

Nov/Dec 2023

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *160 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest." - Jeremiah 5:24

While they still have some color, the yellows and reds of the leaves are gradually shifting to brown. It has been a warm fall, but cold weather is on the horizon. As we turn our attention from harvest and processing fresh fruits into jams, we're all preparing ourselves for the winter ahead. Birds and squirrels join us in this work, as they make little stores of seeds — acts of hope that trust spring and good forage will come again.

This time of year is always a lesson in hope; a training ground for trust in the Lord. Not believing that winter signals the eternal death of the world, we lay up food in anticipation that new life will come again. We trust that God will sustain us in the darkness and cold to bring us once more into light and warmth.

Because we trust, we give thanks. God has blessed us so bounteously with an earth that yields crops. And not just that, but has made a world where these foods can be preserved and stored and used to sustain us in times of want. We give thanks because trust and hope are possible; not mere wishful thinking, but a renewed promise to give us life once more.

However, giving thanks for our harvest is not the end of our holy work in this season of hope. Beyond thanksgiving, we also open ourselves up to anticipate what God is about to do next. Advent is a gift to the church for just this purpose. Because we hope in God to bring us new life, we are encouraged to teeter on the edge of our seat, looking for that first glimmer of God's promises break-

ing into the world. And marvelously, this is in the height of the darkness of the year. We began to glimpse God's promises being fulfilled in the heart of winter rather than in spring. Darkness has begun to recede (ever-so-slightly), and so we can trust that our hopes will be answered.

So, as you enter into these shortening days, may your hope increase. God's promises will be fulfilled. We will taste life again.

In Christ,
Eric



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Worship at 10:30

Sunday School at 9:30

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Calendar

11/1 - Choir at 5:45pm

11/5 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, End of Daylight Savings

11/8 - Choir at 5:45pm

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

11/13 - Deacons at 3:30pm

11/14 - Worship Team at 10:30am

11/15 - Women's Association at 10:00am, Choir at 5:45pm

11/19 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

11/21 - Session at 10:00am

11/22 - Choir at 5:45pm (?)

11/23 - Thanksgiving

11/26 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Christ the King Sunday

11/29 - Choir at 5:45pm

12/3 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, First Sunday in Advent

12/5 - Worship Team at 10:30am

12/6 - Choir at 5:45pm

12/9 - **Santa Lucia Potluck at the Garner House at 10:00am**

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

11/11 - Deacons at 3:30pm

12/13 - Choir at 5:45pm

12/17 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

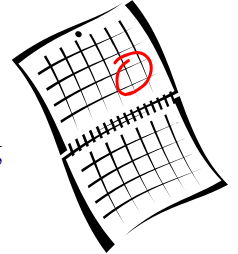
12/19 - Session at 10:00am

12/20 - Women's Association at 10:00am, Choir at 5:45pm,
Blue Christmas Service at 7:00pm

12/24 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am,
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm

12/25 - Christmas Day

12/31 - Worship at 10:30am, New Year's Eve



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

Monday: 2nd Monday—PEO meeting 12-3pm
Deacons meeting at 3:30 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
Choir 5:45-6:45 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday—Valmont Victors 8-10 pm



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Baby Bleu Salad from Debbie G



Ingredients:

For the Dijon Vinaigrette (I only make half-a-recipe, and is more than enough.)

- ♦ 2 eggs * Baby Bleu Salad * Dijon Vinaigrette * 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- ♦ 3 TB Dijon mustard * 3 TB honey * 2 small shallots, minced * 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ♦ 1/4 teaspoon salt * 1/4 teaspoon pepper * 1 cup olive oil

Salad

- ♦ 12 ounces salad greens * 2-4 oz bleu cheese, crumbled * 1 pt fresh strawberries or fresh seasonal fruit

Sweet and Spicy Pecans (Takes 45 minutes to make & can be used on any Salad or just to snack on)

- ♦ 1/4 cup sugar * 1 cup warm water * 1 cup pecan halves * 2 tablespoons sugar
- ♦ 1 tablespoon chili powder * 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

Instructions:

For the Vinaigrette, whisk the vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper in a bowl. Whisk in the olive oil. You may prepare the vinaigrette up to 1 day in advance and store, covered in the refrigerator.

