

Rinn Newsletter 3/19/26-3/25/26

From the Minister's Mac

"Jesus Wept"

This Sunday we'll be looking at the text from the Gospel of John where Lazarus is raised from the dead. It can be a confounding passage that explains much, but still raises more questions than it answers. The Gospel of John is like that for me. I read it over and over and sometimes, I'll get an answer to a question and other times, well, I have to keep reading and pondering, and can hopefully discuss it with open-hearted Christians who truly desire to let God speak to them through the Word.

For instance, why was Jesus crying? If he knew Lazarus would be raised from the dead, why was he sad? Was it because everyone else was weeping? Mary was weeping and the Jews who had come from Jerusalem were weeping. It was a sign of their love for Lazarus. Was Jesus also showing his love for Lazarus by weeping? If you look up the Greek word used in the phrase, "Jesus began to weep," it is different than the word translated as "weep" for Mary and the Jews. The grief of Mary and the Jews was loud, open sobbing. When Jesus wept, it was with silent tears. So, he was probably not trying to show his love for Lazarus, as was the custom.

Why did Jesus weep those silent tears? It is interesting to note that when he saw Mary and the Jews weeping, Jesus was "deeply moved in Spirit and troubled." The word translated as "deeply moved" carries with it a connotation of anger and stern admonishment, and the word translated as troubled means to stir up, as in "God's gonna trouble the waters," if you remember that good old spiritual *Wade In the Water*. Was Jesus angry that they were weeping? Was he bothered by the fact that they still didn't seem to understand who he was and whose he was? They called him Lord, and affirmed that he could have prevented Lazarus' death, but they were still wailing as if there was nothing Jesus could do. Is that why he wept?

What do you think? Was he showing compassion? Was he frustrated with their lack of understanding? Or was he already feeling the pain of his fate on the cross? We'll explore that on Sunday, and more, as we consider the transformation of Lazarus.

See you in church,
Lin

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Our Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule at Rinn

Sunday Worship During Lent:

- 3/22 John 11:1-45 Transformative faith calls us to join Martha's confession and proclaim, "Yes, Lord, I believe!" Special Music by Rinn Choir
- 3/29 Matthew 21:1-11 PALM SUNDAY! Jesus enters Jerusalem and many wonder who Jesus is. Special Music by Rinn Choir.
- 4/1 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE — 7PM: John 13:1-16, 31b-35
Tonight, we take on the role Jesus told us to fill — that of a servant — by washing one another's feet or hands. No communion will be served at this service.
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson, Janice Bachmann and Rhonda Ritter
- 4/2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — 7PM
"At the Foot of the Cross" — A Drama for Good Friday by Rev. Lin Cheek
As events unfold after Jesus' arrest, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and Joseph of Arimathea try to comfort one another. The service includes special music and Scripture.

Here is What's Happening Easter Sunday!

4/5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:30 AM: Colossians 3:1-4

Focus: Remember, you have died in Christ and are raised with Christ. Hallelujah!!
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson

POTLUCK BREAKFAST BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES, BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM-

***[A sign up sheet will be in the narthex this Sunday.](#)

TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE — 9:30 am: John 20:1-18

Focus: How do we respond to transformation?
Do we leave? Believe? Proclaim? Or all of the above?
Communion will be served at this service.
Special Music: by Rinn Choir and Scott Anderson

Please join us for the 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt!

This Week at Rinn

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

Saturday March 21, 2026

9:00am UMW Meeting

Wednesday 3/25

9:00am Brunch Bunch Breakfast at Doug's Diner

10:30am Bible Study at Bev Ramsey's House

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Thursday 3/26

7:00pm Movie Night at Rinn

Friday 3/27

7:00pm New Hope AA

Sunday 3/29

8:00am Adult Bible Study

9:30am Worship Service

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

March 22, 2026 ~ 9:30am

Scripture & Message

March 22, 2026

John 11:1-45

“Transformation”

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](#)

Sinecera Care



Sinecera Care is a local company that is connecting seniors (62+) with trusted local advocates who help with everyday tasks so older adults can continue living independently at home. That can include things like light housekeeping, errands, tech help, meal prep, yard work, wellness visits, organizational assistance, shopping, laundry, or simply spending time with someone who could use a little extra company. Sinecera Care does NOT provide any medical care or transportation. Friends and Family of seniors can give your

loved ones the gift of community, health, and independence! The cost is \$29/hour, with most of the proceeds going to support your local Neighbor.

You can find Sinecera brochures on the table as you walk into the narthex (next to the Upper Room books) for more information. You can also go to their website <https://www.sinecera.care/> to sign up and get more info or text/email David at David@Sinecera.Care | 303-550-4050 .

