

# **Rinn Newsletter 9/4/25-9/10/25**

## **From the Minister's Mac**

### **"Cleaning Out"**

To take my mind off the violence of the world, so I don't go mad from it or become part of it, I have taken to "cleaning out." Car, closets, cabinets, and cupboards are all subject to this coping strategy. While my reason for doing this is tragic, or perhaps even selfish, the act itself is one of love.

Two years ago, I wrote a newsletter article about de-cluttering, but today I'm writing about more than that. The Swedish call it "Death Cleaning," the object of which is to save our loved ones from having to go through a mountain of stuff after we die. Morbid? Maybe. But if you approach it through the lens of love, it becomes a heroic act for which your family will bless you. And the good news is, you don't need to be near death to do it!

In Sunday's sermon, I talked briefly about our penchant for accumulation. This Sunday's Scripture is about the cost of discipleship, where Jesus specifically states, "None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Ouch. So, it's not just the rich young ruler who needs to lighten his load, it's you and I, and anyone who wants to be a disciple of Christ. As I clean out closets, I consider the things I'm hanging onto and why. Am I willing to part with this? Why am I hanging on to that? Do I need any of my precious possessions to do the work God has placed before me?

Even at church, I must ask those questions. For instance, when I first came to Rinn, the phone in my office didn't work. Sharon and Rusty tried to get it working, then decided to get the phone company to come take a look. But by then I had determined I can do without a phone in my office. When someone calls the church looking for me, Julie takes a number and I call the person back. So, no, I don't need a phone in my office to do the work God has placed before me.

Swedish Death Cleaning isn't really about death, or about cleaning; the focus is on taking the time to discern what we truly need in life, or as we might say, to lead a Christian life. I am taking that discernment to heart and hopefully, while I purge the spaces I inhabit of unneeded and unwanted items, the world will also learn to purge itself of its violent ways.

See you in church,  
Lin

**“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me  
cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27**

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## **Rinn Charge Conference October 30th**

Our Annual Charge Conference this year will be held on **Thursday night, October 30th, at 7pm via Zoom**. We will watch a video message from Bishop Stoneking, review the pastor's report, review and approve our leadership roster, approve the 2026 Clergy Compensation, review the Membership and Worship Attendance Report, vote on our Commitment to Connectional Giving in 2026, and hear reports on building repairs, our financial overview, and the needs of the church. A Charge Conference Booklet is lovingly prepared by our Office Manager Julie Stirm for use at our Charge Conference. It contains reports on the above mentioned areas as well as reports prepared by various ministry leaders. Your Church Council attends this meeting every year; however, everyone is invited to this annual meeting. To attend, just send your email to Rev. Lin and she will make sure you get on the list to receive the Zoom Link. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to have a Charge Conference Booklet to review, just let Julie know and she will make sure you get one.

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## ~ Rinn Worship Service ~

**In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook**

**September 7, 2025 ~ 9:30am**

**Scripture**

**Luke 14:25-33**

**Message**

**"The Cross"**

Livestreamed on Facebook:

To access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is  
on the church [website](#)

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## Altar Flower Sign Up

Help keep Rinn looking beautiful! If you would like to bring flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion or just to make the sanctuary a little bit nicer one Sunday, please sign-up on the sheet at the welcome table.



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## Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm. September meeting dates will be the 11th and 25th. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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## Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

9/10/25

Lighthouse Trio

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## Rinn Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and “Talent” Show

Enjoy homemade ice cream, a chance to socialize, and a show featuring the many talents of the Rinn community, **September 6th at 3:00pm.**

Would you like to perform in the show? Have you always wanted to show off your ability to sing, dance, play an instrument, or recite the “Who’s on First?” skit with your best friend? Sign up on the sheet on the welcome table with who’s in your act, a short description, an approximate amount of time it will take, and an email address where someone in your group can be contacted. Or just talk to Suzanne. If we have too many acts, priority will be given to those that contain a participant under 18. Talent is permitted, but certainly not required.

Do your talents tend more to the visual or tactile arts? Do you draw, paint, sculpt, sew, knit, crochet, or quilt? We will also be having a display for those kind of talents! Sign up with your name and the approximate size of the piece you want to show.

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## “Brunch Bunch” Bible Study

**Wednesdays**

Breakfast at Doug’s Diner( hwy 66) 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.

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## Noah's Community Outreach

"Last Saturday, a group gathered at Justin's to stuff the first round of backpacks. Thirty backpacks were filled with clothes, hygiene kits, gloves, socks, hand warmers, Bibles, note paper and pen. Then each backpack was clipped to a water bottle and a sleeping bag. It looked like chaos for a while, but somehow order broke out and the task was complete .

