

Sept/Oct 2018

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

"So you must go and make all the nations into disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to observe everything I have commanded you. And look: I am with you, every single day, to the very end of the age."  
-Matthew 28:19-20

Over the years, you have heard me preach on the importance of living a life of discipleship after we've believed in Jesus, received his Spirit, and have sworn allegiance to the government of God. As Paul tells us in Titus 2:11-14 "God's saving grace, you see, appeared for all people. It teaches us that we should turn our backs on ungodliness and the passions of the world, and should live sober, just, and devout lives in the present age, while we wait eagerly for the blessed hope and royal appearing of the glory of our great God and savior, Jesus the king. He gave himself for us

so that he could ransom us from all lawless actions and purify for himself a people as his very own who would be eager for good works." We aren't meant to be inactive after coming to faith in Christ, but rather are to be a people who are eager for good works.

But what exactly are we to do? Well, taking a lead from Jesus, one of the good works we're to engage in is making disciples of all people. This doesn't simply mean getting them to pray the sinner's prayer so they can go to heaven when they die, but rather it means helping them to become a people who are eagerly following after the way of life begun in Jesus — believing that the message he brings is actually (in both the present and the future) good news.

Most churches have recognized the need for what we call "evangelism," however, most of our current society has come to be skeptical or hostile towards such idea. Too many people have preconceived notions about what the church stands for, and want nothing to do with us judgmental and hypocritical Christians. Going up to people and telling them that they're sinners in needs of grace just doesn't sound like good news to their ears.

So, how can we be a people who are eager to do the good work of spreading the good news when we find ourselves in a situation where people simply don't want to hear it? How can we fulfill our call to make disciples of all peoples?

I believe that one of the places we need to begin to fulfill the Great Commission today is first and foremost become friends with the people around us. It becomes so easy for us Christians to get complacent within our Christian communities that we never get to know our neighbors in a meaningful way — keeping them at arm's length. We need to get to know the people around us, figuring out their hopes and dreams; their worries and fears. We need to invest our lives in the people of this world if we want to have any hope of knowing how to speak a word to them that might sound like good news.

Along these same lines, we aren't becoming their friends simply because we are trying to convert them — we need to actually be their friends regardless of whether or not we ever get to vocally share the name of Jesus with them. Now, as you spend time together and you discuss what matters to each of you, there will naturally be ways to speak about your faith; however, it will be a natural conversation between friends rather than an argument where you're trying to get them to take on your point of view. But in order for that to work, you truly do need to become their friend.

Obviously this is neither quick nor easy, but it may just become an exciting opportunity of eagerly pursuing the good work of God. It may just be a way for you to realize that Jesus is indeed with you to the very end of the age.

In Christ,  
Eric

# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*Ruth Lewis*  
*Cheryl Craig*

*Doug Myers*  
*Scott Starin*

## Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Don Lewis*  
*Cindy Sexton*

*Ruth Tisdale*

## Treasurer:

*Ruth Lewis*

## Church Administrator:

*Ella Travis*

## Choir/Worship Director:

*Dr. Andrew Brown*

## Accompanist:

*Stella Pradeau*

## Weekly Activities

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

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

Art group meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday:

Tremble Clef Choir 11am

Choir starts in September

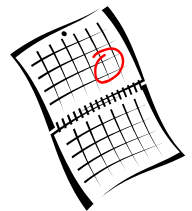
Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

## Calendar

9/2 - Worship at 9:30am  
9/4 - Worship Team at 10:00am  
9/8 - Praying the Psalms Retreat at the First Presbyterian Church of Berthoud  
9/5 - Choir Rehearsal Resumes at 5:45pm  
9/9 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am  
9/11 - Deacons at 10:00am,  
Round Pantry at 2:00pm  
9/16 - Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday  
Education Hour at 9:00am,  
9/18 - Session at 5:45pm  
9/23 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am  
9/25 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm  
9/30 - Fifth Sunday of Service with the Temple Grandin School at 10:30am  
10/2 - Worship Team at 10:00am  
10/7 - Worship at 10:30am, World Communion  
Education Hour at 9:00am,  
10/9 - Deacons at 10:00am,  
Round Pantry at 2:00pm  
10/14 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am  
10/16 - Session at 5:45pm  
10/21 - Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday  
Education Hour at 9:00am,  
10/23 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm  
10/28 - Worship at 10:30am, Reformation Sunday  
Education Hour at 9:00am,



**Ask a friend to join you.**

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**New times start Sept. 9**

**Sunday School: 9 am**

**Worship Service: 10:30**

3262 N. 61st Street, Boulder  
(61st Street & Valmont Road)

**303-442-2135**

[www.ValmontChurch.org](http://www.ValmontChurch.org)

Here are the pictures from my kayaking trip to Clayquot Sound on the west side of Vancouver Island, Canada.

