

Rinn Newsletter 4/3-4/9

A Note from the Office

I suspect you're getting tired of this note. The program we are currently using is working 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.

From The Minister's Mac Misunderstood

I confess that I have a soft spot in my heart for the misunderstood folks in the Bible. Mary Magdalene was not a woman of the night. Thomas was a faithful disciple. And Judas was trusted enough to handle the money. In spite of John saying that he was the disciple Jesus loved, Jesus loved ALL his disciples, and loves them — us — even still.

So, in keeping with my bent to be what my beloved calls, “the defender of the world,” I feel I need to say a positive word about perhaps the most misunderstood disciple in the Bible: Judas, who figures prominently in our Scripture this Sunday.

Poor Judas. Every story needs a villain and it seems Judas was chosen to be the villain in the story of Jesus Christ, although all four Gospels relate Judas' actions a little differently. While they all agree it was Judas who betrayed Jesus, it grieves me that there is not a kind word for the disciple except from Matthew, who notes that, in an act of remorse, Judas tried to return the 30 pieces of silver he had received for betraying Jesus. So, Judas was a betrayer, yes, a liar and a thief, but also one of Jesus' disciples who went with him to Jerusalem and was remorseful over his faithless act.

And here's the thing: Jesus chose him! Jesus chose all his disciples, knowing Judas would betray him, Peter would deny him, John would consider himself most loved by Jesus, and the disciples would argue about who was the greatest among them — Jesus chose them all, knowing they

were not perfect and would stumble or even fall along the way that leads to life eternal.

It is the same with us today. Knowing we will stumble or even fall along the path of our faith journey, Jesus calls us to do new and remarkable things, to go places we never would have considered going on our own, and to be his hands and feet in the world. The point, my friends, is that Jesus does not call us to be perfect; Jesus calls us to be obedient. If we are obedient to the teachings of Christ, with God's help we can be agents of hope, peace, joy and love in a world that needs all of the above!

See you in church!

Lin

"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." John 14:23

Bowling Sunday

On April 6th, 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](#) for an afternoon of fun.

Sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex so that Sharon knows how many people to expect.

Please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

Selma Van Dyke Memorial

Saturday, April 12 at 11:00 am

We will be holding a memorial service for Selma Van Dyke, a longtime member of Rinn Church, at 11am on Saturday, April 12, with. Selma was very important to the Rinn community and a key influence on many people in our church family. Please take this opportunity to support them as we say goodbye to her.

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. Most kids from Rinn are going to 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.

Easter Breakfast

7:30 am, April 20th

Between the sunrise service and our regular church service on Easter Sunday, we will have a potluck breakfast. Feel free to come, whether you attend the sunrise service or not. If you would like to bring something, there is a sign-up sheet on the sign-in desk.

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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.

Refreshments After Worship

- March 30th: Potluck!
- April 6th: Bowling Sunday!

- April 13th: ???
- April 20th: Easter

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

April 6, 2025

Scripture

John 12: 1-8

Message

“Lazarus! Good to See You Again!”

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

We're already in the midst of Lent! Here is what Rinn UMC has planned for rest of the 2025 Lent and Easter Season:

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 Maggie’s 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!

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.

Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association? Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. Call 1-888-814-0466, text the word circle to 216-279-1607, or click [here](#) to learn more about it and/or sign up for a time.

Want to get screened but are worried about the cost? As the host, Rinn has a few complementary screenings. Talk to the office if you would like one.

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

4/9/2025

Southern gospel with Steve and Rhonda Desmond

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- All those who grieve.
- The Van Dyke family after the loss of Selma. Funeral is on 4/12 at 11:00am.
- Lisa, as she moves to Texas.

- The family of Dave, who died in a house fire.
- Justin and his colleagues, who are starting a prison ministry.
- Eric and Justin's Uncle Jerry, who is in respiratory failure and is in hospice.

HEALING

- Debby Perry, and all those battling cancer.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- The Hinkles' son-in-law Tom Pratt, who is recovering from an infection.
- Mike Shaw, as he continues to recover from pneumonia.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Rusty's aunt.
- Mike's friend Casey, who suffered burns in a house fire, and for the whole family who lost their home and their dogs.
- Scott and Bethany's son-in-law Josh, dealing with health issues, and comfort for his family.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Vi is doing much better, but still needs our prayers.
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- Dave's hip transplant has been postponed due to other pain.
- Sue had a double lung transplant some years ago and has other health issues.
- Melody, and comfort for Cody.
- Donato, for continued healing and that his insurance allows him to get help.

THANKSGIVING

- Tractor Supply for their support for Justin's ministry for the unhoused.
- 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.
- Eric's new granddaughter, and that she and her mother are doing well.
- Mary and her husband, who opened their home to Lisa when she needed them.
- Both of Jenny's brothers are doing fine.

- Bertie, who has finally arrived in the U.S. after struggling with immigration
- All of the cards, calls, and prayers for Mike and Ginny during his illness.
- Hunter and Destiny being at church.
- Jennifer, and all missionaries out spreading the Word of God.
- The wonderful music at church.
- The Catholic fish fry, and all churches who celebrate God in different ways.
- 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](#).

April Birthdays

- 1 Garry Wilson
- 5 Norma Parsons
- 11 Matthew Kemnetz
- 12 Eileen Hinkle
- 12 Pastor Robin Riley
- 13 Debbie Rowley
- 16 Justin Goetze
- 16 Matthew Presnall
- 18 Marvin Van Dyke
- 20 Britt Hulstrom
- 21 Michael Diaz
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 25 Zadia Diaz
- 25 Mark Mann
- 28 Andrea Finney
- 28 Jeff Shaw
- 30 Ethan Diaz

Happy Anniversary To...

10 Wayne & Marsha Wood (1971)

This Week at Rinn

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

Friday 4/4

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 4/6

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Potluck Lunch

Wednesday 4/9

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