



The Ripple



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WELCOME TO APPLE RIVER
COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Reaching out to our community
with Jesus' love*

*We welcome you and hope you
will visit our church and join us
in worshiping our Lord.*

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

9:30am Fellowship Time
10:30am Worship /Children's Church

Sunday, April 8

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
Noon: Potluck (*Circle 1*)

Sunday, April 15

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Sunday, April 22

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Sunday, April 29

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
7:00p Sunday Night Live! (*Circle 2*)

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ALREADY BUT NOT YET...

Pastor Justin



It is official. The sun has crossed the equator. There are more hours of daylight in a 24 hour period than darkness. It is Spring. However, there is almost two feet of snow in some areas of our yard. The lake is frozen solid... and I think I saw a few cars parked on it just a day or two ago. And every morning when I go out, I have to be careful not to slip on the glare ice on the sidewalk.

In one sense, Spring is already here... but not yet.

The Christian experience is much the same as this Spring. Christ has risen victorious from the grave. Sin has been defeated. We have been set free to live in Christ. The blessings of Heaven have become ours and our names are written in the Lamb's book of Life. New life has come to us and eternity lives within us.

However, we still suffer with the effects of the curse. We are destined to death. Our bodies decay. Our society is ravaged by sin. Hurt and pain surround us. There is an honest struggle with food, finances, and families. Even though we now live in Christ, we still live in the world. It is the struggle of the "already but not yet" idea of Christianity. Just like Spring has come... it isn't here completely yet.

So, what does that mean for our lives?

1. We must be patient in suffering. The presence of suffering is not the absence of God in our lives. According to scripture, suffering can be caused by sin, it can be caused by righteous living, and it can be caused by unknown causes. God is near even when suffering is present. Don't let your suffering keep you from experiencing a full life in Christ. We live in FAITH in the presence of suffering.
2. We look forward to our future. Even though things are not the way they should be, there is a Day coming when Christ will return and correct the wrongs in our world. We participate with creating as we groan and wait for our coming redemption. Hope is a future looking concept and we live in HOPE as we look to eternity.
3. We learn to enjoy the days we have now. Seasons change quickly. Sometimes we spend too much time looking forward to what is next that we miss the joy of living in the present. Enjoy the day. Enjoy the food God has provided for you. Enjoy the people he has given you to be with in this life. Enjoy the work your hand have to do. Enjoy loving life. Enjoy loving others. We live in LOVE among those around us now.

Faith, Hope and Love... we live in this Already but not yet world. Keep your eyes up, keep your heart on eternity, and keep loving in the middle of adversity.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Apple River Community Church is to glorify God by helping people to find Jesus and grow to be like him.

OUR AFFILIATION *Apple River Community Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America (Forest Lake District).*

CHURCH OFFICERS 2018

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Justin Hosking*

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* = Appointed



Good Friday Service
March 30th at 7:00 P.M.
At ARCC with

Amery Free Lutheran, Amery Congrega-
tional Church and East Lincoln Alliance
Church who will provide their worship
team.



Easter Sunday April 1

No Sunday School

Come early to enjoy fellowship
time with donuts and bever-
ages.



Keep Our Nation and Church in your Prayers!

ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP WORK WEEK
APRIL 9-12—Monday through Thursday

Spend the whole time at camp or come for the day
to help work on the inside of one of the Boy's
cabins. Camp has several projects we can help
with. Meals will be provided, and beds for those who want to stay
the whole time or just a night.



Get involved with a good work week.

Thursday, APRIL 19 at 1:30 P.M.
at Golden Age Manor

Our ladies sponsor a Birthday Party at Golden Age Manor.
All ladies and men are invited to join us and help us celebrate
birthdays.

The residents always enjoy our coming.



EACH ONE REACH ONE
Outreach Sundays are

May 20th
And June 24th.

Be sure to bring a friend.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Classes are two sessions long and
will wind up on
Sunday April 8th after potluck



WHITE CROSS and WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Thursday, April 5 at 9:30 A.M.

Devotions and Coffee Treat: Erin Hosking
Ladies, join us for a morning of working together. There are projects for all to
work on.

Noon: sack lunch

12:30p Women's Ministries Business Meeting.

Devotions and Coffee Treat by Bev Cree.



RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: See Calendar Page Puzzle 1
 The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and various articles are from the Newsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back

We are going to a Twin's Game

to see the Twins play the Cincinnati Reds.
 Saturday, April 28th:
 Tickets are \$16 each.
 A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



Bible Quiz

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:1-4, NRSV).

When is Pentecost observed?

- A. Seventh Sunday after Easter
- B. Seventh Sunday after the Ascension
- C. 40 days after Easter
- D. 40 days after the Ascension

Answer: See Calendar Page—Quiz 2

Sign Up for Camp!