Dave



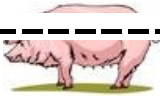
*Ps 95:4 In his hand are the depths of the sea and the mountain peaks belong to him.*

### Deacon basket for 2018

August	Bags of Grace
September	Round Pantry
October	Operation Christmas Child
November	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
December	Attention Homes "giving tree"



## Pig Roasts and Potlucks



### Rhubarb Swirl Pie - from my Grandma Meyer , Debbie G.

It might be late for Rhubarb, but this recipe is worth holding on to. (Or maybe you have some in the freezer, and you can still make it this year!)

You need 3 cups rhubarb cut small and 3/4 cup sugar. Combine and let set 1 hour. Bring to a boil, remove from the heat and add 1 3oz. box of strawberry Jello (I used sugar-free). Make sure Jello dissolves. Let stand until it begins to gel.

Empty 1 small package of vanilla instant pudding in medium to large bowl, add 1 1/2 cups milk, combine and let thicken. Add 8 ounce container of Cool Whip - combine. LASTLY add cooled rhubarb to pudding mixture and mound in baked pie shell.

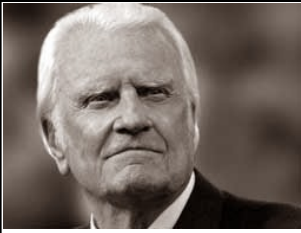
Easy Pie Crust      \* 1 1/3 cups flour      \* 1 still butter or margarine

Melt butter in pie pan and add flour. Mix well - form in pie pan.

Bake in 375 until browned - about 12-15 minutes.





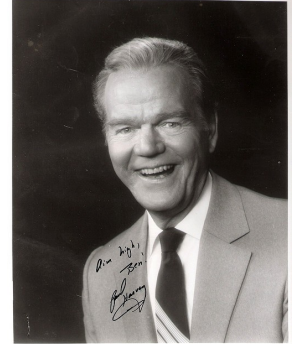


## Billy Graham's Prayer For Our Nation - submitted by Debbie G.

THIS MAN SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY!!

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "woe to those who call evil good, but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us free. Amen!

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story", and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this payer sweep over both our nations and wholeheartedly become our desire for our North American Continent.



## Blessings on Your Phone –Mark Starin

August 16, 2018

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.

One answer to helping our self keep 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.

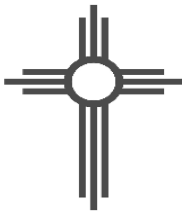
Submitted by Debbie Starin

Valmont is invited to participate in a five-part series concerning end of life planning along with several other worshipping communities in the Gunbarrel area. These events are free and open to the public, so please invite anyone you know who might benefit from some open and honest conversations led by local doctors, lawyers, funeral directors, and other professionals.

# *Thoughtful Endings*

## A five-session series on end of life planning

Presented by the Gunbarrel Faith Partnership  
and The Conversation Project



For more information contact:

**the conversation project**  
in boulder county

(303) 442-0436

[www.theconversationprojectinboulder.org](http://www.theconversationprojectinboulder.org)  
\$5 suggested donation at the door

**September 16, 1-3 pm**

*Confronting Mortality*

Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church/ Pardes Levavot  
7077 Harvest Rd, Boulder

**September 30, 1-3 pm**

*Your Values and Wishes:*

*Guiding End of Life Conversations*

Niwot United Methodist Church  
7405 Lookout Rd, Boulder

**October 14, 1-3 pm**

*Documents as a Guide*

*for Decision-Making*

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church  
3262 61st St, Boulder

**October 28, 1-3 pm**

*Understanding End of Life Resources*

*in Boulder County*

St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church  
4775 Cambridge St, Boulder

**November 11, 1-3 pm**

*Your Precious Body After Death*

Vinlife Church  
7845 Lookout Rd, Boulder

## Things I did not know about the Dead Sea Scrolls until I toured the exhibit hosted by the Denver Museum of Nature & Science by Peggy Moore

I did not know ---

The Dead Sea Scrolls are the oldest Hebrew biblical manuscripts found to date. The 900 manuscripts written in Hebrew, Aramaic, & Greek date from a period 250 years before Christ to 100 years after Christ.



Fragments of all the Books of the Old Testament appear, with the exception of the Book of Esther.

Some scrolls include writings about the history, statutes, & regulations of the mysterious Jewish community that inhabited the Qumran site where the manuscripts were found. That community was known as the Essenes. This Jewish sect was ascetic in nature & had a doctrine dealing with death, judgment, resurrection, & immortality. They would have been the copyists, authors, & preservers of the scrolls. The Book of Isaiah is the best preserved. As I saw them displayed at the Museum, I was amazed at how fragmented but meticulously written on parchment or papyrus. It was interesting to learn that parchment found was not only goat or sheep skin but gazelle or ibex skin. The ink used was carbon based. They were wrapped in linen & tied with skin string & stored in airtight clay jars with lids.



