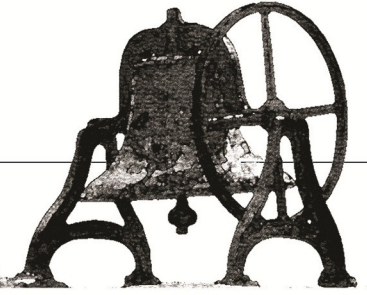


Nov/Dec 2022



Valmont VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:43-45

After having spent the majority of the year in the Gospel of Mark, I can't help but feel a tad reflective about the serious undertaking I've hoisted upon us all. In a world of 24-hour news cycles and where movies and essays are now referred to as "content," it is unusual to spend so much time with such a brief text. Perhaps even Mark himself would have found such a lengthy study peculiar, as he has encouraged haste in our reading of his book. Well, that is at least until this final section we've been exploring since the end

of August, where everything comes to a grinding halt.

As we prepare to conclude Mark with a few more sermons exploring the Passion and culminating in the Resurrection, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on Mark's theological vision and my experience of unpacking this Gospel over 32 sermons.

While Mark has long been my favorite Gospel, it has taken on new urgency for me by studying it within community rather than in my own private devotions. It has forced me to grapple with the church's on-going confusion around why people can't recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. So much, everything really, is profoundly compelling about the life Jesus lived — he is compassion and power incarnate, who reinterprets what it means to be a child of God for all of us. The verses quoted above are foundational to his ministry and self-identity: *to be a servant who lays down one's life is what it means to accomplish God's will*. And yet, the witness of his life is not enough to grasp the full impact of this truth... we need the cross (and what comes after) to glimpse the depths of what Jesus intends in his mission.

So how do we demonstrate the cross in our actions so the world around us can properly perceive Jesus' mission? How do we make him known, not only in our Gospel proclamation, but also in our Gospel-shaped lives? This is the

true challenge of the Gospel — the call to be a servant and slave of all. For someone who loves books and words, it can feel wildly unfair that I need to live in a certain way rather than merely speak the right words; however, if we take Jesus seriously, then teaching can never be enough. This is what Mark has been attempting to show us: Jesus is not merely a good teacher or even a political messiah — he is God's Son, who can only be recognized through the cross.

And so, as we conclude our study of the shortest Gospel, I pray that its length doesn't blind you to the immensity of its power. May you make haste to demonstrate the cross in your life. May you make Jesus known by being a servant to all.

In Christ, Eric



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Worship at 10:30
Sunday School 9:30

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Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend



Calendar

11/1 - Worship Team at 10:00am

11/2 - Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

11/5 - Fall Fellowship at
Garner's House from 10:00am-2:00pm

11/6 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am,
End of Daylight Saving Time

11/9 - Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

11/13 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am,
Annual Congregational Meeting

11/14 - Deacons at 3:30pm

11/15 - Session at 5:30pm

11/16 - Women's Association at 10:00am,
Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

11/20 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am,
Communion Sunday,
Christ the King Sunday, Hanging of the Greens

11/23 - Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm

11/24 - Thanksgiving Day

11/27 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, First Sunday in Advent

11/30 - Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

12/4 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am

12/6 - Worship Team at 10:00am,
Parkinson's' Christmas Party at 12:00pm

12/7 - Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

12/11 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am

12/12 - Deacons at 3:30pm

12/14 - Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm

12/18 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

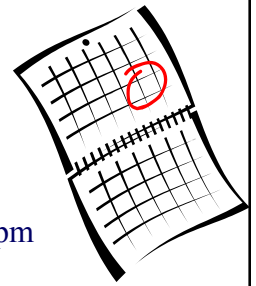
12/20 - Session at 5:30pm

12/21 - Women's Association at 10:00am,
Choir Rehearsal at 5:45pm,

Blue Christmas Service at 7:00pm

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm

12/25 - Christmas Day, [Worship at 10:30am



Weekly Activities

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

Wednesday: Women's Association meets
Third Wednesday (Sep-May) at 10 am

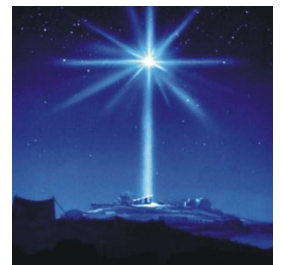
Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday: Choir 5:45-6:45 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm





