

May/June 2020

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

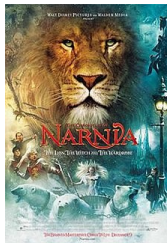


## Pastor Eric

"Aslan," said Lucy,  
"you're bigger."  
"That is because you are older, little one," answered he.  
"Not because you are?"  
"I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger."  
- Prince Caspian, by C.S. Lewis

Anneva and I have been making the most of our time at home this last month — we've been reading the Chronicles of Narnia.

In the pivotal scene (quoted above) from Lucy's second visit to the magical land of Narnia, she finally re-



connects with the Christ-like Aslan after a series of trials and failures. Lewis, in a few simple words, captures a deep truth about God — if we will only let ourselves experience it: *the more we come to know God, the more wondrous God is revealed to be.*

We are once more in the season of Easter. Very soon we shall again celebrate Pentecost. Two celebrations and seasons of God's wondrous power being put on display. God's victory over life and death. God's persistent pursuit of being at home within our lives. These are glorious realities that ought to call forth greater awe and mystery the more we contemplate them rather than the sense that we've figured them out and can move on to more pressing matters.

Perhaps especially in this time — when we find ourselves shut up in our homes and deprived of the normal distractions with which we fill our days — yes, especially in this time, we might discover anew the vast

wonder of these seasons. Without all of the distractions to keep us busy, we can slow down and ponder the incredible scope of God's love for us — for the church — for the world — for the cosmos throughout all of time. May we be in awe at just how vast God's glory extends.

For as much as we discover the mysteries of God's goodness, these mysteries will never be exhausted.

In Christ, Eric

### Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**Sunday School: 9 am**

**Worship Service: 10:30**

**Starting June 7**

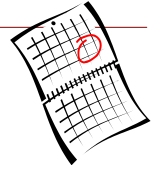
**No Sunday School  
Worship Service: 9:30**

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# Bulletin Board

## Calendar



### Elders:

*Debbie Greever*  
*Cheryl Craig*

*Doug Myers*  
*Anne Harris-Cross*

### Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

### Deacons:

*Don Lewis*  
*Pearline Toney*

*Cindy Sexton*

### Treasurer:

*Ruth Lewis*

### Church Administrator:

*Ella Travis*

### Choir/Worship Director:

*Dr. Andrew Brown*

### Accompanist:

*Stella Pradeau*

### Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend

### 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—7:15pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

5/3 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Adult Education at 9:00am

5/4 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

5/5 - Worship Team at 10:30am

5/6 - Deacons at 4:30pm,  
ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

5/10 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Adult Education at 9:00am, Mother's Day

5/11 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

5/12 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

5/13 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

5/17 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Adult Education at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

5/18 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

5/19 - Women's Association at 10:30am,  
Session at 5:45pm

5/20 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

5/24 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Adult Education at 9:00am, Ascension Sunday

5/25 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

5/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

5/27 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

5/31 - Fifth Sunday of Service at 10:30am,  
Pentecost Sunday

6/1 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

6/2 - Worship Team at 10:30am

6/3 - Deacons at 4:30pm,  
ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

6/7 - Worship at 9:30am, Trinity Sunday

6/8 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

6/9 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

6/10 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

6/14 - Worship at 9:00am

6/15 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

6/16 - Session at 5:45pm

6/17 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

6/21 - Worship at 9:30am,  
Communion Sunday, Father's Day

6/22 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm

6/23 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

6/24 - ZOOM Fellowship at 6:30pm

6/28 - Worship at 9:30am

6/29 - ZOOM Fellowship at 1:00pm



## Georgia Pecan Pie From Cheryl's kitchen



- \* 1 c. dk corn syrup      \* 1 c. pecan halves      \* 1/2 c. sugar      \* 1/8 tsp. salt      \* 3 T butter      \* 1 T. sugar
- \* 3 eggs      \* 1 T. flour      \* 1 tsp. vanilla      \* 1 (9-in) pastry shell, unbaked

In 1-quart saucepan over moderate heat bring the 1/2 cup sugar and corn syrup to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in butter. In mixing bowl beat eggs just until yolks and whites are combined. Slowly pour hot mixture over beaten eggs, stirring vigorously. Stir in vanilla, salt and pecans. Mix flour and 1 Tablespoon sugar; sprinkle over bottom of pastry shell. Pour in filling and bake in 350 degree oven for glass pan and 375 for metal pan until cake tester inserted in center of pie comes out clean, about 45 minutes.



