

Rinn Newsletter 5/14/26/26-5/20/26

From the Minister's Mac

"Church Size Theory Revisited"

Last year during Lent, I asked you to consider "next steps for our church, and how we might focus more on children's and youth ministries. We have the kids; what we need is more adult support to nurture and grow ministries for those children. Let's pray about that and see where God leads us!"

I'm hoping you not only considered that mission, but that our collective consideration leads us to the next phase of Rinn ministry, or what Church Size Theory calls "Extended Family Church." Worship attendance for the Extended Family Church is 85 to 124 each Sunday, with children's and youth ministries being a growing edge.

Right now, we are often between 75 and 85 in worship on Sundays, so we are getting close to that Extended Family Church benchmark. We also fit the following descriptors:

- members know each other
- time together is a high priority
- members have strong relational bonds
- the church has the critical mass necessary to feel welcoming
- members want a fulltime pastor
- members want to hit the benchmark of 100 people in attendance each Sunday

Does that sound like us? Do you see our church in those descriptors? While not every church hits every bullet point in what is known as "Church Size Theory," a majority of the metrics hold up for a majority of our churches. Do they also hold up for us?

Do we want to be the church that serves our community by providing opportunities to be together and get to know one another? We already do that with the Pig Roast, Bowling Sunday, Water Park Sunday, and the Craft Fair! Do we want to be the church that not only thinks of itself as welcoming and friendly, but

actually IS welcoming and friendly? We already give gift packets to visitors and greet them warmly after worship!

Do we want to be the church that figures out how to serve today's changing families, so that children find love and friendship here, and a safe space in which to learn about Jesus?

We already have plans to grow our children's Sunday School program. You'll be hearing more about that in the coming weeks. For now, I ask you to please pray for our church, pray for our Sunday School, and pray for the individuals among us who have made a commitment to help with Sunday School classes:

Kati Zuromski Mary Margaret Stambaugh Kermit Welty

Pam Zuromski Sharon Goldade Rusty Goetze

Abby Goetz Linda Archer Sue Mercer

Friends, if we get a few more volunteers, we'll have enough leaders split between three Sunday School classes (Preschool, Intermediate, and Youth) so volunteers may take alternate weeks. That would mean volunteers wouldn't have to miss worship every Sunday, which would help keep them spiritually centered and go a long way toward preventing volunteer burnout.

Thanks for praying for this ministry. Thanks to our volunteers for giving their time and talents to this ministry. Special thanks to Mary Margaret, Sharon, and Sue, who have kept our Sunday School going since the days when only one child attended. Now, if every child who attends Sunday School came on the same Sunday, we would be serving 20 children and youth! Praise God!!

I look forward to growing this ministry with all of you — our volunteers, our prayer warriors, our parents and our children and youth!

See you in church,
Lin

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’”

Matthew 19:14

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 5/20

8:45am Brunch Bunch Breakfast at
Doug's Diner
10:30am Bible Study at
Bev Ramsey home
7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Thursday 5/21

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Friday 5/22

7:00pm New Hope AA

Sunday 5/24

8:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:30am In Person (and on line) Worship

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

May 17, 2026 ~ 9:30am

Scripture & Message

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14

Message: "Still Waiting"

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](#)



Save the Date!

Pig Roast 2026!



June 13, 2026 is the date for this year's Pig Roast and Bake Sale. This is the 33rd year this event has been held at Rinn UMC. Marsha Wood and Mary Margaret Stambaugh are accepting donations now. There will be more information to come !

*Pentecost
Sunday*



Next Sunday,

May 24, 2026

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit. Join in the celebration of the Holy Spirit by wearing something **RED**.

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. 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 .

Now providing rides to appointments! They will stay until the appointment is finished!

Refreshments After Worship

May 17th
May 24th
May 31st-



***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.**



Movie Night at Rinn

Please join us every 2nd and 4th
Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm.
The May dates are the 14th and 28th.
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.

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 Nights

at Rinn UMC

May 20, 2026

**Eddie Kendrick-
The Singing Cowboy**

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Sheila, as she aids her mother and husband through their health difficulties. (Janice is now at home and getting stronger).
- Annie's sister in dealing with the death of her partner Brian and her own Alzheimer's.

HEALING

- Healing for Scott is still suffering from the Shingles virus.
- For Suzanne's father, John, who needs heart surgery.
- For Bethany's sister Karen who is having health issues.
- For Toni who is going thru cancer treatment.
- For old friends Pat and Rich, following Rich's time in the ICU and now in rehab.
- For Ron Hinkle who fell and broke his elbow and has Afib.
- Wayne asks prayers for his Step-mother Linda, who lives with pain.
- Eric asks prayers for his nephew Hunter who is struggling with life right now.
- Barry's grandson Wyatt needs our prayers, as he is struggling with life right now.
- Kati asks prayers for her grandpa, who is having health issues.
- Jenny asks prayers for April, who has cancer.
- Mary asks prayers for Jackson, who is having health issues.
- For Mike Johnson who will have a heart surgery this week. Also prayers for his wife Karen as she supports him.
- Healing for Ken, who had a stroke.
- For Sue's 84-year-old Aunt Judy who had a shoulder replacement a week ago and is still in the hospital.
- Healing for Bill's Sister-in-law Cindy, who is recovering from back surgery.
- Please pray for Lisa's son's mental health and also that he find housing.

THANKSGIVING

- Linda gives thanks for her retirement, which will begin next month.
- From Bill that a wheelchair for a woman at the senior center was found and delivered.
- That Kaye got a job!
- Shirl is thankful for Gil.
- Shelly is thankful for the moisture we received last week.
- Eric is thankful for the wound care he is receiving; he has more tests coming up.
- Teena is thankful that her daughter Rachel is no longer having seizures.
- Scott thanks everyone for their prayers for him and for Bethany. Their surgeries went well.
- We are all thankful for our Sunday School teachers!

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

May Birthdays



3 Jim Nelson
6 Terry Johnson
8 Bill Longstraith
14 Jan Richardson
20 Renee Kemnetz
20 Dagney Novak
21 Ruth Fuss

Happy May Anniversary To...

26 Brian & Rev. Lin Cheek (1991)

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 Women in Faith: 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