Pig Roasts and Potlucks



See's Fudge, modified from Cindy's kitchen



Grease the bottom & sides of an 8" pan (I use the butter wrapper)

Place in large bowl: 2 C. chocolate chips 1/2 cup (1 cube) butter, cut into chunks

In saucepan over low heat, boil 6 minutes:

2 C. sugar 1 C. evaporated milk 13 marshmallows dash salt

Stir hot syrup into the chocolate chips & butter, until melted, add 1 C. chopped nuts & pour into prepared pan.
Let cool & enjoy

Swedish Nuts from Cindy's kitchen



1/2# each blanched almonds, & walnuts (or combo you prefer)

1 C. sugar dash salt

2 egg whites, stiffly beaten 1/C. butter

Toast nuts in slow (325°) oven until brown. Fold sugar & salt into beaten egg whites, followed by toasted nuts. Melt butter in jelly roll pan & spread nuts over evenly. Bake in slow oven approx. 30 minutes, stirring every 10, until nuts are coated with light brown covering & no butter remains in pan. Cool & enjoy.

Upside Down Pizza—from Debbie G's kitchen

Beef Sauce:

1 lb. ground beef Brown ground beef and onion together in a little oil. Sprinkle with garlic salt.

1 onion - chopped Then add 1 - 15 ounce jar spaghetti sauce (Prego is good)



Preparation:

Add spaghetti sauce to meat mix, and put in a 9 X 13 pan. Top with pepperoni, cooked sausage, mushrooms, green peppers, olives (any or all of these), then two cups of mozzarella shredded cheese sprinkled on top. Mix together the following. Then pour over cheese.

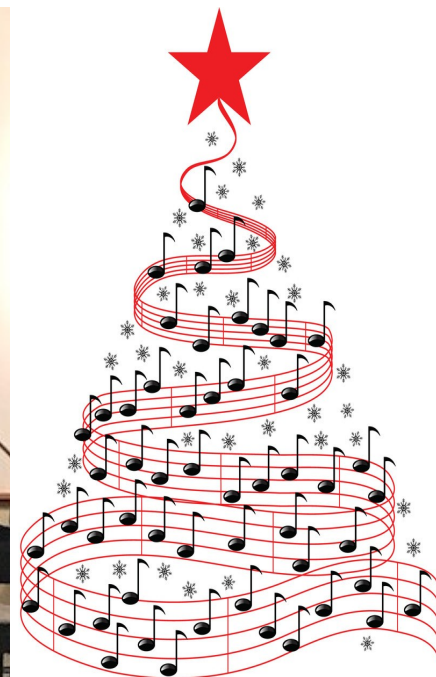
1 cup milk 2 beaten eggs 1 Tbsp. oil 1 cup flour 1/2 tsp. salt

Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes uncovered.

You may make ahead up to topping and freeze or refrigerate. Then put on toppings and "crust mix" before baking.



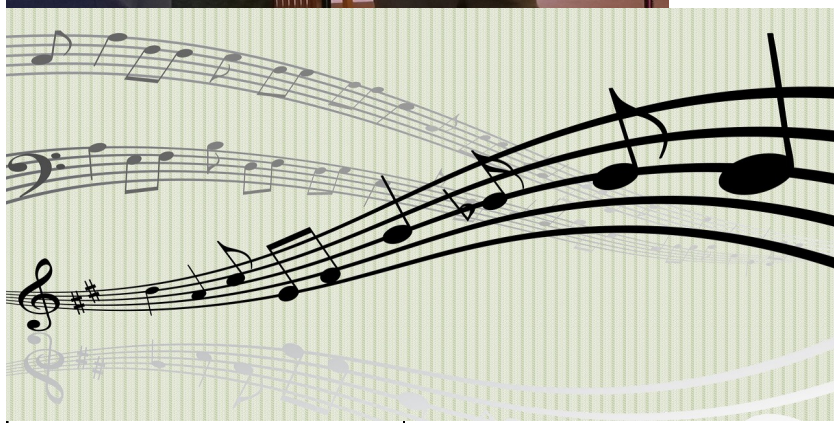
Analyn is from the Philippines and as a child received an Operation Christmas Child shoe-box. She now lives in the US and recently spoke at Valmont about what receiving the shoe-box meant to her. This year's National Collection Week is November 14-21.



