

May/June 2016

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

I won't try to disguise it: I am a California boy. I am thrilled to be writing this article while looking out of my window at a green field of grass pouring into a glittering blue lake, all of which is awash in sunshine. Once barren trees are now dabbled with blossoms and budding leaves. It's springtime.

It also happens to be Eastertide as well, the great spring of the Christian calendar, when we profess that new life springs from the grave and that the darkness has not overcome the light. If we were a more

liturgical congregation, we would once again be shouting hallelujah's after their long hibernation throughout the winter of Lent. Because of the good news of the Resurrection, we can anticipate a fruitful harvest of new life as we look forward to New Creation's growth in the ripening summer and harvesting autumn of Pentecost.

As you soak in the warmth of blessing offered at this time of year (both in the changing of the seasons and on-going promises of God), I pray that you will look for a way to be a blessing as well. Yes, Jesus has fulfilled the covenant of Abraham, and from this one family all of the families of the earth have been blessed. However, at the same time, we are continuing the life of Jesus — his life of blessing. He is the founder and perfection of this way of life, and now we are given the joyous task of carrying this way of being into all of the world. We are not

only to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth; but all in Boulder, in all Colorado and the USA, and to the ends of the earth. The springtime of the Messiah's reign has just begun.

Let's live in the light of the Son's reign.

For the love of Christ, Eric

**Ask a friend to join you.**

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**Sunday School:**

**9 am**

**Worship Service:**

**10:30**

June 5 starts Summer Schedule -  
Worship at 9:30 am  
& No Sunday School

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# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*Ruth Lewis*

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## Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Don Lewis*

*Anne Harris-Cross*

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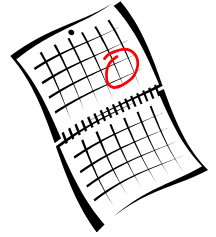
## Choir/Worship Leader:

*Mary Chapin Durling*

## Accompanist:

*Madoka Asari*

## Calendar



5/1 - Highlands Camp Moment for Mission

5/1 - Pie Baking Auction

5/4 - Worship Team at 3:30pm

5/7 - Presbytery in Sidney, NE

5/8 - Mother's Day, Ascension Sunday, Mark Kenning Preaching, Madoka & Andrew's Concert in Grusin Hall at 6:00pm

5/9 - Deacons at 7:30pm

5/10 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

5/15 - Communion, Pentecost Sunday

5/17 - Session at 5:30

5/22 - Trinity Sunday, Rev. Pam Everhart Preaching

5/23 - Contemplative Prayer at 7:00pm

5/24 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

5/30 - Memorial Day

6/1 - Worship Team at 3:30pm

6/5 - First Sunday of Summer Schedule - Worship at 9:30am

6/13 - Deacons at 7:30pm

6/14 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm, Session at 5:30

6/18-6/25 - General Assembly in Portland, OR

6/19 - Communion, Rev. Keith Vandergrift Preaching

6/26 - Outdoor Service, Preaching - TBD

6/27 - Contemplative Prayer at 7:00pm

6/28 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

## 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:

Yoga Class 9 am

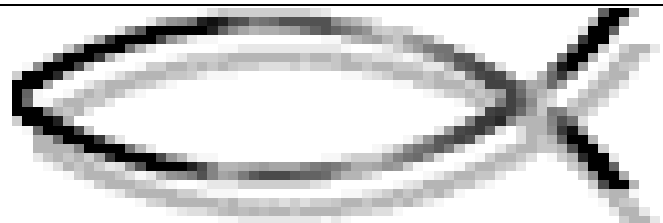
Tremble Clef Choir 11 am

Choir is 5:45 until summer break.

