

Summer 2023

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

-John 21:3

I am writing this article on my first day back from sabbatical (which was wonderful, thank you for asking), and it is not always easy to reintegrate into everyday life after something so removed from normalcy. On a lesser level, it can feel odd returning from a good vacation, but this is more like returning from parental leave; no longer being a caregiver; or having one's child move back home. Life was one way, then it was very different, before returning to

a status quo that isn't quite what it once was. *I want daily life to be a little different, but how?*

In John's Gospel we run into a similar conundrum, as the disciples wrestle through the implications of what Jesus' resurrection from the dead will mean for them moving forwards. Back in Galilee, awaiting further revelation from Jesus, the disciples decide to take a stab at their old trade of being fishermen. This, as we hear, is utterly unproductive — *they caught nothing*. Such a short statement that captures so much of the frustration of our experience; we want *something* to happen, regardless of whether it's in the old life or new. What are we supposed to do now?

Before overtly considering that question lets consider John's next verse: "Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus." In the midst of the frustration and confusion about what to do next, Jesus is standing nearby, unrecognized and (perhaps) unobserved. He ends up offering the straying disciples some counsel that brings them a large catch, before feeding them breakfast by a

fire. He meets them where they're at and gives them what they need.

This is what I'm hoping for today, as I figure out some new way of inhabiting daily life. I am looking for Jesus to meet with me, trusting that he'll give me what I need. I am praying this for all of us, too: *may we have eyes to see that Jesus is here with us, and that he will ultimately give us what we truly need.*

In Christ,
Eric



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

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Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Calendar

6/4 - Worship at 9:30am, Trinity Sunday,
Start of Summer Schedule

6/10 - Valmont Silent Auction from 6:30pm-8:30pm

6/11 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

6/12 - Deacons at 3:30pm

6/18 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday,
Father's Day

6/20 - Session at 5:30pm

6/25 - Worship at 9:30am

6/28 - **Church Picnic on the Patio at 6:00pm**

7/2 - Worship at 9:30am

7/9 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

7/10 - Deacons at 3:30pm

7/16 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

7/18 - Session at 5:30pm

7/23 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

7/26 - **Church Picnic on the Patio at 6:00pm**

7/30 - Worship at 9:30am, **Fifth Sunday of Service**

8/6 - Worship at 9:30am

8/13 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

8/14 - Deacon's at 3:30pm

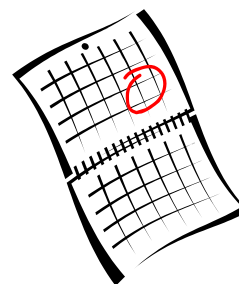
8/15 - Session at 5:30pm

8/20 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

8/23 - **Church Picnic on the Patio at 6:00pm**

8/27 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

8/31 - Choir Rehearsal Resumes at 5:45pm



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

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

Mexican Cheesecake from Stephen

Ingredients

- ♦ 1 chicken bouillon cube
- ♦ 1 Tbsp chili powder
- ♦ 4 oz green Chilis (mild), chopped
- ♦ Green onion, chopped
- * ¼ cup water, heated
- * 2 eggs
- * Salsa (mild)
- * 24 oz cream cheese, softened
- * 1 can chunk chicken, undrained
- * Cheddar (or similar) cheese, grated

Steps

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Dissolve bouillon in water & set aside.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese, chili powder & egg until smooth. Add bouillon liquid & chicken. Beat until well mixed. Stir in chilis. Pour into 9" spring-form pan.

Bake 30-45 minutes or until set. Cool 15 minutes. Carefully run knife around edge of pan; remove side.

Top with salsa, shredded cheddar & chopped green onions. Serve warm or room temperature with tortilla chips

Notes

If you don't have a spring-form pan, use an 8" baking dish to bake and serve.

For spicier dip, use hotter chilis & salsa.



PORK CHOPS BAKED IN SOUR CREAM from Ruth L

Instructions:

Dredge 4 pork chops in seasoned flour. Insert 1 clove in each chop. Brown lightly in cooking oil
Place in baking dish

Combine and heat: * ½ cup water * ½ bay leaf * 2 T. vinegar * 1 T. sugar * ½ Cup sour cream

Pour over chops and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.



