

Newsletter 4-28-2024



From the Minister's Mac:

Once in a Lifetime

We use the phrase “Once In A Lifetime” to describe certain events in the world. A Total Solar Eclipse. The co-emergence of 13- and 17-year cicadas. And maybe the Rockies winning the World Series.

The co-emergence of cicadas is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime event, as that only happens every 221 years. I’m pretty sure I won’t live through another one of those. A Total Solar Eclipse may be a once-in-a-lifetime

event, although they happen more often than that. But most eclipses require travel for viewing and most folks won't do that more than once in a lifetime. And the Rockies winning? Well, the Cubs had a 108-year World Series Championship drought. If that math holds up for the Rockies, they might win one in 2101, which means it is out of reach in my lifetime, unless I live to be 145, which could count as another once-in-a-lifetime experience.

All of that to say, we also talk about the conversion experience as a once-in-a-lifetime event. Some say you have to have that conversion moment or you haven't really been transformed by Jesus. But for many of us who were brought up in the church, our "conversion" is a lifelong journey. We are God's construction project, needing constant repair and restoration. Through Jesus Christ we are redeemed, reshaped and renewed, again, and again, and again. And each time we are refined, we bear witness to the continual work of God in our lives.

Praise God!

That is not to say you can't have a conversion experience, like Paul did on the Damascus Road (Acts 9), or like the Ethiopian on the wilderness road (Acts 8). Many people who have had a conversion experience enjoy telling the story as their witness to the love of God. They recount it as a Spirit-filled moment of joy, about which they cannot stay silent.

Again, Praise God!

The point is, whether or not we have a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual experience, or a lifetime of experiences — or both — we should be just as excited about our relationship with God as we are about the events that happen in the world once in our lifetime.

See you in church,
Lin

“So they [Paul and Barnabas] were sent on their way by the church,
and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria,
they reported the conversion of the gentiles
and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters.” Acts 15:3

KIDS IN ECLIPSE GLASSES!



There is no deep commentary here. Some things are just too cute not to share. Thanks to Bonnie for the picture!

THE BAD GUYS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

A Message From Rev. Lin:

There is another fake text going around, claiming to be from me and asking for gift cards. Please spread the word: I will NEVER do that. If we need more gifts cards, I will ask either in the weekly newsletter or via announcements in church. I will NEVER send a cryptic message saying I am out of town and need your help, or that I am in a meeting and need you to do me a favor. Please don't respond to those texts, as it only encourages them to keep after you. If you are really unsure, please call a number you know is mine, or check with the church office or someone you trust. Let's be wise as serpents and gentle as doves and not fall for these schemes!

MOTHER'S DAY HAT CONTEST!

Get your hat-itude on this Mother's Day, May 12th. Wear your best hat to church and you might win a prize! Our judges will decide the winner and award the prize during fellowship time after worship.

You don't have to be a mother to wear a hat or win the prize. And if you don't feel like wearing a hat, that's okay, too. Just come and enjoy the fun as we say, "Hats off to all the wonderful women in our community."

Death of Spike Rasmussen

Famuer "Spike" Rasmussen, the brother of longtime church supporter Howard Rasmussen, died April 19. Please keep the Rasmussen family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held in Spike's honor at 12:30 pm on May 1st, at Faith Community Lutheran Church in Longmont, followed by a graveside service at Mountain View Cemetery. A reception will follow immediately after the grave side at The Elk's Lodge in Longmont.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm April 29 to June 24, 2024
Rinn United Methodist Church
Coordinator: Michael Rowley

Learn how to take control of your money, attack debt with a vengeance, save for emergencies, invest wisely and build wealth, and still be able to give generously (the best part).

Mike has helped to lead FPU eight times, over the years. The program is geared to fine tune the way you look at earning, spending, and saving. This class is open to Rinn members and the community. The cost is \$80 per household for the class (in-person or virtual), a year of access to video lessons, a free one-on-one financial coaching session, and a number of other digital bonuses.

Email Mike with any questions or to join the class.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Rev. Lin would like to hold a Confirmation Class for anyone who:

1. Was baptized as an infant or child;
2. Has not been Confirmed in any other Catholic or Protestant Church;
3. Is at least 13 years old, or deemed mature enough to understand what is

being pledged (there is no upper age limit and adults are welcome to be confirmed now if they haven't already done so).

Anyone interested in Confirmation should contact Rev. Lin at her email, or talk to her any Sunday after worship.