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday - Valmont Victors 8-10 pm





Eric captured a view of God's wonder overlooking the patio



## Pig Roasts and Potlucks



### Deluxe Chocolate Marshmallow Bars From Debbie G's kitchen



#### Ingredients:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| * 3/4 cup butter or margarine   | * 1-1/2 cups sugar             | * 3 eggs                         |
| * 1 teaspoon vanilla extract    | * 1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour | * 1/2 teaspoon baking powder     |
| * 1/2 teaspoon salt             | * 3 tablespoons baking cocoa   | * 1/2 cup chopped nuts, optional |
| * 4 cups miniature marshmallows |                                |                                  |

#### Topping

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| * 1-1/3 cups (8 ounces) chocolate chips | * 3 tablespoons butter or margarine |
| * 1 cup peanut butter                   | * 2 cups crisp rice cereal          |

#### Instructions:

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa; add to creamed mixture. Stir in nuts if desired. Spread in a greased jelly roll pan - (15x10 inches). Bake at 350 for 15 -18 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows evenly over cake; return to oven for 2-3 minutes. Using a knife dipped in water, spread the melted marshmallows evenly over cake. Cool. For topping, combine chocolate chips, butter and peanut butter in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until melted and well blended. Remove from heat; stir in cereal. Spread over bars. Chill.

Yield: about 3 dozen



# PEO Tea at the Church



The church was used by a local PEO Chapter for a tea and talk on the Titanic.

It was a very festive event with approximately 70 people in attendance.

For the use of the building, a \$100 donation was made by the PEO group.

**P.E.O.** is a philanthropic organization where women **CELEBRATE** the advancement of women; **EDUCATE** women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and **MOTIVATE** women to achieve their highest aspirations.

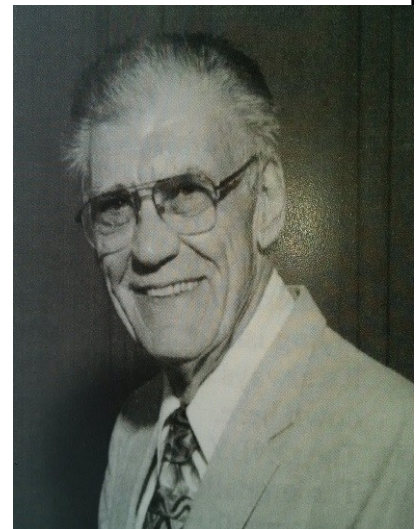


## The French Legion Honor—Mac McGinty

Mac is being awarded the French Legion Honor for his service over Normandy. Mac flew 36 missions in World War II.



Mac in the early 1940's



Mac, Thank you for your service!



# A Very Special Place

By Jake Zink and David Greever

Spring is in full swing, and the Valmont Presbyterian Church lake has woken up from its winter lull more full and healthy than ever. With some of the highest water levels we've seen even before the flood the lake has rebounded better and more quickly than expected. There was some worry after the flood about how much of the fish population had been washed away. After spending a considerable amount of time fishing and observing the lake and talking to a couple local fish experts we have compiled the latest news.

All fishing at the lake is catch-and-release, so it makes it easier to monitor the fish populations. The primary residents of the lake are large-mouth bass and bluegill. The bass population still includes 4-pounders, the largest bass we've ever caught at the church lake, but the vast majority of the bass are smaller around 1-2 pounds. This is encouraging because it means the bass have ample habitat to reproduce and stay safe while they are young. Compared to last year the bass are larger in size. With a reduced population after the flood there was more food available for less bass, so they are taking full advantage and growing quickly. All bass caught so far this spring have been very aggressively seeking food and have big, full bellies. The bluegill are a feeder fish. They eat tiny things and in turn they are food for the bass. The number of bluegill in our lake is innumerable. The bluegill population is so healthy that you can see vast schools of them swarming in front of the canoe as you row through the pools surrounded by grass in the lake.



There is another resident of the lake that is becoming more prevalent. Some number of years ago the lake was stocked with grass carp to help manage the grass over-growth in the lake. They are sterile, so they cannot reproduce, but some of them have grown so large that they now resemble some kind of prehistoric dinosaur/goldfish hybrid. The problem with the larger carp is that at some point in their growth they stop eating grass and start eating whatever swims in front of their faces, namely other fish. In order to protect the bass and bluegill populations we have begun removing the largest carp from the lake. To catch these monsters you have to sneak up on them very quietly because they spook easily. You can't even use an ordinary fishing pole and bait because they're too skittish. Maybe you've seen a couple crazy guys out in the canoe with a bow and arrow. That's us. We fire an arrow at them that is connected by a heavy fishing line to our bows. Once they're on the line it's a wild ride! So far we have removed two of these gargantuan carp totaling over 60 pounds! Unfortunately there are many more. We have seen schools of them in the shallows and estimate there could be 15 or more at that size.