## Pecan Pumpkin Pie Homemade with Love From Anne's kitchen



- \* 3 eggs      \* 1/2 cup sugar      \* 1 cup Libby Solid Pack Pumpkin      \* 3 Tb. melted butter      \* 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- \* 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice      \* 1 cup pecan halves      \* 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell      \* 2/3 cup corn syrup

Stir together 1 slightly beaten egg, pumpkin, 1/3 cup sugar, and pie spice.

Spread over bottom of pie shell. Combine 2 beaten eggs, corn syrup, 1/2 cup sugar, butter and vanilla. Stir in nuts. Spoon over pumpkin mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 50 minutes or until filling is set.



## Pecan Pie From Deb G's kitchen

This recipe was in Ina Garten's Foolproof recipe book. She however found it in a Real Simple magazine.



- ◆ 1 unbaked Perfect Pie Crust (or your favorite pie crust recipe)      \* 1/2 cup light corn syrup      \* 1/4 cup good honey
- ◆ 1/4 cup pure maple syrup      \* 4 tablespoon (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- ◆ 3 extra-large eggs, lightly beaten      \* 1 tablespoon bourbon, such as Maker's Mark
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract      \* 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt      \* 2 1/2 cups whole pecan halves (9 ounces)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-inch pie pan with the pie crust. Place it on a sheet pan.

In a large bowl, whisk together the corn syrup, honey, maple syrup, butter, eggs, bourbon, vanilla, orange zest, and salt. Stir in the pecans and pour into the unbaked pie shell. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, until the center is just set. Set aside to cool, and serve.



## Perfect Pie Crust From Deb G's kitchen

- ◆ 12 tablespoons very cold unsalted butter      \* 3 cups all-purpose flour      \* 1 tablespoon sugar
- ◆ 1 teaspoon kosher salt      \* 1/3 cup very cold vegetable shortening      \* 1/2 cup ice water

Cut the butter in 1/2 inch dice and return it to the refrigerator while you prepare the flour mixture. Place the flour, sugar, and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade and pulse a few times to mix. Add the butter and shortening. Pulse 8 to 12 times, until the butter is the size of peas. With the machine running, pour the ice water down the feed tube and pulse the machine until the dough begins to form a ball. Dump out onto a floured board and roll into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Cut the dough in half. Roll each piece on a well-floured board into a circle at least 1 inch larger than the pie pan, rolling from the center to the edge, running and flouring the dough so it doesn't stick to the board. (You should see bits of butter in the dough.) Fold the dough in half, ease it into the pie pan without stretching at all, and unfold to fit the pan. With a small sharp paring knife, cut the dough 1 inch large around than the pan. Fold the edge under and crimp the edge with either your fingers or the tines of a fork.



## Women's Association hosted a Zoom meeting Tuesday, April 21st with two guest organizations in Boulder County.

The first Zoom guest was Ann Tapp from Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence - SPAN. Besides being an emergency shelter, they are an organization that is committed to ending violence against adults, youth and children through support, advocacy, education and community organizing. Currently they need nonperishables, personal care items and cleaning items, and money. They are expecting higher demand following the lift of shelter-in-place. Outreach phone number is 303-449-8623, 24-hour crisis and information phone number is 303-444-2424. They can be reached at: [www.safehousealliance.org](http://www.safehousealliance.org).