RINN UMC FAMILY CAMPOUT

The Outreach Committee is looking for two co-leaders to help put together a family friendly campout. We would arrive at our campsite on Friday night, go for a hike and do a few activities on Saturday and have a campfire program that night. We would come home on Sunday after having breakfast and a short worship service.

Dates TBD, but if you might be interested, email Mike to let him know if you can help and how many people your family might bring.

UPDATES ON WATER FILTERS FOR HAITI

If you missed the building session on March 16th, Christ in the Caribbean still has about 12 systems for building personal emergency water filter buckets available. For every system they sell, they can gift two filters for Haiti.

Also, Sawyer Filters has agreed to let friends and family get in on the emergency filter kit fundraiser. They will order the filters through the CitC website and let Sawyer know that this is for the CitC fundraiser. For every kit purchased, two filters will be given for use in Haiti. This offer will only be made for 60 days, so keep an eye on this space for the starting date.

CHRIST IN THE CARRIBEAN IS ONLINE

For the last two years, we have discussed the Christ in the Caribbean clean water mission in Haiti. Michael Rowley has announced that the website for this mission work is now available online at citcwater.org

Check out the site to see a snapshot of the organization. Check in from time-to-time to see news and upcoming events. Leave a message on the Contact form if you wish to be added to the CitC email list. We will only use

your contact information to notify you on updates with the program.

Thanks to everyone at Rinn United Methodist Church for the prayers and support you have shown.

KIDS' HOPE MENTOR NEEDED!

Legacy Elementary has informed us that they have a first grader who could benefit from having a mentor. If you're interested in this opportunity to help out a young person, please let Diana know (720-354-1432) or see her in church for information. Remember it's just 1 hour/1 day a week.

"Brunch Bunch" Bible Study

Wednesdays

Breakfast at Maggie's at 8:45 a.m.

Study at Bev Ramsey's house at 10:30 a.m.

Join us weekly for breakfast and a discussion of our faith.

Call the office for location.

Sooper's Cards for Rinn



Did you know that you can tie your King Sooper's loyalty card to Rinn UMC, and the church will get a contribution every time you use it?

This quarter, 15 households used a card tied to Rinn, netting us a donation of \$158.21!

If you're not one of the 15, please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

Movie Night at Rinn!

Join us at Rinn United Methodist Church at 3783 Bella Rosa Parkway in Frederick for our "Movie Night" series! We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to watch another episode. We will be watching *The Chosen*, a series about the journey of Jesus as he calls his disciples, heals the sick, and sacrifices himself for humanity. Episodes vary in length from 20 minutes to 90 minutes. It's casual, so bring your popcorn or your snack and drink (no adult beverages please) and enjoy this series with like-minded followers of Jesus. Feel free to bring friends and family, too! We'll meet for about 90 minutes.

We start right at 7:00 p.m. so please be timely and arrive a few minutes early. If you have any questions, contact Shelly Anderson at 720-280-6398 or Mary Stoothoff at 303-875-9488.



April 25 2024

~ Rinn Worship Service ~
(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)

April 14 • 9:30 a.m.

Scripture
Acts 8:26-40

Message

“Being Cut Off”

Livestreamed on Facebook:
to access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).
To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).

Adult Bible Study • Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Starting February 18, 2024 we will be looking at Christianity and other world religions. Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!
All are welcome!

WHILE SCOTT'S RECOVERING

Please pray for Scott's continued healing.
Please send cards to Shelly's address: 8284 CR 7, Longmont CO 80504

WHILE JULIE'S RECOVERING

Julie also needs prayers and good wishes for her continued healing.
She's home, and you can send cards to her house: 1555 E 133rd Ave.,
Thornton CO 80241

CHEST FREEZER MISSING

Our small chest freezer that was in our storage shed is missing! If someone has it or knows where it might be could they please just leave it off by the storage shed with no questions asked.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR

LYNNE ANDERSON MEMORIAL

JULY 27, 2024 AT 11:00 AM

WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

**Mindy would like to thank all of Rinn for their thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are hoping to have a working copy of the directory soon!!
PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORMS in the narthex on the table by the office. Fill out only the information you are comfortable with! There is front and a back to each form. Make sure to mark if you want to be included in the directory.

If you have any question, please email the church office. (info@rinnumc.org)

THANK YOU!