For the Salad, toss the salad greens with the desired amount of vinaigrette. Top with the strawberries and then the bleu cheese. Sprinkle with Sweet and Spicy Pecans.

For the Pecans, dissolve 1/4 cup sugar in the warm water in a bowl and mix well. Stir in the pecans. Let stand for 10 minutes; drain. Meanwhile combine 2 tablespoons sugar, chili powder and red pepper in a bowl and mix well. Add the pecans and toss to coat. Spread the pecans in a single layer on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes - turning each pecan over after 5 minutes, and continue baking; watching carefully that they don't burn! Remove from the oven, and let them stand until cool. The pecans can be prepared in advance and stored in an airtight container. You may chill or freeze the pecans for up to 1 week.

Joy Keeter's Famous Green Chili Recipe submitted by Cheryl

The pictures and the scribing was by Ken Crowe

Diced boneless Pork—2.5 to 3 lbs (trim off fat)

Put pork in a large plastic bag with flour

Brown flour-coated meat in skillet with cooking oil

Use one pound, fresh or canned green chilies and cut them into 1/2 to 1/4 inch pieces.

Add two crushed garlic cloves.

Salt and Pepper to taste.

Add one quart chicken broth — this makes a large batch

Joy used a large skillet—12 inch diameter and 5 inch deep.

The thickness of the sauce can be controlled with more or less flour.



Ken Crowe

Joy Keeter's Chile Relleno Bonus Recipe submitted by Cheryl

Use whole chilies—Joy used Hatch brand Mild.

Cut off the top and insert you're your favorite cheese.

Wrap chilies in egg roll wrapper (can be dipped in beaten egg) and cook them in deep-fat.



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church 160th Anniversary—September 23, 2023

The members of the planning committee were Peggy Moore, Kathy Sleichter, Cindy Sexton, Joy Keeter, Kathy Houghton, Anne Harris Cross, Doug and Karen Myers, Ella Travis, Ruth Lewis, Shirley Crowe, Mike and Debbie Greever, Marilyn McQueen and Ruth Tisdale

The committee met the first Sunday of the month from February until September. The following subcommittees were formed:

Advertising: a flyer was designed that was distributed to churches, schools and farm stands near Valmont. The flyer was also available to be mailed or emailed to friends and family. Closer to the celebration our event was advertised on Facebook.



**Starin's granddaughter
Isla**



Ari Gerner



**Pearline's granddaughter
Anastasia**





**Church
brewed
Root Beer
anyone?**



Fund raising: a pie auction was held on March 19 which raised \$900. On June 10 a silent auction was held which raised \$3,500 for a total budget of \$4,400.

Historical presentation: on Friday evening, September 22, the Legendary Ladies performed a show which highlighted the lives of three prominent women who lived in Colorado during the time that Valmont was founded. This was followed by a presentation by two long-time Valmont members on the history of the church.

Music: live music was provided by Jenna and Phil Blair who played the piano, guitar and drums. And a debut performance with their son Nehe-miah on the trumpet.

Food: there was a pig roast with all the appropriate sides, homemade root beer, and lots of desserts.

Activities: a face painter/balloon twister was a huge success. There was also corn toss, Jenga, and word games. Something new for this year was a photo booth that was very popular.

Volunteer hours: we set a goal of providing 160 hours of volunteer work from the congregation in honor of the 160 years of Valmont's existence. We far exceeded this goal by providing 341 volunteer hours.

160 pounds per month of food for Round Pantry: our goal of 160 pounds of food per month for Round Pantry at Westview Presbyterian Church in Longmont fell a little short but we made a large monetary donation at the end of the collection period.

Our pastor, Eric Garner, estimated that there were between 100 and 120 people in attendance. It was a beautiful Colorado day on the patio out by the lake for us to celebrate the founding of our church in 1863.

Submitted by Ruth T.