Randy and Linda singing from their hearts to ours.

Music

Music at Valmont church is big in our small church. We love our choir which brings a joyful noise to the Lord. Support our music program by joining in on the fun. The choir practice is only one hour a week on Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. We also meet 30 minutes before worship time to warm up our voices.



Advent/Christmas Services

As is our usual practice, Valmont will begin observing Advent a week early as we hang the greens following worship on Christ the King Sunday (11/20). Our next special service will be on 12/21 as we permit for a time of stillness and prayer in the midst of the hectic season for our Blue Christmas Service. This will be followed up by all the pomp and joy of the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on the 24th. By the time you read this article, it will have been decided whether or not we'll also gather on Christmas morning (which happens to be on a Sunday this year) for a time of prayer and carols.



**Merry
Christmas**



Our Valmont Cemetery

To those of you who may not know very much about the Valmont area, let me ask if you are aware of the Valmont Cemetery at the top of Valmont Butte? It is obvious to most Boulderites that the Butte is home to an abandoned industrial building in very poor condition. That site is labeled as dangerous and off limits by law enforcement. But across from that building, Boulder's pioneers and family members have found a quiet resting place.

Prior to the establishment of the Valmont Cemetery in 1873, the land served as the burial grounds for native peoples. It deserves the honor and respect of any sacred place.

Did you know current and past members and visitors of our church have family members resting at the top of the Butte? Joy Keeter, Kathy Houghton and myself have family at the site. The Polzin's are inurned there. Hugh "Mac" McGinty's wife was a Polzin.

Do you have family members buried at Valmont Cemetery? Joy and I have documents recording the plots and family history records, if you are curious. You can also find information on the web under Valmont Cemetery, Boulder, Colorado. The cemetery is closed to the public but is open to all who care to navigate the dirt road on Memorial Day.

submitted by Peggy Moore



Deacons' Basket

We are so blessed to serve in such a generous congregation—THANK YOU hardly seems adequate, but will have to do until someone comes up with a better phrase.

Because of your generosity, as well as helping some individuals, we have been able to send money to PDA, CYAK, and Crossroads School with your donations to the Deacons' Basket. We have also been able to provide cookies to TGTHR residents & Bags of Grace to some of those we see with signs asking for help.

Finishing the year for the Deacons' Basket, we will be collecting money to pay shipping for OCC Shoeboxes that are donated by members & friends of VCPC, through mid-November when we will switch to our traditional Giving Tree with "ornaments" for our members & friends to purchase gifts for residents of TGTHR.

Please continue to let us know of situations we should be aware of.

October-November 20—Operation Christmas Child

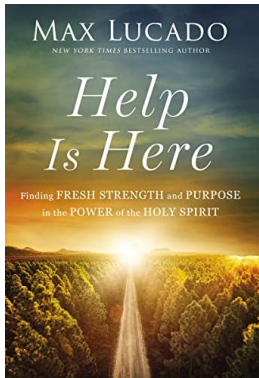
November 27-December 18—TGTHR (Formerly Attention Homes).

Operation Christmas Child

Blessing, Cindy



Women's Association



Ruth Tisdale had heard an interview with Max Lucado about his latest book/Bible study: "Help Is Here", a 5-session study. We decided to have her order the study & 8 books; please talk to her if you are interested.