WAYFARERS CHICKEN from Ruth L

Ingredients

- ♦ 8 boneless, skinless half chicken breasts
- ♦ 1 Cn cream of chicken soup
- ♦ ¼ lb. melted butter
- * Salt and pepper to taste.
- * ½ C. water or white wine
- * 8 slices of Swiss cheese
- * 2 C. stuffing mix

Instructions:

Place chicken in 9 x 13 inch baking dish and top with salt and pepper and cheese. Thin soup with water or wine and mix until smooth. Pour over chicken. Mix stuffing with melted butter and sprinkle over top. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Serves 6-8.

Note: I baked it at 350 degrees for one hour.

We at Valmont are so blessed to have very talented musicians. Here Sean and Stella provide the musical offering.



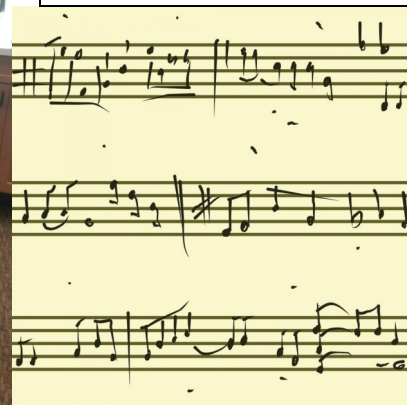
Above: Here Sean and Stephen are practicing.



Sean's last regular time worshiping and performing great music for our service. For his moving to Wyoming party, Sean cut a piece of cake, in the shape of a triangle, from the middle of the cake! We will miss you Sean. Please visit soon!



Sean sang **LOVE**, a song written by a friend. What a wonderful song– We love you too Sean!



Please invited your friends, family and neighbors to the Silent Auction

VALMONT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

You are invited to a **SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER** as Valmont prepares to celebrate its 160th anniversary in September.

WHEN: Saturday, June 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Valmont Community Presbyterian Church
 3262 N 61st St
 Boulder, CO 80301

Enjoy an evening of fun and desserts while you bid on auction items, such as bird houses, fresh-baked cookies & pies, house-cleaning services, needlework, original oil paintings and many more goodies.



Feel free to come early & relax by our lake until the doors are opened, benches provided.

Hope to see you there!



The ROUND PANTRY Suggested Donations List

- ☐ Canned Meals (stew, chili, etc.)
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Canned Meat (preferably not tuna)
- ☐ Canned or Dry Milk
- ☐ Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc.)
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Cereal (hot or cold)
- ☐ Flavored Pasta or Rice Meals (e.g. Pasta-Roni, Knorr Rice Sides)
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Juice – 100% fruit (nonperishable)
- ☐ Macaroni & Cheese
- ☐ Mashed Potato Mix
- ☐ Plain Pasta
- ☐ Peanut Butter
- ☐ Protein Bars
- ☐ Soup



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 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
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Valmont Church's 160th Anniversary celebration on September 23, 2023.

Remember to bring your food donations for the Round Pantry in Longmont.



"We're tailgating."

My Time Away—Pastor Eric



Since I was largely engaged in writing and solitude; I took a break. I did spend a lot of time hiking. The pictures of Anneva and I are from her visit out to see me, and together we went to the Great Sand Dunes National Park outside of Alamosa.



The mountainous pictures were taken near my friends' cabin in Crestone, which is nestled against the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Music at Valmont

Valmont Community Choir continued to rehearse and make music these past months. We've enjoyed silly humor, new mind games (kind of like follow the leader, only a few beats delayed) and singing in beautiful harmony. I've really enjoyed stepping into the role of music director and am grateful for the support and encouragement I've been shown. It's been fun!

Choir will take a summer break and resume rehearsals in the Fall. Future goals include preparing a Christmas cantata and growing our community in numbers! We are a welcoming group of people and we're happy to have visitors/new members. Please consider joining us.

In the summer months ahead, don't hesitate to reach out to me with special hymn requests or to even offer your own talent for the musical offering moment. Poetry reading, free style dancing, stand-up—pretty much everything counts if it's for God's glory! Variety/diversity is beautiful and the summer months are a fantastic opportunity to explore new things.

