

# **Rinn Newsletter 3/6-3/13**

## **A Note from the Office**

I suspect you're getting tired of this note. The program we currently use works well and does 90% of what we need, but I'm still working on that last 10%. I still don't know if this will be the final form of the newsletter. Thank you for your patience as I figure it out.

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## **From The Minister's Mac**

### **Church Size Theory**

Did you know that the majority of the churches in our Mountain Sky Conference have 0-49 members in worship every Sunday? 200 of the 374 churches in our Conference fall into that "Small Church" demographic, where the faithful are categorized as having a certain way of doing things and being highly resistant to change. They are also said to be very loyal to their church, welcome kids as part of the family, and have strong lay leadership.

That may sound like us, and Rinn was a "Small Family Church" at one time, but by the numbers, that is not who we are now.

Rinn and 62 other churches in our Conference fall into the next category, the "Family Church," with 50-84 in worship every Sunday. The main thing in the Family Church is building relationships: through small groups, community engagement, and congregational care. Members act like a family with one another and love to welcome newcomers. Laity in leadership positions tend to serve in those positions for a long time. The Family Church is also resistant to change and, although the church is friendly, "outsiders" have a hard time plugging in.

So, Small Church is where we were, Family Church is where we are, and we are getting close to the identity of the "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. A high priority is placed on time for fellowship and, like the Family Church, the Extended

Family Church maintains strong relational bonds amongst the members and constituents.

Does that sound like us? Do you see yourself 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.

During this Lenten season, I hope we contemplate 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!

See you in church,  
Lin

*“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47*

## **Daylight Savings Time This Week!**

It’s already Daylight Saving Time. Remember to “spring forward” and put your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, or you’ll be late for church on March 9<sup>th</sup>!

## **Egg Cartons No Longer Needed**

Marsha would like to thank everyone for donating egg cartons, but with the price of eggs being what it is, they are not needed for the immediate future. Marsha will let us know when she needs egg cartons again.

## **Blarney Burritos**

We are still doing our burrito fundraiser this year; however, we’re doing them as “Blarney Burritos,” just in time for St. Patrick’s Day (or, for those of you who are college basketball fans, right at the start of March Madness). We’ll be doing 4 different kinds: Breakfast, Spicy Breakfast, Beef, Bean and Cheese, and Pork. Sign up for yours on the sheet in the narthex. Burritos will be delivered on March 16 (Selection Sunday for the basketball fans).

Talk to Rusty if you would like to donate money or food or help make the burritos.

## **Performance of St. John Passion**

The St. John Passion by Bob Chilcott, an interpretation of Christ's trial and crucifixion as told in the Gospel of John and set to music, is going to be performed in the Denver area this Sunday, March 9. Rinn's own Scott Anderson will be singing the role of Pilate. If you would like to support Scott and listen to some great music, there will be two performances at different churches in the area:

2:30 pm, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
7691 S University Blvd.  
Centennial, CO

6:30 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
2200 Wadsworth Blvd.  
Lakewood, CO

## **Thank You from Legacy Elementary Teachers**

Thanks go out to the Kids Hope mentors who donated/participated in the brunch that the mentors provided to the teachers at Legacy on their late arrival date. It was very much appreciated by the teachers and staff.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades, it's a great experience and a lot of fun! The UMW offers scholarships to send the kids. Most kids from Rinn attend the second session (June 22-27), but kids can pick whichever session is most convenient for them and their families.

Talk to Sharon Goldade for more information.

## **Collecting for the Backpack Ministry**

Justin is once again collecting items for his backpack ministry to the homeless. If you find good deals on shirts, socks, and hygiene items, please pick them up and leave them in the box in the sanctuary.

## **Updating the Website**

Brian Cheek, Rev. Lin's husband, is updating our website and has noticed that some of the information on our pages is outdated, particularly that involving our ministries. If you are involved in ministry work for the church, please send a short paragraph about your group to Brian's email, captaincheek at yahoo dot com (replace with appropriate symbols!). If you have any pictures, you'd like featured, that would be amazing, too! Remember to include any relevant contact information. In particular, we are looking for the people in charge of our work with the Carbon Valley Help Center and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

## **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.

## **Refreshments After Worship**

- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Grabowski Leftovers
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: Paula Clapp
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>: ???
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: Potluck!

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. 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, 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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## **~ Rinn Worship Service ~**

### **In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook**

**March 9, 2025**

**Scripture**

**Luke 4: 1-13**

**Message**

**“An Opportune Time”**

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).