The PEO Chapter ID Tea

Over 80 women participated in this fund raiser for continued education for women. There were 10 tables, each decorated



by an individual. There were hundreds of sandwiches and desserts. The tea was from 11:30 to 1:30 pm with a performance by the Legendary Ladies in the sanctuary. PEO has held their tea at the church for about 10 years, and really appropriates the location; the view of the lake, and how the church is so accommodating.

Submitted by Debbie G.



Blue Christmas Service

Christmas is said to be the “most wonderful time of the year.” However, for many, the joys and hopes of Christmas mingle with feelings of pain, mourning, and loss. If the Christmas season stirs up complicated emotions within you, know that you are not alone. It is not wrong or unfaithful to feel this way.



Whether you are feeling blue this season or are simply looking for a time of peace and stillness to help you concentrate on the true meaning of the season, please know that you are welcome to join us for this service on **Wednesday 12/20 at 7:00pm.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



With Christmas Eve falling on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year, you are invited to spend much of the day worshipping our coming king. Join us for a service of Scripture, music, and light as we prepare the way in our hearts and the world for Jesus' reign in our midst.



Sunday 12/24 at 7:00pm.

The Deacons' Corner



Operation Christmas Child will be collecting shoeboxes the 3rd week in November (the week before Thanksgiving, so it's not too early to be shopping for them (You may even find some left-over back-to-school supplies). I've heard more than one former recipient and was surprised to learn one of the favorite items in their boxes was a pencil—how often do we take things like that for granted?

Because of the generosity of donors such as VCPC members, over 300,000,000 children and their families all around the world have been able to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Last year VCPC donated 35 boxes—let's see if we can double that this year!

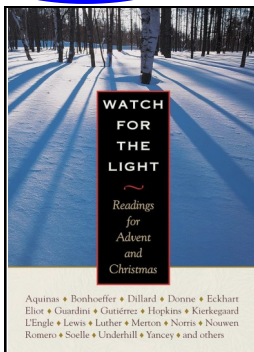
Our Valmont family gave \$250 which will be sent to Crossroads. The Deacons are so grateful for the continued generosity of Valmont. It's a Christian-based school in Longmont that serves kids who have had difficulty with public schools. They offer more hands-on classes, that are more appropriate for these kids. However, they still have the core academic classes, too. The kids wind up with a high school diploma.

Money donated to Deacons' Basket, affectionately known as B.O.B., through Sunday November 12 will go towards payment of postage for the Operation Christmas Child postage. Be sure to note on your check.

Submitted by Cindy and Marilyn

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series	Church Calendar
November 5	Psalms 84	Holy Hospitality	A Season of Psalms	
November 12	Psalms 126	A Good Harvest	A Season of Psalms	
November 19	Psalms 148	<i>Hallelu Yah!</i>	A Season of Psalms	Communion
November 26	Psalms 24:1-10; John 19:1-16	We Have No King But...	[one off]	Christ The King Sunday, Communion
December 3	Isaiah 40:28-31; Luke 1:5-25	Ghost of Advent Hope	An Advent Carol	First Sunday in Advent
December 10	Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 1:26-38	Ghost of Advent Peace	An Advent Carol	
December 17	Isaiah 55:8-13; Luke 1:39-45	Ghost of Advent Joy	An Advent Carol	Communion
December 24	Isaiah 54:9-14 Luke 1:46-56	Ghost of Advent Love	An Advent Carol	Christmas Eve
December 31			[Guest Preacher]	New Year's Eve



Adult Education

Throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons, I invite you to join me in a series of devotional readings from *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*. Starting on December 3rd, the Adult Ed. class will discuss these daily readings along with a weekly consideration of the broad themes of Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love).

All are welcomed to join in our discussions every Sunday at 9:00am.

Santa Lucia Potluck at the Garners

All of you are invited to a Santa Lucia potluck at the Garner's house in Longmont on Saturday, 12/9 at 10:00am. We will provide plenty of sweets and coffee-so-strong that our Swedish grandparents would be proud. Feel free to bring a food item to share, but we'd love your company regardless.



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160 years of loving God, caring for others
and being Christ's witness to the world.

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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