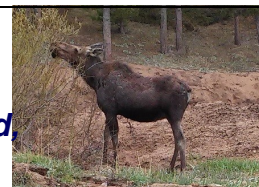
The second Zoom guest was Lisa Sweeny-Miran from Mother House. Mother House is an organization that houses and supports women during their pregnancy and beyond; 90% go on to find permanent housing. Ways we can help them include providing a Monday night supper, or providing supplies; currently they need diapers, formula and car-seats. Call Shannon their coordinator to schedule donations, or volunteer to help at 303-447-9602, or visit them on Facebook at motherhouseboulder or their website: [mother-house.org](http://mother-house.org) to learn more.

Thank you Cindy for organizing this informative meeting. Submitted by Anneva & Deb G.



### HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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



Highlands 74<sup>th</sup> year of ministry is unlike any previous year! With the world facing a global pandemic, Highlands Camp Committee and staff were faced with difficult decisions. Information from the American Camp Association, Centers for Disease Control and Boulder County Public Health was reviewed. The difficult decision was made to suspend residential summer camp for this summer. This decision was made for the safety of campers, staff and volunteers.

Dot Strickland, Summer Camp Director, is looking at establishing a virtual camp experience for children and families. This could include things like small group Bible studies, singing, interactive live-streamed games and crafts. There are many things being considered.

The retreat center has been closed, and groups have cancelled their programs. Refunds are being made to these groups that had paid for their reservations. We do not know when we will be able to reopen to guest groups. It is possible that we will have to change our style of meal service to insure the safety of the guests and staff.

There have been blessings in this time as well. Our wells and water sources have rested and replenished. All of the equipment was removed from the kitchen and hall of the Retreat Center in order to strip and refinish the floors. Major repairs have been made to the freezer and the wastewater plant pumps.

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 are doing an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis

Highlands Camp Committee

## EASTER LILY AND THE RESURRECTION

A beautiful Easter Lily  
With petals snowy white  
Stood in the evening shadows  
As day turned into night;  
Stood at the foot of a hill  
Beside an empty tomb  
Were never a corpse had lain,  
Stood there - alone in the gloom.

What is this breaks the silence!  
And through the thickening  
gloom  
A corpse is born in sadness  
And placed within the tomb.  
A stone is rolled to the entrance,  
The lily near meeting its doom  
By the trampling feet of the bear



ers But is left there,  
alone, by the tomb.

Then as the stars come  
twinkling,  
One by one in the sky,  
Guards come to seal the tomb,  
Then sit on the ground close  
by.  
And all night long the lily  
Shared her fragrance around,  
And the dew drips from her  
petals  
Like tears up on the ground.

The night passes on so slowly,  
And another day and a night  
And then a miracle happens  
In the early morning light.  
An angel descends from

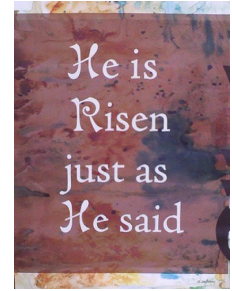
Heaven  
And rolls the stone away  
And he stands beside the lily,  
Early on Easter day.

And our Lord steps from the  
tomb,  
Death could not hold him  
there,  
Arose from the grave as He  
promised,  
On that Easter morning fair.  
And stood beside the lily,  
E'er He finally went his way,  
In the dawn of the early morn-  
ing  
Of his resurrection day.

Then came two women seeking  
The body of Christ in the tomb

And knelt beside the lily,  
As they peered into the gloom.  
But sepulcher is empty,  
And the women start with fear,  
When they hear the angel  
speaking,  
"He is risen, He is not here."

by Cora V Feese, 1889-1969  
(Don's grandmother)



## Daily Bible reading: Malachi 1-2 and Revelation 21

"Be Careful Where You Find Your Peace"

(Malachi 2:5-7, MKJV) "My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him for fear; and he feared Me, and he is awed before My name. (6) The Law of Truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and turned away many from iniquity. (7) For the priest's lips should guard knowledge, and they should seek the Law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of Jehovah of Hosts."