So far security measures at the lake seem to be working well. The red and white signs around the lake, as well as the fishing permit system, have worked well as deterrents to those who fish the lake illegally. There are a couple projects in the works to further increase the security of the lake as well as the facilities around the lake. First, we (Jake and David) both do metal work for a living. We are drawing up plans for a metal gate that we will make and donate to the church for installation at the end of the fence by the garden. This will restrict vehicle access to the garden and around the lake to only the people of the church and those who are given the code to the gate. Also, the dock has been meddled with a bit already this year, so we are working on a system to better anchor it in place at the boat-launch.

The future of this wonderful lake is looking very good. The experts contacted about the health of the lake marveled over its recovery from the flood. They suggested that crappie or perch may be a good addition to lake if the church wants to stock another species, and warned that a predator species such as pike or walleye would have a detrimental effect. Strangely enough, just yesterday some very small perch and crappie were caught at the lake!! The hypothesis is that they washed into the lake during the flood as babies and eggs, and are just now getting big enough to bite at the baits we've been throwing. **The biggest recommendation we received from the experts was to install an aerator in the deepest part of the lake. The aerator essentially just puts more oxygen into the water, but that simple operation will serve many purposes. The increased oxygen will help breed more bacteria to break down the plant and animal waste at the bottom of the lake. This will provide less food and carbon dioxide to the grass that is choking the lake by the end of each summer and starving the fish of oxygen. In short the aerator will make a better, more oxygenated environment for the fish, as well as reduce the swampy smell and naturally regulate the grass that grows in the lake.**



Well, we hope you enjoyed this update and found it informative. If you see us out on the lake, or want to talk fish, feel free to flag us down for a chat. Hopefully you'll get out and enjoy the lake as much as we do, as it is a **very special place**.

## Easter at Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



The sunrise service



The Great Breakfast after sunrise service



The transformed Cross



Our Choir in service to the Lord

### News from the Deacons

Thanks to your generosity we packed 35 Bags of Grace for distribution to the homeless. The Deacons collect and pack these bags quarterly for the congregation to hand out. The bags contain basic toiletries, food and water and are generally gratefully received. Ten bags go to clients at Real Choices Pregnancy Center each time.

Recently the Deacons purchased 10 sleeping bags for HOPE for Longmont. HOPE provides emergency street outreach for the homeless in Longmont and offers supportive follow-through services. They provide sack meals nightly and Valmont helped pack meals for them during the Gunbarrel Community Thanksgiving Service. This time of year there is a particular need for sleeping bags as the weather is still cold at night.

Please keep those on the street in your prayers, particularly the youth. The Deacons and the Women's Association continue to support Attention Homes, which serves homeless youth in Boulder County.—Anne



## No Fear 50 Times in the Bible



For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. [2 Timothy 1:7 NLT](#)  
 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. [Luke 12:32 NIV](#)  
 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. [Psalm 34:7 NIV](#)  
 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. [Matt 10:31 NIV](#)  
 Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him.  
[Deuteronomy 13:4 NLT](#)

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. [John 14:27 NLT](#)

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. [Joshua 1:9 NLT](#)

But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. [1 Peter 3:14 NLT](#)  
 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent!" [Acts 18:9 NLT](#)  
 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. [1 John 4:18 NLT](#)

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. [Psalm 56:3 NIV](#)

In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? [Psalm 56:4 NIV](#)

He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. [Psalm 91:4-8 NLT](#)

They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. [Psalm 112:7 NLT](#)

Do not tremble; do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim my purposes for you long ago? You are my witnesses—is there any other God? No! There is no other Rock—not one! [Isaiah 44:8 NLT](#)