-Stella

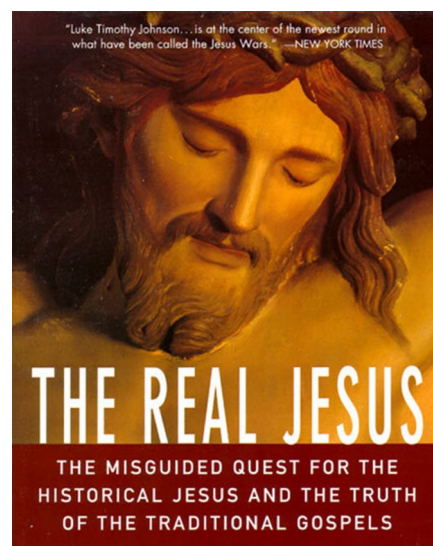
Book Report from Don Lewis

The book 'The Real Jesus' by Luke Timothy Johnson was laying in Eric's office or on a bookshelf, I cannot remember which. Anyway, I decided to read the book. After I was done with it, I wanted to go back and look at the index. I found that a member of Valmont had embossed his name on a page, Ken Crowe. He was a special person lost to Valmont but a joy to our Lord. The beginning is about a group of academics who met twice a year to discuss the historical Jesus. As I started to read, my mind said that they will not know any thing of Jesus unless it is found in the Bible. Of course, they did not ask me since I am not an academic.

Mr. Johnson is not only an academic, but I found a committed Christian. Many people have written about Jesus and the Christian faith, some positive and many not so much. It turns out that the 'Jesus Seminar' starts out exploring what is known about Jesus and over the years of this seminar attempts to make an argument that Christians are fooled by what they read in the gospel stories. The idea they had was to figure out or explain what history has to say about Jesus and by doing that they would challenge people's faith in Him. Mr. Johnson goes into detail about the methods they use and the materials they find. He is critical of the fact that history has many problems. We cannot even reconstruct the history of people in our time very well.

He goes on to show what there might be historical about Jesus except for the bible. It is interesting to see what other documents or literature which mentions Jesus. In the last chapter we are given a summary of what we know about the Real Jesus.

Mr. Johnson says "The Jesus Seminar's promise to deliver, by means of historical methods, 'the real Jesus' is, we have seen, fraudulent on two counts. The first is that its historical methodology is flawed. The second is that even the best historical reconstruction cannot supply 'the real Jesus,' anymore than it can supply 'the real Socrates.'" I encourage you to read the whole book, but you may find that the first three chapters are more of an interest in the workings of the academics. I believe you will be encouraged by what you find is this read and find too, "The Truth Of The Traditional Gospels." The Real Jesus'



LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON

How do you make a bandstand? (Take away their chairs!)



The Deacons' Corner

Who or what is BOB? The Deacons' have renamed our ministry, 'Beyond Our Borders' or BOB. The borders to which the acronym alludes are the physical parameters of Valmont Church. Within the scope of that ministry are four main opportunities for the congregation to give to the greater community; these include KYAK, Crossroads School and Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to contribute, please write the name of the specific organization on the memo line of your check. Writing the acronym BOB on the memo line is another way to designate your contribution for causes chosen by the Deacons; it will alert the treasurer that your contributions are to be earmarked for the deacons' fund.



Submitted by Claudette



Eric's Preaching Schedule



Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series	Church Calendar
June 4	John 15:13	What I've Learned Pt. 2	What I've Learned	Trinity Sunday, Communion
June 11	John 3; Genesis 1	The Breath of God	Holy Spirit	
June 18	John 13-15; Romans 8	The Helper	Holy Spirit	
June 25		SUNDAY OFF	[Guest Preacher]	
July 2	Galatians; Ephesians	The Divine Down payment	Holy Spirit	
July 9	1 Corinthians; Galatians	The Gift-Giver	Holy Spirit	
July 16	Philippians; Ephesians	The Unity of Christ	Holy Spirit	Communion
July 23	Esther	Purim	Esther	
July 30	Fifth Sunday of Service			Fifth Sunday
August 6		SUNDAY OFF	[Guest Preacher]	
August 13	Ephesians 1:1-23	God's Inheritance	Ephesians	
August 20	Ephesians 2:1-10	Good Works of Grace	Ephesians	Communion
August 27	Ephesians 2:11-22	The Dividing Wall of Hostility	Ephesians	



Adult Education

No Adult Ed. Class for the summer .

Church Picnics

Throughout the summer we will have a series of church picnics out on the patio (or in Fellowship Hall if the weather dictates). So bring something for yourself, something to share, or simply join your fellow Valmonteers for a time of fellowship with one another.

We will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesdays 6/28, 7/26, and 8/23.



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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