# Lent and Easter Services

It's coming, sooner than we think! Here is what Rinn UMC has planned for the 2025 Lent and Easter Season:

## **Sunday 3/9: First Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Luke 4:1-15

Special Music: Praise Band "Waitin' at the Gate";

Plus special music from Scott Anderson and Melissa Westover

## **Sunday 3/16: Second Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Special Music: Rinn Choir

Plus special music from Bill Smith and Eric Presnall

## **Sunday 3/23: Third Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Special Music: Rinn Choir "River in Judea"

## **Sunday 3/30: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7

Special Music: Scott Anderson on the organ

## **Sunday 4/6: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Special Music: Anneke Toomey

## **Sunday 4/13: Palm Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Special Music: Praise Band, plus special music by Scott Anderson

## **Thursday 4/17: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service**

Special Presentation of "The Last Supper of the Disciples":

*Each of the 12 disciples speak about who they are and their relationship with Jesus. They share communion with Jesus, and then we all get to share communion with Jesus, just as the disciples did.*

Special Music: Shelly Anderson

## **Friday 4/18: 7:00pm Tenebre Service**

A Service of Tenebre, or “darkness,” is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. We use readings, music and decreasing light to remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

**Sunday 4/20: Two Services on Easter Sunday!**

**6:45 Sunrise Service**

Scripture: Psalm 118:1, 17-29

Special Music: Shelly Anderson and Lin Cheek

**7:30 Potluck Breakfast**

**9:30 Regular Service**

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Special Music: Rinn Choir “Glory Bound” with a prelude by Scott Anderson

**“Brunch Bunch” Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays**

Breakfast at Doug’s Diner 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.

**Looking for a Lenten Study?**

Long’s Peak UMC, Heart of Longmont UMC, and Hygiene UMC are joining together to do a Lenten study of Amy Jill Levine’s book, “Witness at the Cross.” It will be a six-week book study, Wednesday nights, held at Long’s Peak UMC, 1421 Elmhurst Drive, Longmont, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 3/5/25. On that night, there will be a potluck at 5:30. The group will watch a 10-minute video on the book, then Rev. Jeremiah Harris will do a 5-minute homily and impose the ashes. On the following Wednesday nights, people will trade off to lead the night’s discussion. All are welcome to participate.

**Sooper’s Card 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?

Please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

## **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!

## **OUR Center Empty Bowls Event**

The OUR Center is holding an [Empty Bowls](#) event on Saturday, March 15 at Longmont High School. Tickets are \$25 each for lunch and a take-home, custom-made ceramic or pottery bowl if purchased in advance or \$30 at the door. All proceeds benefit OUR Community Café, which provided nearly 64,000 hot, nutritious meals in 2024!

## **Lifeline Screening at Rinn**

Rinn will once again be hosting Lifeline Screening on April 21, 2025. Lifeline Screening is the nation's leader in stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screening.

Call 888-814-0466 or click [here](#) to learn more about it and/or sign up for a time.

## **Via Mobility for Life**

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043



# **Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship**

**Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm**

**3/12/2025**

**Eddie Kendrick**

## **In Our Prayers**

### **COMFORT**

- All those struggling with depression.
- Nancy, who has lost friends to cancer and to suicide.
- Linda Archer, whose mother passed away.
- The Grabowski family after Jim's death.
- The Van Dyke family after the loss of Selma. Funeral is on 4/12 at 11:00am.
- Denise and family after the death of her sister Brenda.
- Lisa, as she moves to Texas.
- The family of Mitch's friend who died recently.
- The family of Dave, who died in a house fire.
- JR, who is moving.
- Justin and his colleagues, who are starting a prison ministry.

### **HEALING**

- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Carolanne Allen, who grew up at Rinn, was diagnosed with Lupus & Sjoren's Syndrome. Pray for her physical and emotional wellbeing.
- The Hinkles' son-in-law Tom Pratt, who is recovering from an infection.
- Debbie, who is recovering from an infection.
- Mike Shaw, still recovering from pneumonia in Arizona.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Jenny's brother is having stomach problems and a biopsy on a spot on his face.
- Rusty's aunt.
- Janice, who is not doing well, and her daughter Sue with heart problems.
- Mike's friend Casey, who suffered burns in a house fire, and for the whole family who lost their home and their dogs.

- Dave Billings is having a hip replacement.
- Julie's son Josh, that he recovers from knee replacement and can play baseball.

### **TRAVEL MERCIES**

- Tony and his family as they look for a place to put down roots.
- For all of our snowbirds heading to warmer climes for the winter.

### **THANKSGIVING**

- Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
- Vi is doing much better!
- Rae Ann's sister-in-law's recovery from meningitis and her return home.
- Annie (and others) being able to join us every Sunday online.
- The prayers from this church for Warren's wife Linda, who is doing better.
- Miranda Hulstrom safely gave birth to a little girl.
- Sue's cousin Evonne is home and doing well.
- Eric's new granddaughter, and that she and her mother are doing well.
- Bethany's recovery and the return of her health.
- Mary and her husband, who opened their home to Lisa when she needed them.
- Those who find Jesus, even on their death beds.

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](#).

## **March Birthdays**

- 1 Linda Napier
- 3 Fred Skates
- 4 Genell Hulstrom
- 5 Tory Hulstrom
- 9 Megan Vinson
- 9 Debby Perry
- 10 Abby Goetze
- 17 JR Trujillo
- 17 Andrew Kemnetz
- 18 Bonnie Clark
- 22 Kathy Wolff

23 Hayden Oliver  
24 Melody Johnson  
25 Jody Collier  
25 Gillian Chapman  
26 Morgan Boisen  
27 Elsie Newman  
31 Dave Knowlton

## Happy Anniversary To...

### This Week at Rinn

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

#### Thursday 3/6-Friday 3/7

8:30am-5:00pm Sewing Retreat

#### Friday 3/7

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday 3/9

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

#### Wednesday 3/12

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30am 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:

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