My thought is ---

Such a deliberate but painstaking act of preservation of God's word when Rome was about to destroy the Jewish nation & God's word, is a testimony to God's faithfulness to Jews & Gentiles alike.



**Remembering the  
Eclipse**

**What an adventure!**





## The Prayer Process

submitted by Debbie G

I just finished reading a devotional called Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly. He gave some very practical advise on praying. He said many times we don't know how to pray, or we lose focus. He suggested using a prayer process. I have found it very helpful. I hope you do to.

**Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

**Awareness:** Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you have learned from them.

**Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

**Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

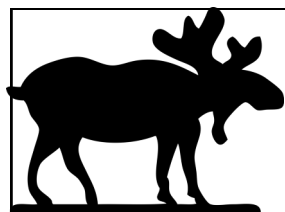
**Freedom:** Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

**Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish by praying "**The Lord's Prayer**".



Excerpt from Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly



## HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

Summer camps have wrapped up and seasonal staff members are back home and getting into their fall schedules. The fall schedule for Highlands is full with various student groups, family reunions and retreats. Highlands staff members are now booking 2019 summer dates.

Several wonderful things have happened this summer. A "Go Fund Me" campaign was started to raise money to build a boat shed for canoe storage at the pond. Well over \$3,800 was raised and construction on the boat shed will begin this fall. Everyone is delighted that moving the canoes up the hill will not be on the list for the **Fall Work Day on September 15<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you will come and help with other projects that will be on schedule.

Highlands has received notice of **Gifts of a Life-time!** In November 2017, Rev. Jane Hays passed away. Jane and Bill Hays had been long and generous supporters of Highlands. Jane made provision for Highlands in three separate gifts. These trusts will be disbursed over time as the estate is settled. One trust may not settle for many years. The Highlands Committee has been developing a plan for the wise use of these gifts. Part of the plan is to eliminate our debt by the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Highlands in 2021.

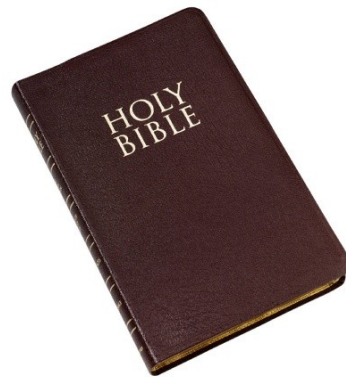
Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the donors, the staff, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!!  
Ruth Lewis



## Eric's Preaching Schedule

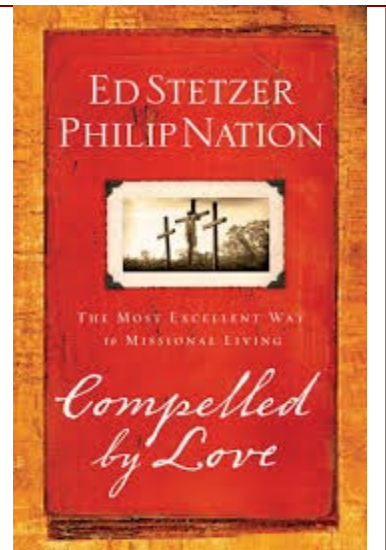
Date	Scripture	Title	Series	Church Calendar
September 2	Ezekiel 33:1-20	Standing in the Gap	Ezekiel	
September 9	Ezekiel 36:16-38	Divine Heart Transplant	Ezekiel	
September 16	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Them Dry Bones	Ezekiel	Communion
September 23	Ezekiel 47:1-12	Flooded Churches	Ezekiel	
September 30		[Fifth Sunday]		[Fifth Sunday]
October 7	Luke 10:25-37, Ephesians 2:13-16	Dividing Garments of Hostility	[One Off]	World Communion Sunday
October 14	Acts 8:9-25	Why Preach On... Magic?	Why Preach On	
October 21			Why Preach On	Communion
October 28			Why Preach On	Reformation Sunday



### Adult Education

I would like to invite you to join the adult education class on Sunday mornings at 9:00am starting on 9/9. In conjunction with my cover article, we will be examining something called “missional theology.” Specifically, we will consider how we can faithfully carry out Jesus’ mission into the world.

Having looked through a number of books on the subject over this summer, I propose that we read *Compelled by Love: The Most Excellent Way to Missional Living* by Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation. In this study, we will consider how we might support one another in calling to invite all people into life with Christ.



### 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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