April 1st, no fooling, is the deadline for an Early Bird Discount of \$20.00. Sign up NOW! Another reason to sign up early—Some sessions Sold Out early last year.

Register by Sunday, April 1. .



SEE YOU AT A BIBLE STUDY



Womens: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

Mens: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Bible Quiz A

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate ..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd ..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B



Answer: See calendar page



"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."

Peacemakers

By Debbriel Brown

We are called to be peacemakers. There are different types of peacemakers. There are peacemakers to people. When two people are arguing, you come alongside them and help them not to have any hard feelings and no drastic measures are taken. You can also be a peacemaker between people and God. When you see someone has turned from God, you gently (sometimes not so gently) nudge them to God. This last one should only be done with much prayer as it might not be what the person wants to hear. Jonah is an example of both. He showed the Ninevites how they were far from God which brought peace between God and them and brought peace to the people surrounding Nineveh and the Ninevites. Sometimes being that person who brings peace can be scary but it is a blessed spot to be when you follow God's leading.

This does not mean we need to agree with everyone and we can't have our own opinions. It means saying and doing things as God directs, walking by the Spirit and not by our flesh. When things are said with love they are more likely to be taken with love. Blaming is not a part of peacemaking.

The Scriptures also tell us the greatest commandments are: "Love the LORD your God with all heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself". **Who is your neighbor? Before Jesus walked the Earth your neighbor was your people** (family, friends, people who likely thought and believed as you did). When Jesus walked the Earth he totally flipped that upside down and made your neighbor to be everyone. Jesus led by example. Jesus died for people who were not his race or religion. When Jesus did that, no one had any reason to say "Oh, they aren't my neighbor" because Jesus died for the ones who would never be His people under their old ways.

If we followed these things, there is nothing this church can't get though. This church would be a strong light to a lost and dying world. So let me ask you some personal questions.

Did you say something that hurt someone's feelings? Did someone say something to you that hurt and you became defensive? Did you say rash things before you had calmed down and thought about it?

What can YOU do to be a peacemaker in this situation?

What can YOU do to love your neighbor as yourself - which is also loving God?

Mt 15:18, Pro 11:19, Jere 30:17, Mt 18:15

Mission Update—Transport for Christ

On Sunday, March 11th, Tim and Charlene Sackett were with us. Tim shared his ministry during Sunday School and the Worship Hour. They stayed for potluck dinner so many of us could visit and get better acquainted with them.

Charlene works in Presbyterian Homes in Hudson as a caretaker in assisted living. They have three grown children which were all homeschooled. Because Tim works so many Sundays, the family often went to Saturday night services so they could worship together.

Transport for Christ was started in Canada but now has headquarters in Pennsylvania. In 1992, the Hudson facility was started. They minister to truckers with Bibles, tracts, counseling, radio and chapel services. Because there are so many languages spoken, the Gideons provide scripture in multiple languages for cell-phone APPS.

The chapel is a truck with a 48 foot trailer parked at Exit 4 at Hudson. The door is never locked so truckers can freely go in for materials. Tim is the main chaplain and gets paid through missionary support. There are also many unpaid volunteer assistant chaplains.

In recent years, the truck stop businesses will not allow them to advertise their services or leave gospel literature. Thus, attendance is only about 25% of former years.

In their 26 year history, many people have come to salvation in Christ. They are baptized at a local hotel swimming pool.

There are 36 sites in the United States and six overseas that use the Transport for Christ name.

Our Prayer Chains are active. If you have a prayer concern, contact Bev Richmond (715-268-4226) or Lynne Peterson at (lybrpeterson@yahoo.com).

Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact Pastor Justin and/or Pastor Bruce. The deaconesses also need to know so they can visit, send cards, etc. Our deaconesses are Darlene Holecek, Judy Nelson and Linda Wetzig.

Prayer changes things



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Fellowship time 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	2 5:00p AED/CPR Class. See Pg. 4.	3 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	4 * SEE BE- LOW	5 9:30a White Cross See Pg. 2.	6 8:45a M.O.P.S	7 2:00p Celebration of Life for Margaret Nelson
8 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church Noon: Potluck <i>(Circle 1)</i> New Members Class	9	10 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	11 * SEE BELOW	12	13	14
15 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	16	17 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	18 * SEE BELOW	19 1:30p Birthday Party at Golden Age Manor	20 8:45a M.O.P.S	21
22 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	23 RIPPLE DEADLINE	24 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Senior Saints 5:00p Serenity House	25 * SEE BELOW	26	27	28
29 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live! <i>(Circle 2)</i>	30		* 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club		Bible Quiz 1 Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)	Bible Quiz 2 Answer: A

Puzzle 2: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain; Christ is Savior

Puzzle 1: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5 NIV

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Thank You,