Life and peace are results of a life lived in covenant relationship with Christ. When we dedicate our lives to Him, we are covered, and that is because we are walking in Truth and Spirit instead of according to the flesh.



The world wants to portray the Word of God and the church as the unpleasant source of all of society's problems. Righteousness is considered hateful, and unrighteousness is considered a favor unto society. It was no different in the days of Malachi: "You have wearied Jehovah with your words. Yet you say, In what have we wearied Him? When you say, Every evildoer is good in the eyes of Jehovah, and He delights in them; or, Where is the God of justice?" (Malachi 2:17)

I have seen many people come and go from Christianity – claiming that they leave in search of true peace. The reason for that is this: There will be no true peace when we fight against God's will. The only reason why there would be any form of peace in living in sin is only because you have stopped fighting against your flesh and have given in to it. But it is short-lived and is the way to destruction.

(Proverbs 4:14, 16-19) "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil. (16) For they do not sleep, except when they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall. (17) For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. (18) But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day. (19) The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble."

(Psalms 73:12) "Behold, these are the ungodly, who are at ease in the world; they increase in riches."

Be careful of where you find your "peace." The ungodly might be at ease, but their rest does not come from God. It comes from flesh and the corrupt spirits of the world, and it blinds them to sound judgment.

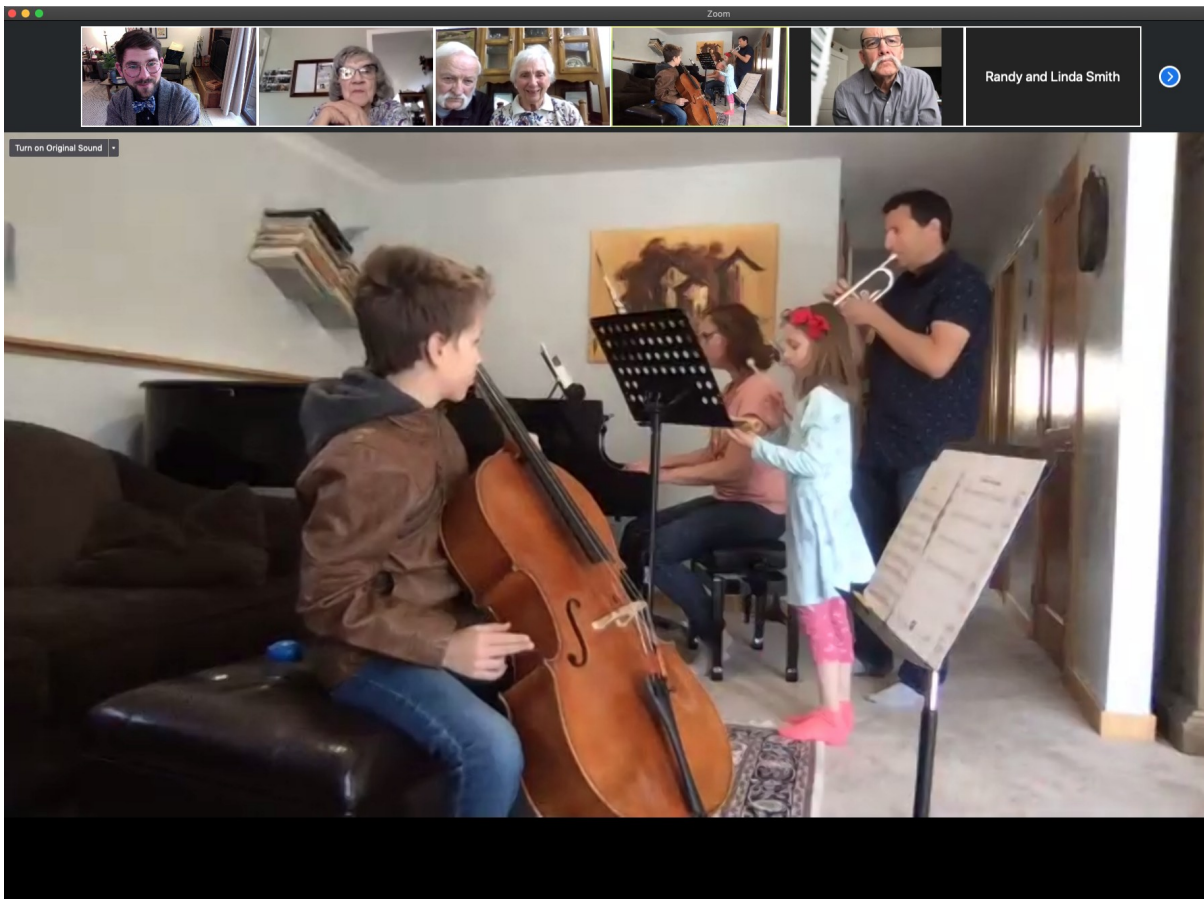
(Proverbs 4:20-27) "My son, listen to my words; bow down your ear to my sayings. (21) Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. (22) For they are life to those who find them, and health to all his flesh. (23) Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (24) Put away from you a wicked mouth, and devious lips put far from you. (25) Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. (26) Ponder the path of your feet, and all your ways will be established. (27) Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left; remove your foot from evil."