Refreshments After Worship

March 22-Paula Clapp

March 29-

April 5-Breakfast after Sunrise Service

April -12

***The sign-up board is in the narthex at the welcome table.

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)



Camp Buckhorn Registration is Open

[Camp Buckhorn](#), the Methodist summer camp west of Fort Collins, is open for registration. If you have children, grandchildren, or other kids who are close to you who are entering the 3rd through 10th grades, it's a great experience and a lot of fun! The UMW offers scholarships to send the kids. Kids can pick whichever session is most convenient for them and their families. Talk to Sharon Goldade for more information.

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

If you would like to donate items for this community outreach program, please contact Justin Presnall or Betsy Foushee for more information.

Thank You!

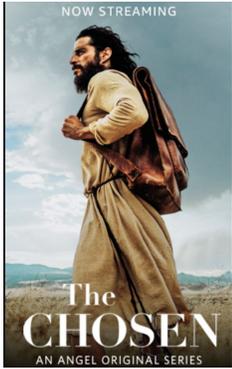
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Bowling Sunday April 19, 2026

On April 19th, Sharon Goldade will be taking us all bowling! Hang around after church, and we'll have a pizza lunch before heading to [Centennial Lanes in Longmont](#) from 12:00pm to 2:00pm for an afternoon of fun. (This event is for everyone ages 2-106.)





Movie Night at Rinn

Please join us every 2nd and 4th
Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm.
The next movie night is March 12th and 26th
If you have any questions,
Please contact Shelly Anderson.

“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.

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 8:00 am

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton’s Making Sense of the Bible and Karen Armstrong’s A History of God. Please join us for engaging conversations each Sunday. All are welcome!



Cowboy Fellowship 7:00pm

Wednesday Night’s

at Rinn UMC

March 25, 2026

Eddie Kendrick

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- For those in war torn areas, and for those experiencing violence on their streets.
- For Colleen on the loss of her son.
- For Diana and family following the memorial service for her daughter.
- For Eric and Justin and family, on the passing of their Uncle Jerry,
- For continued prayers for Aunt Pam.
- For Paige as she takes her test today!
- For Sue Shields and family in the passing of her husband Bill Shields.
- For those affected by the fires and thanks for the firefighter and first responders who help in emergencies.

HEALING

- For Wayne's Aunt Linda. She was doing better but now is not. Prayers for her, for the family and for the hospice team.
- Healing prayers for Jenny and Rusty's niece April, who has cancer.
- For Steve who had his foot amputated, and for all who are dealing with diabetes.
- Aleta's brother who was diagnosed with cancer, and all those suffering from cancer .
- Patty, who fell and needs an MRI.
- For Annie's son Matthew for continued healing after surgery.
- For Genell's son Dave who has cancer on his ear and lip.
- For Kerry who is struggling with Chemo.
- For Oscar who was paralyzed in a car accident.
- For Toni Dellow as she awaits plans for treatment.
- For Scott who has recovered from Bell's Palsy but still having shooting pain from Shingles.

THANKSGIVING

- Joy of having Hunter in worship with his new daughter.
- Thanks for Ashton's new baby girl.
- Thanks for Julie's 2 year anniversary of her second kidney transplant.
- Thanks to musicians who share their talents.

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please email the church office at Info@rinnumc.org.

March Birthdays



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| 1 Linda Napier | 18 Bonnie Clark |
| 3 Fred Skates | 22 Kathy Wolff |
| 4 Genell Hulstrom | 23 Hayden Oliver |
| 5 Tory Hulstrom | 24 Melody Johnson |
| 9 Megan Vinson | 25 Jody Collier |
| 9 Debby Perry | 25 Gillian Chapman |
| 10 Abby Goetze | 26 Morgan Boisen |
| 15 JR Trujillo | 27 Elsie Newman |
| 17 Andrew Kemnetz | 31 Dave Knowlton |

Happy March Anniversary To...

If you or someone you know has a March Anniversary, Please let the church office know. info@rinnumc.org

Rinn United Methodist Church Leadership

The Administrative Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our leaders who keep your church running smoothly are listed below:

Chair of Church Council: Janice Bachman
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade
Treasurer: Sue Mercer
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel
Finance Chair: Janice Bachmann
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee
Office Manager: Julie Stirm
Audio/Visual Tech Chair: Wayne Vinson
SPR Chair: Janice Bachmann
Members: Eric Presnall, Linda Rinn,
Scott Lawrence, Diana Murray, Dave Boyd,
Mike Carr, Rusty Goetz