In September we sent \$100. to TGTHR, and \$200. to Sarah's Home, a place near Colorado Springs for women & girls who have been rescued from sex trafficking. They are raising money & will soon start building Daniel's Academy, a safe home for boys rescued from sex trafficking. I was surprised to learn boys make up 37% of those who are sex trafficked.

Traditionally at our November meeting we would be bagging flour & sugar in 1 & 2 cup bags for Round Pantry. However, after talking to Nancy H., it was decided to donate canned fruit—especially pineapple—this year as they're having a difficult time getting enough for their needs.

In case anyone wonders, all women of the church are invited to attend our meetings, 10a, 3rd Wednesday of month September-May. We always follow with a potluck lunch and, in case you've not noticed, Valmont has some good cooks.



Enjoy the reason for the season!



HIGHLANDS Camp
Retreat Center. The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks appointed a Highlands Governance Blessings!! Ruth Lewis

2023 may bring major changes to Highlands Camp and Retreat Center. The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks appointed a Highlands Governance Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



Daily Bible reading: Proverbs 22-24 and 1 Corinthians 6

“Our Thoughts Become Our Destiny”

(Proverbs 23:7) *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he; Eat and drink, he says to you, but his heart is not with you.”*

You are what you think. Let us look at how thoughts become who we are in just five steps:

1. Be careful what you think, for thoughts become words.
2. Be careful what you say, for words become actions.
3. Be careful what you do, for actions become habits.
4. Be careful of your habits, for habits become character.
5. Be careful of your character, for character becomes your destiny.

Martin Luther said, "You cannot keep birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." It's so true. It has been estimated that the average person has between 50,000 and 70,000 thoughts a day. That's a lot of birds to shoo away.

The solution to keeping our thoughts correct is found in the book of Philippians, *“Finally, my brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are right, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue and if there is any praise, think on these things”* (4:8). We keep our thoughts on what is true, honest, right, and pure.

David said, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, (24) and see if any wicked way is in me; and lead me in the way everlasting”* (Psalm 139:23-24). There are times when we need God’s help in bringing our thoughts under subjection. Remember, our thoughts become our destiny. Your thoughts can become your worst enemy, or they can motivate you to a life of great blessings. It is all up to you.

By Mark Starin and submitted by Debbie Starin



Joy reflecting at her brother's marker and enjoying the lake.

Christ is born





Eric's Preaching Schedule



| Date | Scripture | Sermon Title | Sermon Series | Church Calendar |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| November 6 | Mark 15:1-20 | Keeping the Peace | Mark: Passion & Power | End of Daylight Saving |
| November 13 | Mark 15:21-47 | <i>Eloi Eloi lema sabachthani?</i> | Mark: Passion & Power | |
| November 20 | Mark 16:1-20 | Christ the King | Mark: Passion & Power | Christ The King Sunday. Communion, Hanging of the Greens |
| November 27 | Luke 1:5-25; 57-66 | A Mystery in the Temple | A Christmas Mystery | First Sunday in Advent |
| December 4 | Luke 1:26-38 Matthew 1:18-25 | A Mystery in a Village | A Christmas Mystery | |
| December 11 | Luke 2:8-20 | A Mystery in a field | A Christmas Mystery | |
| December 18 | John 1:1-5, 14; Luke 1:46-55 | A Mystery in the | A Christmas Mystery | |

Adult Education

After concluding our study of *Poverty of Spirit* by Johannes Baptist Metz on 11/20, we will spend Advent in Bible study focused on the texts of the day's sermon (plus a bit of the prophets thrown in for good measure). Then as we move into January, we will study a bit more church history before taking up another book for study.

Poverty of Spirit

Johannes Baptist Metz

Community Thanksgiving Service

On 11/23, the night before Thanksgiving, we will resume our annual tradition of uniting with other churches from the Gunbarrel area to share in a service of giving thanks for all that the Lord has given us. So, join us at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (or on Zoom) at 7:00pm to partner with other Christians and Jews for the worship of our God.

And in case you were worried that the tradition was not entirely intact, fret not! A pie potluck will follow our time in worship.



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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