Justin, as team leader, thanks everyone who contributes to Noah's Community Outreach: those who cook, donate, drive, shop, prep, gather, and pray. We offer a special thanks to Tractor Supply of Longmont (I-25 & 66) for giving a huge discount on women's clothing as the seasons change. If you stop in there, please tell the staff we appreciate their generosity. And, we continue to thank Rinn UMC for the monthly grant support.

Why is prayer such a contribution? We are not giving to a faceless blob. Each person who accepts a backpack, a sandwich, or a meal is an individual known and deeply loved by the Lord. We can pray that each person will be blessed by our work, and that they will be reminded of God's love and purpose for them. And we can thank God for this opportunity to share our blessings and serve our community.

Matthew 25:35-40: (God said) 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous (that's us! at least in this parable ...) will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' (God) will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



# Noah's Community Outreach Cont...

And after the work was done, we celebrated: potluck! plus wonderful meats from the Presnall grill."

Thank you! Please call or email if you have questions or need more information.

Betsy

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757-423-3332 cell and text



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## Refreshments After Worship

- September 7th
- September 14th-Janice Henderson
- September 21st



Those cookies, cupcakes and other snacks don't appear in the Fellowship Hall by themselves! Please consider signing up for a date. The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. Note that you don't need to provide a full spread that can double as brunch for everyone in the church; some cookies, along with one or two options for those trying to cut down on sweets, is sufficient.

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)

If you sign up to help, here are some guidelines:

- Provide around 4 dozen cookies in total (these can be baked at home or store bought)
- Provide a "non-sugar" option (fruit **or** cheese **or** 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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# In Our Prayers

## **COMFORT**

- Continued prayers for Hunter, and for God to place people in his path that might lead him closer to God.
- For Scott's cousin's father who is in hospice.
- For Peace in Gaza and Ukraine, and all other war-torn areas in our world.
- For All Care Givers.
- Continued prayers for Eric and Justin's Uncle Mark.
- For all who grieve with us this day, especially for Diana and family for the loss of Terry, Barry and family for the loss of Jessica, and Tom Mason's family, for his loss.
- Shelly asks prayers for her brother and sister-in-law, for strength and comfort.
- For those who lost loved ones and are dealing with the aftermath of the shootings in Minnesota.

## **HEALING**

- For Paula's neighbor who has special needs.
- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- For those who have suffered violence, especially for those in Minneapolis.
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- For Diana's daughter, who has finished cancer treatment and is doing well, continued healing.
- For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- Terry asks prayers for Shane who is having heart surgery. He is only 39 and the surgery is very risky.
- Continued prayers for healing for all those recovering from falls, especially Manny, and Linda.
- For those who have received a transplant of any kind.

## **THANKSGIVING**

- • Fayden is finally going home, but could still use our prayers for continued healing.
- Thanks to Sharon for making her famous choke-cherry jelly.
- Abby offers prayers of thanksgiving that she is back in school.
- Mary thanks the congregation for their prayers — it really helps.
- Thanks that Lisa's daughter and granddaughter's car accident was not worse, and they were both able to walk away.
- Thanks to Tractor Supply for all the discounts on the clothing they for the backpack ministry to the unhoused.
- Thanks that Zander has gotten his permit and prayers for his safety on the road.
- Don Brining is thankful for the VA in Loveland because they have been very good to him.
- Thanks to all organ donors!

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form on the back of this sheet, or email the church office at [Info@rinnumc.org](mailto:Info@rinnumc.org).

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## **Adult Bible Study**

**Sundays at 8:00 am**

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. Please join us for engaging conversations each Sunday. All are welcome!

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## **Via Mobility for Life**

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

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## **This Week at Rinn**

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

### **Wednesday 9/10**

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Doug's Diner (hwy 66)

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

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

### **Friday 9/12**

7:00pm New Hope AA

### **Saturday 9/13**

8:00am Church work Day

2:00pm Tom Mason Celebration of Life

### **Sunday 9/14**

8:00am Adult Bible Study


8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

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## September Birthdays



6 Colton Fox	17 Barry LaSalle
8 Margaret Regnier	17 Betty Schons
8 Brenda Carr	23 Shelly Boisen
12 McKenna Riggs	23 Katie Hulstrom
12 Mary Margaret Stambaugh	23 Linda Rinn
13 Mike Shaw	25 Callen Diaz
15 Vi Calder	25 Ed Dellow
	25 Pam Zuromski

## Happy September Anniversary To...

4 Warren & Linda Napier (1965)  
29 Mitchell & Amanda Hollingsworth

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## 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:

Chair of Church Council: Shelly Anderson  
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark  
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade  
Treasurer: Sue Mercer  
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel  
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek  
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee  
Members: Janice Bachman, Eric Presnall, Rusty Goetz, Linda Rinn