Refreshments for after Worship sign-up

- April 28th: Janice & Sheila
- May 5th: Paula Clapp & Linda Rinn
- May 12th: ?????
- May 19th: Marsha Wood

NOTE: PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 12TH AND LATER DATES

If you haven't yet taken a turn, please consider signing up for the dates in May and June. The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

We Need Your Help with Refreshments after Worship!

Dear Refreshment Volunteers,
Thank you so much for volunteering to provide cookies/snacks for our fellowship time after church. We want to make it as easy and stress-free as possible. Here are some guidelines, for the present time at least, (things are always changeable when it comes to snacks!)

- Provide around 4 dozen cookies in total (these can be baked at home or store bought)
- Provide a "non-sugar" option (fruit, cheese, crackers, etc...)
- Arrange on trays found in the kitchen
- Napkins, small plates, cups, coffee carafes, lemonade pitchers, creamer, sugar, stir stick can all be found in the kitchen
- Coffee and Lemonade will already be made for you
- Please take all items to the kitchen and clean up afterward
- you will get a reminder in your email from Mary Margaret about 3 days in advance of your sign-up date.
- A sign-up sheet will be at the podium in the Narthex each Sunday.

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Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.
Dacono, Frederick & Firestone
303-444-3043

Cowboy Fellowship
Wednesdays at 7pm at Rinn



5/1: New Life Quartet

April Birthdays

- 1 Garry Wilson
- 2 Chris Cholas
- 5 Howard Rasmussen
- 6 Cindy McBride
- 11 Matthew Kemnetz
- 12 Eileen Hinkle
- 13 Debbie Rowley
- 16 Justin Goetze
- 16 Matthew Presnall
- 18 Marvin Van Dyke
- 20 Britt Hulstrom
- 21 Michael Diaz
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 25 Zadia Diaz

25 Mark Mann

28 Jeff Shaw

30 Ethan Diaz

Happy Anniversary to:
10 Wayne & Marsha Wood (1971)

In Our Prayers

- Prayers for peace in Haiti and other current war-torn areas, and especially for Yong Hui McDonald, a UMC missionary in Haiti.
- Prayers for continued healing for Scott, Sharon, Cindy, Wayne, Alan, Karen, Rhoda, Torrie, and all others suffering from cancer.
- Prayers for the family of Gloria Cundall, who died of cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Diana's daughter Michelle.
- Prayers for Justin's backpack ministry for the unhoused.
- Prayers for Edgar in his journey to Washington D.C.
- Prayers for Rae Ann's cousin whose son John died.
- Prayers for Lin's friend Richard whose wife Linda died.
- Prayers for John, who is looking for work.
- Prayers of continued healing for Julie.
- Prayers that Cindy's brain scan show the cancer has not spread there.
- Prayers for Jason's family and friends after his fatal overdose.
- Prayers of thanks and for the safety of our first responders.
- Prayers for Lisa, that the mass found in her pancreas is benign.
- Prayers for Mike's hearing loss.
- Prayers for Susan McMann and her husband Doug as she deals with problems with her legs and prepares for surgery on April 30.
- Continued prayers for Hunter and the Presnall family.
- Prayers of thanks for children and for the milestones our children pass.
- Prayers of thanks for those who serve in the military
- Prayers of healing for Ashley.
- Prayers of healing for Mike Carr, who fell.
- Prayers of healing for Tom Mason, who is in the hospital.
- Prayers for Jerry Barlow, who has ALS.
- Prayers for Lee, who is in hospice care.
- Prayers of healing for Ann Napier, who had a hip replacement.
- Prayers of healing for Larry, who is having open heart surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Cody, who had dental work done.
- Prayers for meaningful employment for those who are looking for work, and for those who are transitioning to new jobs.
- Prayers of thanks for those that financially support the church.
- Prayers of thanks for 20 years of the Cowboy Fellowship!

- Travel mercies for all those who are on the road.
- Prayers for the family of Spike Rasmussen, who passed away last Friday.
- Prayers for wisdom for all those attending UMC General Conference

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin or [email the church office](#).

Weekly Activity Schedule

For more upcoming events, view our online calendar [HERE](#).

Friday 4/26

7:00pm A.A. in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 4/28

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 4/30

8:00am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday 5/1

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Rinn United Methodist Church Leadership

The Administrative Council meets on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our leaders who keep your church running smoothly are listed below.

President: Shelly Anderson

Lay Leader: Wayne Vinson

Staff Parish Relations (Personnel): Bonnie Clark

United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade

Trustees: Rusty Goetze

Treasurer: Sue Mercer

Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel
Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Rev. Lin Cheek



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