By Lauren Smith

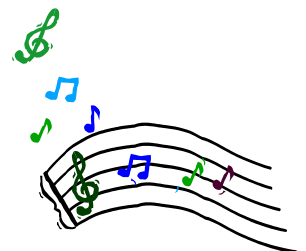
Submitted by Debbie S.

## Easter Service—He Has Risen ... He Has Risen Indeed

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Our family of musicians, Dan, Denise, Luca and Natalia performed on Easter



## Easter Breakfast with a COVID 19 Twist



Easter morning breakfast was hosted by Debbie, Doug, Cheryl, Eric and Anne



Easter morning at Valmont Community Presbyterian Church on April 12, 2020 during the Covid 19 Pandemic



## Cleanup Homeless Camp on the Church Property!

Who is that masked man ... Well it's Doug. He arranged for "Got Junk" to clean up the homeless camp. Thanks Doug



A visitor to the church on Holy Week!

## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Title	Series	Church Calendar
May 3	Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 7:15-20	What is Good?	Micah 6:8	
May 10	Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 23:23-28	What is Justice?	Micah 6:8	Mother's Day
May 17	Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 9:9-13	What is Mercy?	Micah 6:8	Communion
May 24	Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 18:1-5	What is Humility?	Micah 6:8	Ascension Sunday
May 31				Pentecost Sunday Fifth Sunday
June 7	Hebrews 7:1-10	Priest in the Order of Melchizedek	Hebrews Pt. 2	Trinity Sunday
June 14	Hebrews 7:11-38	The Perfect Priest	Hebrews Pt. 2	
June 21	Hebrews 8:1-13	Lord of the New Covenant	Hebrews Pt. 2	Communion
June 28	Hebrews 9:1-10	Giver of Gifts	Hebrews Pt. 2	

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

A Guide to the Perfect Law of Liberty



PETER J. LEITHART

CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS



## Adult Education

The 50 days between Easter and Pentecost mirror the 50 days between Passover and Shavuot in the Jewish tradition. These 50 days are a time of preparation in which the people are prepared to receive Holy Spirit and Torah — the marker of Covenant which assures us of membership within God's family.

Appropriately, we will spend this time reading the newest installment in Lexham Press's *Christian Essentials Series*, entitled, *The Ten Commandments: A Guide to the Perfect Law of Liberty*, written by Peter Leithart. While I have not yet read this work, I greatly enjoyed our earlier study of Ben Myers' *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*. As we explore this text with one another, we will explore the historical importance of the Decalogue, as well as how it might still shape our lives today.

## 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 [mgreever@rmprohomes.com](mailto:mgreever@rmprohomes.com) or give to **Ella in the office**

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