has not been well attended as scheduled, we will switch to meeting on the second TUES of the month at the church at 12:30. Mark your calendars for sack lunch fellowship on March 10 and April 14.

The Women's Association continues with our study by Megan Fate Marshman. We watch her video for which a workbook is included. We are starting Part 3 of the book, *Relaxed*. Please read from Chapter 6 to Chapter 9 for our March 18th meeting. If you would like to attend, and would like a book, please let me know,

Submitted by Peggy



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Upcoming Musical Events

- ◆ Boulder Chorale – Prelude to Spring
March 8th at 4:00 p.m.
Atonement Lutheran Church
- ◆ Deborah Schmidt-Lobis will present her Easter Cantata at Center for Musical Arts on April 4th. More details to come — see Debby Clem for additional information.
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Chorale (Jack Harless is a member) – Something Blue (Jazz Concert)
Friday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m.
Heart of Longmont Church
- ◆ Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m.
Grace Commons Church
- ◆ Cantabile (Stephen Bird is a member) – Song of Hope
May 15th and 17th
First Congregational Church of Boulder

Submitted by Jack



Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) - The Search Continues

February 2026

The PNC had two second interviews, on February 1st and 2nd. We were able to ask in-depth questions and spent about an hour with each candidate. One candidate the PNC discussed extensively after the interview. We came to the conclusion he was not right for Valmont. The other candidate we were very impressed with. Unfortunately he and his wife had just returned from a visit to a potential church and wanted to process that decision before proceeding with Valmont. We told him that Colorado was the best state and he agreed as he and his wife honeymooned here, including Boulder! We'll see!

On February 3 we did another re-match within the Presbytery CLC system. We received five potential candidates who matched to our requirements. Three looked like possibilities and we invited them to apply to our position. As of this writing they have not responded.

We have not had any inquiries from our January job postings at ten theological seminaries. Nor have we had any response from our Presbyterian Outlook advertisement.

The PNC is not discouraged! We know that God will send us the right person at the right time. Please continue to pray for the PNC and that God's choice for our next pastor will come soon.



Steven Clem
PNC Chair



Deacons Corner

One of the duties the deacons try to do on a very regular basis is sending cards, visiting members and friends, or checking in with phone calls. If you would like a visit or a phone call or maybe just a short prayer of encouragement, please let us know.

Anyone ready for a Potluck:

We are happy to be heading up our first of "Once a Quarter Potluck" on March 8th. Please plan to stay after the service, and bring a dish to share that serves 6-8.

Minute For Mission

We are planning to have a representative from four major organizations we support do a Minute-for-Mission to bring us up to date on the programs and progress and the challenges they are facing. Barb Bulthuis visited February 22nd and shared what new things are happening at Crossroads School in Longmont. They are starting a new program to help high-school students transition to life after high-school; particularly for those not attending college, and wondering what they do now.

Barb reminded us that they love people coming to a tour their school. She used to give the tours herself, but has handed that responsibility over to the students because she says they do a much better job than she does. Just call to let them know you are coming;

bulthuis@crossroadslongmont.org or 303-709-9881

The upcoming dates are:

Thursday, Feb 26 9 to 10 a.m.

Monday, March 30th 9 to 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 16th 9 to 10 a.m.

Monday, May 4th 9 to 10 a.m.



Francea Phillips from Meal -On-Wheels will be visiting on March 8th.

Other organizations and speakers will be Sister Carmen and TGHR in April, May or June. WE will keep you updated.

Round Pantry

Last but not least we continue to support and take donations to the Round Pantry. Due to minimal donations, they are taken once a month; usually the second Tuesday of the month.

Yours Truly - The Deacons - John Olson, Kathy McMullan and Debbie Greever



It's your Vintage

Anyone who would like to contribute articles, pictures, recipes or anecdotes, please submit by the 20th prior to publication month to **Mike Greever** via email at mgreever53@gmail.com or give to **Ella** in the office.

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