

Rinn Newsletter 9/11/25-9/17/25

From the Minister's Mac

"The Ethical Prayer"

Do you ever pray that God will punish your enemies? Do you ever pray that God will "break the arm of the wicked and evil man"? Do you ask God that your enemies "be clothed with disgrace and wrapped in shame"? Maybe you've let a prayer slip out that calls on God to harm those who have harmed you, but surely you have **never** prayed that the babies of your enemies be hurt, right? Right??

And yet all of these are Psalms that have been prayed — sung — to God. All of them are in the Bible. How are we to understand these prayers that not only ask God to be on our side, but ask God to completely take out the other side?

What about praying that someone you love doesn't get the promotion that would cause you to move? Or praying that you get the job, which means all the other applicants won't get the job? Or praying you win the prize, or get the house, or finish first in the race? Because when you win, someone else loses.

Now, I'm not judging your prayers any more than I am judging the Psalmist for wanting God to avenge the wrongs done to God's people. But I have been thinking lately about the ethics of prayer. Is it ethical to pray that things always go right for me? Is it ethical to ask God to bend things my way all the time? The thing is, what's good for me might be bad for someone else. So, should I stop praying for the things I want?

This week when I got called for Jury Duty, I found myself praying that I wouldn't be selected. I prayed before the first cut, before the second cut, and all through my lunch hour. Please God, I'm too busy right now for this. There's DCOM Saturday morning, the memorial service Saturday afternoon, the Pulpit Swap on Sunday, the wedding rehearsal on Wednesday, the wedding on Thursday, Church Council Thursday night and three weeks of worship plans to finish before I go on vacation. Please, God, have them choose me for a jury some other time!

Was that wrong?

Jesus tells us to ask for our daily bread, for forgiveness, and to be delivered from evil. Can I really consider Jury Duty evil? Inconvenient, yes, definitely. But evil? Probably not.

Through all my deliberations, I've ended up in the same place I started, believing that the only truly ethical prayer was uttered by Jesus during his last night on earth: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will, but yours be done."

So, pray for what you want, and then give it all to God. Ask for what is on your heart, and then always add, "yet not my will, but yours be done." That last phrase is the evidence that we trust that God may have a better idea for us. Even if our enemies seem to thrive while we struggle to survive. Even when those who harm us remain unharmed. Even when we don't get the job, or win the prize, or finish the race. God has a better idea for us, plans for our welfare and not for harm, plans to give us a future with hope.

This week, I managed to avoid jury duty, praise God! I will get all my work done and I will be ready to serve on a jury the next time I'm called. Hopefully we'll **all** be ready to serve wherever God places us, and to pray as if we believe that God truly is the one in charge.

See you in church,
Lin

"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "...Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?" Job 38:1, 4-7

Big Game Burritos

The super bowl is right around the corner—February 8, 2026. What did you think of last years selection of burritos?

Please let Rusty Know your Thoughts.

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

September 14, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

“Do not harm yourself. We are here!”

Message

Guest Speaker Rev. Laurretta Lundquist

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](#)

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.



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.

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.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

9/17/25

Elizabeth Montgomery

“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.

Lifeline Screening



Let’s Be Healthy Together!



Good news is that 80% of strokes and heart disease can be prevented, according to the American Heart Association.

Protect your health and get peace of mind with early detection with preventive health screenings from Life Line Screening that will be at Rinn United Methodist Church on **Thursday, October 23, 2025.** Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-324-9458, texting the word circle to 216-279-1607 or visit Life Line Screening’s website at LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC

There is no time like the present to take action!

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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Refreshments After Worship

- 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.
- Scott Lawrence's uncle died, but they had the joy of seeing family again.
- Suzanne's asks prayers for her friend Sara, whose mother died.
- Continued prayers for all who grieve.
- For Travel for Julie and Eric who are taking Josh to college in Washington State

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 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.
- 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.
- Kermit's boss' wife Jess had a medical emergency last week.

THANKSGIVING

- Fayden is finally home, but could still use our prayers for continued healing.
- 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!
- Shelly's niece was in a car accident but walked away, praise God!
- Rusty and Jenny's son Justin got married last weekend!
- For those who have received a transplant of any kind.

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.

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!

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

This Week at Rinn

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

Reminder for Saturday 9/13

8:00am All Church Work Day

2:00pm Tom Mason Celebration of Life

Wednesday 9/17

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

Thursday 9/18

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Friday 9/19

7:00pm New Hope AA


Sunday 9/21

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

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

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