I, am the one who comforts you. So why are you afraid of mere humans, who wither like the grass and disappear? [Isaiah 51:12 NLT](#)

Be not afraid of them [their faces], for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. [Jeremiah 1:8](#)

Amplified But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." [Mark 5:36 NLT](#)

They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" [John 6:19-20 NLT](#)

"Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!" [Exodus 20:20 NLT](#)

You must always act in the fear of the Lord, with faithfulness and an undivided heart. [2 Chronicles 19:9 NLT](#)

The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant. [Psalm 25:14 NLT](#)

But the Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. [Psalm 33:18 NLT](#)

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. [Psalm 34:4 NLT](#)

Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. [Psalm 34:9 NLT](#)

The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. [Psalm 103:13 NLT](#)

Fear of the Lord leads to life, bringing security and protection from harm. [Proverbs 19:23 NLT](#)

True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life. [Proverbs 22:4 NLT](#)

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety. [Proverbs 29:25 NLT](#)

Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. [Proverbs 31:30 NLT](#)

He will be your sure foundation, providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the Lord will be your treasure. [Isaiah 33:6 NLT](#)

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." [Isaiah 35:4 NLT](#)

Listen to me, you who know right from wrong you who cherish my law in your hearts. Do not be afraid of people's scorn, nor fear their insults. [Isaiah 51:7 NLT](#)

Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don't be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood. [Isaiah 54:4 NLT](#)

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs. [Zephaniah 3:17 NLT](#)

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [Matt 10:28 NLT](#)

We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. [Luke 1:74-75 NLT](#)

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. [Romans 8:38 NLT](#)

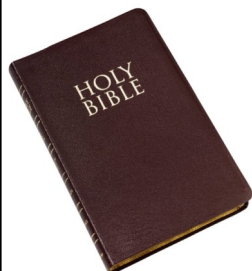
We faced conflict from every direction, with battles on the outside and fear on the inside.

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**LOVE > FEAR**

## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
May 1	Colossians 4:2-18	A Salty Lot	Colossians	
May 8	Exodus 18:13-27 1 Corinthians 12:12-31	Our one, big, typically dysfunctional but normally relatively happy family	Mark Kenning, Preacher	Ascension Sunday
May 15	Acts 10:34-48	Plot Twists	[One Off]	Pentecost / Communion
May 22	Genesis 12:1-9	Home is Where the Heart Is	Pam Everhart, Preacher	Trinity Sunday
May 29	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Love of God	Mission Statement	
June 5	Leviticus 19:9-18, 32-34	Care of Neighbors	Mission Statement	
June 12	2 Corinthians 4:1-15	Christ's Witnesses	Mission Statement	
June 19		Keith Vandergrift	[Guest Preacher]	[Out of town] / Communion
June 26			[Guest Preacher]	[Out of town]
July 3	1 Samuel 8:4-18 Deuteronomy 17:14-20	Israel Demands a King	Solomon's Errors	



*Continued from page 7*—But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus. His presence was a joy. [2 Corinthians 7:5-6 NLT](#)

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. [Hebrews 12:28 NLT](#)

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. [1 John 4:18 NLT](#)

“Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.” [Revelation 14:7 NLT](#)

And from the throne came a voice that said, “Praise our God, all his servants, all who fear him, from the least to the greatest.” [Revelation 19:5 NLT](#)

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me [Psalm 23:4 NIV](#)

Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God. [Deuteronomy 1:17 NIV](#)

Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you. [Deuteronomy 3:22 NIV](#)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? [Psalm 27:1 NIV](#)

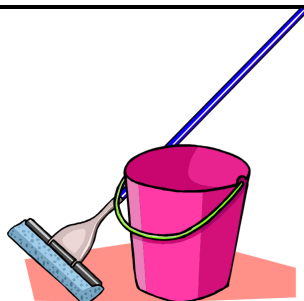
He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” [Mark 4:40 NIV](#)

Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” [Mark 5:36 NIV](#)

Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. [Revelation 1:17 NIV](#)



## Spring Cleanup



Thank you for everyone's hard work. It was amazing that so much was done! We Thank you!

Don, Dave and Mike



## 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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